



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF HILLSBOROUGH VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 4, 2022

PRESENT

Robert Rochon – Mayor
Jeff Jonah – Councillor
Jeff Land – Councillor

Melody Land – Deputy Mayor
Trent Steeves – Councillor- Absent
Kim Beers – Administrator/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

Mayor Rochon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by Council prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Jonah* and seconded by *Councillor M. Land* **THAT** the agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor J. Land* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the minutes of June 6, 2022 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor M. Land* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the minutes of June 15, 2022 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor J. Land* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the minutes of June 28, 2022 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Local Governance Reform - Mayor Rochon advised that the elected officials advisory committee met virtually on June 21st, 2022, where two matters were discussed: 2023 budget priorities and Council compensation. **Mayor Rochon** advised that the 2023 budget priorities for the Village of Hillsborough was developed in consultation with Council and input from community members and was submitted to the province. **Mayor Rochon** advised that documentation was shared with the elected officials advisory committee prior to the meeting with proposed Council compensation ranges of various sized municipalities and a 2015 guide from the association of Francophone communities. A brief discussion followed where two suggestions were made: 1. Compensate the Mayor at \$25,000 and Councillors at \$20,000. 2. Compensate the Mayor \$33,000, Deputy Mayor \$16,500, and Councillors \$13,200. The facilitator informed the participants that the final decision on the matter of Council compensation is to be provided to the province by August 12th. **Mayor Rochon** advised that he volunteered to facilitate discussions with the elected officials advisory committee to ensure a thorough discussion on Council compensation are done. **Mayor Rochon** also advised that the facilitator is to provide revised tax base and population information as well as comparative information to assist with the decision-making process.



BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – cont'd

Voodoo – **Mayor Rochon** advised that Mr. Harold Wright a member of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society will be conducting the second assessment of the plane. Mr. Wright will be arranging a time for the inspection and requested members of Council and others to be present.

Shoreline Trail – **Mayor Rochon** advised there is no update regarding the grant applications submitted to the Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund and the Trans Canada Trail and Trail Infrastructure Fund.

Mayor Rochon advised that Mr. Marc Leger, the Southeast Regional Service Commission Regional Trails Coordinator, and the Department of Natural Resources are requesting a meeting with interested parties regarding the old railway line that runs from Hillsborough through to Weldon. **Mayor Rochon** advised the lands are currently leased by the Canadian Railway Historical Association, and the Department of Natural Resources is currently looking to renew the lease at a cost. **Mayor Rochon** posed the question to Council on whether to proceed with the meeting and inquiring the lands. All of Council are interested in proceeding.

Basketball Court – **Mayor Rochon** advised that the basketball court committee has provided the Administrator a letter of support and a completed grant application that has been submitted to the Regional Development Corporation. The committee has launched a fundraising campaign looking for sponsorship. **Councillor M. Land** advised that they have received \$4,300.00 in sponsorships to date and the committee recently submitted a grant application to Horizon Health Coin-G for \$1,000.00. **Councillor M. Land** advised there are a variety of sponsorship levels: Bronze is \$100, Silver is \$250, Gold is \$500.00, Platinum is \$1,000, and the naming rights is \$5,000. All sponsors will be publicly recognized.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – **Mayor Rochon** advised the EV Charger is on order.

Rising Tides Trails & Tunes Festival – **Mayor Rochon** advised that the rising tides trails & tunes festival will be in Hillsborough August 6th. An updated list of community events and activities will be sent to Friends of Fundy this week.

UMNB Annual Conference and AGM – **Mayor Rochon** advised that he will be attending the annual conference and AGM.

Canada Day Celebrations - **Mayor Rochon** advised that the Canada Day celebrations was a success with many in attendance. **Mayor Rochon** thanked the Kiwanis Club for participating, Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Department for the fireworks display, and **Councillor Jonah** for organizing the event.

Economic Development as a Rural Community – **Mayor Rochon** advised he sent a response to the Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy expressing interest in participating in an online forum.

Pool Fence – **Mayor Rochon** advised that the pool fence is now installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Cameras

The Administrator advised she circulated a quote to all of Council from Control IT Solutions for the installation of security cameras. The Administrator advised Council that this is an unbudgeted item and recommends option 3, to cover the artisan village/playground, village office, and the train station totaling \$5,650.00 (+HST).

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor J. Land** and seconded by **Councillor Jonah** THAT the Village of Hillsborough approve option 3 of the quote received from Control IT Solutions in the



amount of \$5,650.00 (+HST) for the installation of security cameras at the Village office, train station, and artisan village/playground. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Councillor M. Land asked for more information regarding data storage and the battery backup option. The Administrator will inquire and reply to Council by email.

DTI-Five Year Plan 2025-2029

The Administrator advised that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is requesting an updated five-year plan indicating proposed priorities for 2025-2029. The updated plan is due July 31, 2022. The Administrator confirmed that Council is in agreement to keep the list of priorities the same as the submitted plan last year with the added priority of culvert repair/replacement at the bottom of Pound Hill, if deemed necessary.

UMNB Resolutions

Mayor Rochon advised that the UMNB is asking Municipalities to submit any resolutions they have to consider. **Mayor Rochon** indicated the resolutions must be provincial in scope, specific in nature, and vetted by the Zone prior to submitting to the UMNB. **Mayor Rochon** proposed to Council two possible resolutions: health care crisis and economic relief for hardworking New Brunswickers and seniors for the rising costs of food, goods & services, and fuel. All of Council support Mayor Rochon's proposed resolutions. **Mayor Rochon** will prepare the resolutions.

MONTHLY EXPENSES PAID

The Administrator advised that no expenses were paid in June.

WATER REPORT

The Administrator advised Council that Well #1 is pumping and is at 20.28 meters, and Well # 3 is not pumping and is at 52.06 meters.

LETTERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Administrator advised Council that there were five building permits issued in June 2022:

1. PID 00623009 for a new 16x20 addition valued at \$40,000.
2. PID 00621789 for a new 23 x 37 single unit dwelling valued at \$131,472
3. PID 05119326 for a new 144' wood fence valued at \$8,592
4. PID 05026349 for a new freestanding sign valued at \$5,000
5. PID 00621789 for a new 8x12 accessory building valued at \$2,208

The Administrator advised that a request for financial support was received from Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue Group and was circulated to all of Council. Currently Council does not wish to financially support.

The Administrator advised for the month of June the Village of Hillsborough invoiced the Village of Riverside Albert \$3,903.96 (inc. tax) for 15 hours and 10 trips per the water operator agreement.

The Administrator advised Council that the Village auditor, Baker Tilley will not have the audit completed until mid-July due to staff shortages. The Administrator advised she has let the Dept. of Local Government know.



The Administrator advised a thank you card was received from Ms. Linda Geldart, thanking Council and staff for the gift card.

The Administrator advised that the 2021 annual report was received from the Southeast Regional Service Commission and is in the Village office for those interested.

The Administrator advised correspondence was received from Minister Daniel Allain regarding the UMNB resolution requesting a delay in Regional Service Commission (RSC) reform. Minister Allain is reassuring Council that he is confident that transition facilitators and the department's local governance reform team will ensure a smooth transition.

The Administrator advised the next Regular Council meeting is Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL FOR ITEMS REQUIRING DIRECTION OR DECISIONS

Councillor J. Land advised the construction at the pool is complete. **Councillor J. Land** advised a new pool rules sign is on order and is looking for dusk to dawn lighting options rather than motion. **Councillor J. Land** will speak with the nearby property owner to see if there are any concerns to the lighting ideas.

Mayor Rochon thanked Chris MacLean for sand and concrete finishing of pad, Mike Santucci for concrete finish of pad, Ron and Terry of TNR Construction for installation of pipes, fittings, pumps and sand filters, and several trips to accommodate our schedule, Quality Concrete (Steven Baxter) for working with us to provide concrete, Chad MacLean for connecting the pool heaters and a special thanks to **Councillor J. Land** for his involvement with overseeing the project.

Councillor M. Land advised that the library had a fundraiser and made \$400.00.

Councillor M. Land advised that Heritage Hillsborough has a new Board of Directors and visitors are up this season compared to the past two years.

Councillor M. Land advised she and **Councillor Steeves** were invited to attend a meeting with the Railway Museum. **Councillor Steeves** was unable to attend. **Councillor M. Land** attended the meeting with David Briggs and Steve Milburn to hear feedback regarding the letter received May 5th from **Mayor Rochon**.

Councillor M. Land advised she received feedback from many community members voicing their disappointment regarding the decision to not financially support the grocery store.

Councillor M. Land asked if Council would consider a long grass by-law. **Mayor Rochon** suggested this be deferred to the new Council.

Councillor Jonah advised that he and **Mayor Rochon** attended the UMNB zone meeting in Riverview. **Councillor Jonah** advised that Deputy Minister Ryan Donaghy was in attendance to answer questions regarding local governance reform, **Councillor Jonah** expressed his disappointment with the lack of information shared.

Councillor Jonah advised he will work with the Administrator to start promoting the yard sale scheduled for August 6th.

Mayor Rochon advised that a group of volunteers, Friends of the Hillsborough trails worked to widen a section of Wetland Park trail and a small portion of Gray Brook Trail. **Mayor Rochon** thanked the many residents for helping to maintain the trails.

Mayor Rochon advised that there has been a number of complaints from the public about traffic enforcement in the community. **Mayor Rochon** has requested a meeting with the



RCMP on July 6th to discuss the lack of traffic enforcement, vandalism, vehicle theft, and reckless driving of dirt bikes in the community.

Mayor Rochon advised that an agreement has been signed by the landowners to proceed with water exploration. The Village is waiting for next steps from Englobe Engineering.

Mayor Rochon advised that in April, residents of the Village of Hillsborough and the surrounding areas met with members of Hillsborough Council to obtain information about governance reform in Entity 42. Those in attendance appealed to Council to organize a public meeting with representatives of provincial government, including Minister Mike Holland. Correspondence was sent to Minister Holland and to Minister Allain and, while they will not agree to a town hall meeting, Department of Local Government and Local Governance Reform officials have offered to meet with up to twelve residents to answer specific questions residents may have. **Mayor Rochon** asked Council if they wish to post the letter received from Minister Daniel Allain on the Facebook page and whether to proceed with a meeting with a representative from the Department of Local Government and twelve residents. Council agreed to post the letter from Minister Daniel Allain and to proceed with a meeting with a representative from the Department of Local Government.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING UPDATE

Mayor Rochon advised he attended meeting on June 28th where attendees were provided an update on local governance reform as it relates to the Regional Service Commissions.

Mayor Rochon advised that he attended an Economic Development Stakeholder Consultation meeting at Plan 360 on June 22nd. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the RSC transition process on how best to structure and proceed with the mandated service of Economic Development.

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Jonah** and seconded by **Councillor J. Land** that Council have an in-camera session at 7:30 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IN-CAMERA MEETING

Local Governance Act 68(1)(j) – labour & employment matters.

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor M. Land** and seconded by **Councillor J. Land** to return to regular session at 7:55 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Jonah** **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Mayor

Administrator/Clerk