

Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Carson Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Keith West, Councillor Lindsey Fraser, Councillor Shaun Ward, and Councillor Dan Frenette.

Special Guests from Chipman J.O.Y. Club: Jayne & Charlie Smith, and Judy Cochrane.

Special Guests representing the LGBTQ Community: Rev. Betty Jean Friedman, Faith Kennedy, Wendy Fraser, Pam Thompson, Marilyn Graham, Joanne Chase, and Ardith Shirley.

RCMP: Cst. Phillip Brannon and Cst. Rachel Alexander.

Media: Kelly Bishop (Grand Lake Mirror)

Mayor Carson Atkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Conflict of interest: None

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adopt the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Special Council Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Special Council Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Closed Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to adopt the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Special Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor Carson Atkinson explained a \$22,266.00 deficit in the general operating fund and a \$33,875.00 surplus in the sewerage fund. For transparency sake, he feels the village should be aware.

Public Presentations:

Rev. Betty Jean Friedman thanked the council for allowing her to speak on behalf of the LGBTQ community. Rev. Betty Jean referred to attending last month's Council Meeting on May 7, 2018, requesting a rainbow crosswalk in the Village. She stated she was fully prepared to have an answer from Council on the rainbow crosswalk that evening. It was explained that it would be discussed "in camera" later that evening.

Betty Jean Friedman felt the importance of the rainbow, explaining the symbol of welcome, acceptance, diversity and inclusion it represents. When a rainbow sign or crosswalk is prominent within a community, long-time residents and visitors know that the community is friendly and accepting of all sexual orientations and gender expression.

Betty-Jean Friedman referred to an article that appeared in the Times & Transcript on June 4, 2018 announcing a "National Safety Review" of rainbow crosswalks on provincial roads thereby limiting the possible location of one in our community.

Ms. Friedman suggested raising a pride flag in June, painting a rainbow on the side of one of the Village's buildings.

Faith Kennedy, a resident of Chipman, also addressed Mayor and Council:

Ms. Kennedy advised that it was she that requested the Chipman Gaspereau United Pastoral Charge elders consider painting a Rainbow crosswalk in front of the church. She advised that as councillor for the Anglo West School District (representing the Grand Lake Area) she was part of a group to request the Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Policy for public schools in Anglophone West School District, the Chipman Gaspereau United Pastoral Charge and now the Village of Chipman. "Now that the Village has a Newcomer Settlement Co-ordinator, the village has an obligation to ensure all citizens have respect for human rights, support diversity, address discrimination, and welcome, respect, and support all members of our community. If we state all are welcome to our town, we must include the LBTQ+2 community."

She requested that the Village of Chipman, Mayor, and Council to show their support and include a rainbow in our little community.

Ardith Shirley spoke on her letter of support and reinforced what has already been said. She spoke on how proud she is of the youth and also the church.

Mayor Atkinson asked around the table to Council if they had any questions regarding the presentation or letters of support. All of Council strongly voiced their support of the LGBTQ community.

A resident of Chipman, Wendy Fraser, spoke on how important it is to accept the LGBTQ community not only for them, but for their families who love them.

Pam Thompson, a resident of Chipman, spoke as a parent of a child that is part of the LGBTQ community. She lives in Fredericton, and is a Director of a Day Care, and feels very accepted, but she never felt that way when she lived in the Village of Chipman.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser that "the Village of Chipman accepts, recognizes and respects the LGBTQ Community in accordance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." **Unanimously Carried.**

Councillor Shaun Ward offered the group the use of the flag pole in the center of the Village, located by the caboose, to fly their pride flag.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to fly the Rainbow Flag during the last week of June, which will be declared as Chipman Pride Week, on condition that the flag be purchased and maintained by the sponsoring organization.

Unanimously Carried.

Mayor Atkinson thanked everyone for the Presentation and letters of support, and welcomed them to stay for the remaining part of the Council Meeting.

The next presentation was Co-chair of Communities in Bloom, Ardith Shirley.

- "Team Up to Clean Up"
- Judging will be July 9-11. Judges will be leaving on July 11th.
- Communities in Bloom would like the judges to meet the Council. She asked if they could have a meet and greet before the Council Meeting on July 9, 2018.
- It was decided to meet at 6:15 and serve refreshments.

Ms. Shirley spoke of an interim solution for the murals to go on the North side of the Heritage Centre Building.

Phase 1

Chipman Communities in Bloom would like to have permission from the Village to put these murals on the side of the Heritage Center. They would select (maybe even vote) on a picture of Chipman years ago. Ms. Shirley showed Council a mock-up of what it would look like. Ardith said this is our "vision".

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to accept Phase 1 of Chipman Communities in Bloom's vision for the Heritage Center murals. **Motion Carried.**

Ms. Shirley then asked if the Village staff could install 5 brackets on the opposite poles where the flags are hanging. They are going to purchase five (5) flower baskets to put between the flags. Ardith also asked if it would be possible for village staff to water the baskets once a day, three days a week.

Mayor Atkinson explained to Ardith that the village is willing to help, however, we are short staff with vacations and we cannot take them away from the responsibilities they already have.

Ardith understood and thought maybe if a schedule was drafted between the volunteers and the Village Staff they could come up with a watering system that would work for everyone.

Cst. Brannon gave the RCMP report for May, 2018. There were 29 calls within the Village of Chipman that they responded too.

Cst. Brannon explained why he was not at the last Council Meeting. The Detachment had him at two different locations. He will look into the discrepancies on the April report regarding break-ins.

Cst. Brannon reported that there were no new developments in the Village break in from March 2018.

Cst. Brannon apologized for not being here in the Village during the flood. This decision came from Upper Management.

Councillor Dan Frenette asked the RCMP about more manpower. Cst. Brannon replied by saying that looking at May's RCMP report for the Village of Chipman, it was highly unlikely that the Village would be receiving any more manpower or coverage.

Councillor Lindsey Fraser explained that there is a dangerous dog situation within the Village. Cst. Brannon said that when she is ready with the proper paper work that the RCMP would definitely accompany her.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that the RCMP report be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward not to sign up with Telmatik-Alert and Notification Messaging System at this time. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to table further discussion on the Clerk's cell phone. **Motion Carried.**

Several Thank you letters were received from the J.O.Y. Club, The Grand Lake Skating Club, and Chipman Forest Avenue School for the continued support from the Village. Chipman Health Centre sent in a special thank you, commending the local EMO for their excellent service during the May flood.

A letter of appreciation was read that Mayor Atkinson sent to CN Rail on behalf of Council thanking them for all their assistance during the May flood.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette that a donation to NB Police Association not be given at this time. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to give a \$250.00 award to 2 (two) graduates from CFAS. The money will be taken out of the Bingo Account. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to donate \$100.00 to Camp Wegesegum for their spring clean-up lunch. The donation will be taken out of the Bingo Account. **Motion Carried.**

The Federal Gas Tax Fund – 2018 Allocation Village of Chipman has been approved with two payments of \$45,000 in July 2018, and March 2019.

One building permit was issued in the month of May.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to donate \$100.00 from the Bingo Account to CARMA Cat Rescue Maritimes. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor Carson Atkinson gave his report (see attached).

Mayor Carson Atkinson reported he participated and asked questions at a Ambulance NB meeting. He clearly stated at that meeting that because of high rated of vacancy, turn-over and absenteeism, competence of staff is more important than if they can speak French in our community.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West that the Mayor's report for May be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette that the Public Works report for May be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Mayor Keith West gave a verbal sewerage report. One phase was down at the treatment plant. Trees have hit the wires and kicked the fuse out on the pole. The trees along the hydro line may need to be trimmed or even cut to prevent this from re occurring. Staff had to replace the electric motor on the #2 aerator. When the new motor was placed on the pontoons, it was unable to support it. They purchased a used pontoon float. It is now working well.

The sewerage account arrears are \$2790.00 and \$3143.00 were paid on current bills in May.

New invoices will be going out in July.

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended the Annual Cadet's ceremony. There were 10 cadets and all of them received a medal for perfect attendance.

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended the AGM for Southwest Valley Development Corporation Inc. dinner as well as Regular and Special Council meetings.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that the sewerage report for May be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

There was one dangerous dog complaint.

Councillor Lindsey Fraser gave her report on the Chipman Bowl-a-rama, Camp Wegesegum, and special events. (See attached)

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that these reports be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Councillor Dan Frenette gave a verbal report on the Arena repairs. It is going to be very costly to get the Arena up to code. Council's consensus is to move forward with the inspection.

The Village of Chipman has sponsored with the Chipman Youth Center to run a Summer Recreation Program. They have hired Alyssa Best to be the sports Co-ordinator.

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that this report be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Councillor Shaun Ward reported three (3) fire calls in May 2018.

Councillor Shaun Ward reported that Mike Darrah has returned to the Chipman Fire Department.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to add Mike Darrah back on the Volunteer Fire Department as a returning member. **Motion Carried.**

Councillor Shaun Ward gave his report on the Marina, The Chipman Fish & Game Club, Special Events, Chipman Youth Center, and Minlak. (See attached)

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser that these reports be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to accept the contract between the Chipman Heritage Centre and the J.O.Y. Club with the exception to #2 in the original contract, which stated that they would pay to use the facilities. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette that the EMO use the Village's Office Assistant to take notes for their table top on June 13, 2018. **Motion Carried.**

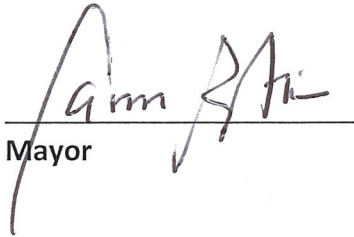
Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to table the 2018 Budget review. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette that payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$114,102.34 be approved. **Motion Carried.**

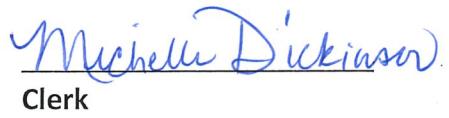
Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that payment of Sewerage Fund in the amount of \$16,984.17 be approved. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. **Motion Carried.**

Next Council meeting is July 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk