

MINUTES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held in the Heritage Room at the McAdam Village Hall on Monday, September 14, 2009. Mayor Carroll presided and the following members were present:

COUNCILLORS: Stephen Sloan

John Kilbride

Doug Laking

COMMUNITY OPERATIONS

OFFICER: Jim Little

CLERK/TREASURER: Ann Donahue

Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the following guests to the meeting;

Judy and Wayne Thomas, Rev. Kevin Cross, Jared Williams, Rev. Ellen Beirsto and John McGillicuddy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council held on July 7th, 2009 were circulated and reviewed. Since there were no errors or omissions, it was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Laking that: .../2

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“The minutes of the July 7th, 2009 meeting of the McAdam Village Council be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on July 7th, 2009 were circulated and

reviewed. Since there were no errors or omissions, it was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Kilbride that:

“The minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on July 7th, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

MOTION CARRIED.

At this time Mayor Carroll recognized the citizens in attendance at the meeting. This gathering of individuals took place to discuss the concerns of the youth in our area. Mr. Thomas approached council and at this time presented a written/verbal brief to council.

“The first topic of concern is the youth of our community – we recognize the high percentage of quality young people who respect their educators, their parents and their community but we have a minority of young people who lack all of these qualities and probably would not know the meaning of self respect and integrity. They roam the streets until 3:00 a.m. in the morning, yelling and screaming, their words must come from the devils dictionary. They occasionally set off bangers, noise makers. You question yourself, where is parental guidance, obviously there is none. The question is – how do we discourage and disrupt such behaviour. My initial thought was a curfew bylaw based on time and age but on second though a by-law of this nature is unfair as it is all encompassing.

While it is our goal to curtail the activities of a few, Our suggestion is that during the summer months,

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late June to early September and during the witching hours from 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. , a more concentrated police presence is needed. Hop fully this added police presence will dampen the enthusiasm for these nightly ventures.

The next topic would be the noise pollution and the enforcement of a by-law that would be given to this group. A copy of the by-law would also be printed in the next issue of the McAdam Lions Community News.

The next topic is ATV'S in the Village and the use of same on village streets. At the present time Mayor Carroll advised the group that a new by-law has been under consideration for some time. Some

use these ATV's as vehicles and run the streets at all hours of the night.

Discussion on the RCMP presence was also discussed. The group believes the village needs more policing services. Mr. Thomas advised that often Mayor Carroll, in many of his presentations, refers to McAdam as "the greatest little Village in N.B.", and it is a great village, but it just needs some enforcement tweaking and it would then make it a greater place to live."

Rev. Kevin Cross then approached council with his concerns regarding the youth as well as the safety of the youth as well as the traffic on Rockland Drive and Lake Avenue. More enforcement needs to be done with regards to basic traffic safety laws in this area of the Village. He is also concerned about the youth of this community and what "we" as a community can do to engage the youth in more positive activities and give them something to do other than roaming the streets. Is there anything the clergy can do to get the youth involved, help parents take a more active role, some kind of partnering we can do with council or RCMP to get the youth involved. Rev. Cross felt that the RCMP should

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develop a relationship with the youth so they are not just seen as the enforcer, this is the direction the police forces take in the larger cities.

Rev. Beairsto is here to support the youth in anyway she can. Some of the things mentioned have been tried and have fallen aside. A forum was held a few years ago and she wondered if this would work again at this time.

The group thanked Mayor Carroll and council for meeting with council at this time.

Mayor Carroll advised council that the Cpl. Chris Campbell of the RCMP was unable to meet with council tonight due to a death in his family. Mayor Carroll updated the group on the relationship/contract with the RCMP in the Village. Our contract is valued at approximately \$300,000.00 per year with the RCMP and the service pays for 3 officers for our community. Considerable discussion took place with regards to what council is trying to accomplish with regards to policing services as well as the call volume in the village in the past.

After further discussion it was agreed that a meeting will be held with Corp. Campbell, as well

as the Recreation Director, John McGillicuddy, Wayne and Judy Thomas, interested clergy, Francis Bennett, Principal, McAdam High School and other interested citizens of the village. Rev. Cross has agreed to contact all clergy. A meeting time will be set with Corp. Campbell in the near future. Mayor Carroll advised council that Allison Myers has been hired as a Community Liasion Officer for the RCMP in District 2 and she will be invited to also attend this meeting.

Jared Williams then met with council to discuss the unsightly house on 89 Pleasant Avenue that belongs to Joel Perley. A fire damaged this house in the spring and it has not been cleaned up as yet.

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Animals have also taken over this property. He is interested in buying this house and cleaning up the property but has gotten nowhere. After discussion it was agreed that Mayor Carroll will contact the Fire Marshall's Office with regards to this situation at the very least boarding up the property and making it secure should be undertaken. Jared then thanked council for meeting with him at this time to discuss this situation.

OLD BUSINESS:

ATV's – Use of Village Streets - This item is to be tabled until the next meeting of council.

Physiotherapy Services in McAdam - No further word has been received to date.

Industrial Mall Rental - Mayor Carroll and Jim Little met with Danny McIntyre a few weeks ago regarding the industrial mall rental.

Mural Work by Arlene and Frank Poirier - Mayor Carroll advised council that Frank and Arlene have recoated the murals for a second time. Discussion was held on some form of appreciation for the work done. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Kilbride that:

“We grant Arlene and Frank Poirier one year on their sewer user charge in the amount of \$250.00 (2010).” MOTION CARRIED.

A thank you letter will also be sent to Frank and Arlene Poirier for the work done.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Approval for West Street - Mayor Carroll advised council that the application for the installation of water and sewer on West Street has been approved. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“An application be made to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the installation of water and sewer on West Street for a term of 15 years.” MOTION CARRIED.

Lake Avenue Water Infrastructure Project - Mayor Carroll advised council that the total project costs for Lake Avenue water infrastructure is approximately \$114,000.00 with an additional \$42,000.00 for paving costs. The total balance of funds should be approximately \$33,000.00 which would have to be used prior to March 31, 2010. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“Contact be made with ADI Limited to continue with water installation along Reagon Road not exceed a total of \$33,000.00.” MOTION CARRIED.

New Brunswick Day Expenses - Mayor Carroll advised council that the total cost for NB Day Expenses to date is \$26,621.41 with a total grant received from NBPCC in the amount of \$20,000.00 and \$900.00 received in sponsorships. The total balance of funds needed less approximately \$1,000.00 to be received in HST credits would be \$4,721.41. Council has already budgeted \$3,000.00 for NB Day Celebrations. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Kilbride that:

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“The amount of \$5,000.00 be provided to the McAdam Historical Restoration Commission for

additional expenditures incurred for New Brunswick Day 2009.” MOTION CARRIED.

Potential Closing of Vanceboro Elementary School - Mayor Carroll advised council that the Vanceboro Elementary School will be closing in 2010. Approximately 16 students attend this school at the present time. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Laking that:

“Mayor Carroll and Councillor Kilbride make an approach to the Selectmen to inquire and offer support with resolution of the school closure and the possible meeting of educational services in McAdam.” MOTION CARRIED.

Advertising for 2010 - Mayor Carroll advised council that the cost of advertising in the NB Vacation Planner has increased for 2010. In the past advertising has been shared 1/3 each by the Wauklehegan Campground, _ Village of McAdam and 1/3 by the McAdam Railway Station. The Fredericton Area Tourism Guide is cheaper and also advertising could be initiated on the web site. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“We cost share the advertising costs as discussed at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00 each.” MOTION CARRIED.

BBQ for NB Day Volunteers - Mayor Carroll advised council that a thank you BBQ should be held for all the volunteers who helped with NB Day festivities. After discussion it was agreed that a BBQ would be held on October 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the McAdam Lions Community Centre.

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Councillor Sloan expressed thanks to Jim Little and staff for the work done with regards to NB Day activities.

Replacement Pump for Jaws of Life - Councillor Laking advised council that the pump for the Jaws of Life needs to be replaced in the near future. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Laking and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“We replace the pump for the Jaws of Life with a Honda Jaws of Life Pump at an approximate cost of \$9,900.00 for the McAdam Fire Department.” MOTION CARRIED.

Association of Municipalities - The annual conference is to be held in Fredericton on October 2-3, 2009. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors Laking and Sloan would attend this conference.

Letter from Councillor Cleghorn - Mayor Carroll advised council that a letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Cleghorn advising that he has resigned from his position of Councillor for the Village of McAdam whereas he has moved to Fort McMurray. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Terry Cleghorn thanking him for his time on council.

It was also agreed that appropriate notification will be sent to the Municipal Elections Officer that a vacancy now exists on council.

It was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Laking that:

“We accept the resignation of Councillor Cleghorn and advise the Municipal Elections Officer that a vacancy now exist and request that a by-election be held .” MOTION CARRIED.

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After further discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“Doug Laking be appointed Deputy Mayor at this time.” MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Carroll updated council on a recent meeting regarding a Railway Vision which was held in Fredericton Junction. A number of mayors from municipalities along the rail line were invited by NB Southern Railway to a meeting. A follow up meeting is to be held at a future date. NB Southern are interested in using their passenger coaches throughout the municipalities along the rail line anywhere between McAdam and Saint John, NB and Mattawamkeeg, Maine.

RINC Application - Mayor Carroll advised council that the RINC application may get an approval from the Federal Government. We applied for \$150,000.00 from the Federal Government but they are only willing to co-share to a maximum of \$100,000.00. We could apply to the Province for an additional \$50,000.00.

After discussion it was agreed that this matter would be discussed further at the next meeting of council.

After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Sloan that: "We make application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for \$150,000.00, \$120,000.00 for the replacement of a backhoe and \$30,000.00 for our share of the RINC Application for a term of 10 years."

MOTION CARRIED.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter has been received from the Planning Advisory Committee advising that a variance has been requested by McAdam Auto to construct a 10' addition to the building. A variance of 12' on the south side of the lot and a variance of 8' on the north side of the lot has been recommended by the PAC. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Sloan and seconded by Councillor Laking that:

"The recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee for the variance for McAdam Auto be approved as discussed." MOTION CARRIED.

A letter has been received from the McAdam Fire Department advising council that the trees should be cut at the back of the Masonic Hall. The trees create an area that is attracting a few children to hang out and the recent fire could have been a lot worse. It was agreed that Mayor Carroll would make contact with representatives of the Masonic Lodge in the near future to discuss this matter.

A request has been received from the Capital Region Crime Stoppers for a donation. It was

agreed that a \$50.00 donation would be sent as in the past.

A thank you letter has been received from the Premier regarding the NB Day activities. It was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Laking that:

“This letter be published in the next issue of the McAdam Lions Community News.” MOTION CARRIED.

A thank you letter has been received from the NB Provincial Capital Commission thanking council for the wonderful NB Day celebrations. A copy of this letter will also be published in the next issue of the McAdam Lions Community News.

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A letter has been received from Lakeland Industries for a donation towards their auction. Jim Little will seek support from suppliers as in the past and a donation will be made.

A letter has been received regarding a Maritime Kitchen Party. It was agreed that nothing would be done at this time.

A letter has been received from Lakeland Industries regarding the MILK Program at the McAdam Elementary School. To be discussed at the next meeting of council.

McAdam Public Library - A letter has been received from the McAdam Public Library requesting blinds for the new windows. Mayor Carroll advised the staff to provide a quotation for the blinds and the village would then consider the request. A new librarian has been hired, Julian Christie.

A recommendation has been received from the McAdam Public Library Board for Janice Arsenault to become a board member. After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Laking and seconded by Councillor Sloan that:

“Janice Arsenault be appointed to the Board of Directors of the McAdam Public Library Board as recommended.” MOTION CARRIED

Relay for Life - Mayor Carroll advised council that the annual Relay for Life is to be held on Friday, September 18th and in the past council has given to this fundraiser.

After discussion it was so moved by Councillor Kilbride and seconded by Councillor Laking that:

“We donate \$140.00 to the Relay for Life.” MOTION CARRIED.

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COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS:

John Kilbride - The flower boxes will be all taken down in the near future.

Relay for Life - Staff will look after the garbage after this event.

Stephen Sloan - Nothing to report.

Doug Laking - Councillor Laking advised council that the EMO Plan is in the process of being updated. A meeting will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Councillor Laking advised council that the RCMP presence and participation on August 3 was great.

Jimmy Little - Nothing to report.

Next meeting of council - The next regular meeting of council is to be held on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

At this time in the meeting, council went to a Closed Meeting of Council to discuss a few items of business.

On motion of Councillor Sloan, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

