VILLAGE OF MINTO
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Minto Village Council was held in the Council Room at 7:00 PM on June 8, 2010 with Mayor Barnett presiding.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Michael Richardson (DM)
Jane Wasson
Dwain Barton

PRESS: Sandra Hennessey, Daily Gleaner and Brenda Despres, Grand Lake Mirror

PUBLIC: Edith Storey, Emery Gauthier, and Alton Morrell.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson that the minutes of special meetings of May 20, May 25th, June 4th, May 29th and the regular council meeting of May 11th be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

RCMP: Cpl. Boileau attended the meeting. During the month of May, members of the Minto and Chipman detachments responded to 128 calls for service. Of those, 60 were within the Village limits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILLOR WASSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Attended a one day session concerning Basic Emergency Measures planning, a meeting with staff from Queens North Health Center, along with Chipman Health Center and councils from Minto & Chipman, attended the Cadet Inspection evening. On Saturday May 29th, most of village council & several staff members took part in a Respect in the Workplace seminar, attended the Library annual meeting and met our new board member Shelly Goodyear, last Friday council met with the contractors involved in this year's sewerage expansion. On Saturday attended the Survivor's Dinner, as a greeter, approx. funds raised was about $46,000, and attended 1 special council meeting

CHIPMAN / MINTO GROWTH COMMITTEE: There was a Chipman/Minto Growth Committee meeting today, and new ideas are reviewed at each meeting.

VOLUNTEER BOARD: There is a plan to form a volunteer board that would be active in community social development. This is at the planning stages and it is to help plan where we would like our community to be in the future. It would pertain to improving the overall health of our residents, both physical & mental health.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: Seven (7) development permits issued for the month of May, and two (2) demolition permits for a total construction value of $574,900.00.

MINLAK: During the month of May total recyclables were 3750 kgs. Attended the Minlak annual meeting. The executive agreed to stay on another year. Gary DiPaolo is chair of the Minlak board.

PAC: There was a PAC meeting where guidelines to be used for hobby farm applications were revised. Those guidelines are available at the office, if anyone would like to review them.

DEPUTY MAYOR RICHARDSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Meeting with Health Center staff – Minto/Chipman councils, Basic Emergency Management course in Fredericton, Spring Fling event at Health Center, Youth breakfast at Rec. Center, Youth center country jamboree, GLU meeting, opening of tenders for sewer expansion, 3 meetings of the fire department, grand opening of Minto Fire Hall, brought greetings on behalf at Council at the Grand Lake/Gagetown Liberal dinner, meeting with newly formed group to look at vision for youth and recreation in Grand Lake area, Camp Day at Tim Horton's, 2 special meetings of council, meeting with Richard Smith from ADI and Demar on sewer expansion, Minto/Chipman growth committee meeting.

W.G. BISHOP NURSING HOME REPORT: An Open House will be held at the QNHC on Wednesday, June 9, beginning at 2:30PM. The annual meeting will be held on June 16th @ 7:00PM at the Heritage Center in Chipman. Deputy Mayor Richardson thanked Hazel MacKenzie for representing council on the board for the past nine years. She will be replaced by Mary Miller.

MINTO COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER: Fundraising breakfast at rec center on May 15th was very successful. Deputy Mayor Richardson thanked Donnie Gould and the Knights of Columbus members for donating their time. The Minto Country Music Jamboree fundraiser on Sunday, May 30th was also a success with over 100 people in attendance.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER: Evolution of CHC's in NB Conference was held in Fredericton on May 10th & 11th. Representatives from admin support, therapeutics, nursing and physicians from QNCHC were able to attend and review the model for care and learn from the experiences of Sommerset West CHC in Ottawa. Round table discussions around some of the common barriers to working within a primary health care model were interesting and led to some action plans across Horizon Health Network.
CHEER (Children's Healthy Eating and Exercising Right) program launched in May with 43 children aged 3-11 who have registered. The program provides children with healthy living information along with fun interactive exercise. The response has been overwhelming to the program and staff is now planning on linking with the village to offer a similar program in summer (tentative start date July 14th).

Grand Lake in Motion was launched at Spring Fling and had 35 participants sign up. Log books were given out to participants so that they can track their own physical activity and be eligible for prizes. Group walks are offered in both Minto and Chipman. Nordic walking poles are available at the libraries and at QNCHC for sign out and use.

MINTO FIRE DEPARTMENT: Deputy Mayor Richardson commended Chief Peter Miller and his team for all their hard work in getting our fire hall and equipment ready for our very successful Grand Opening. Our village is very lucky to have so many dedicated people to provide a service so essential to our community and surrounding areas. He also wanted to thank our village staff for all their contributions to this project. To Brenda Despres; thank you for being our official photographer. Many special guests were present; Premier Shawn Graham, Minto Council members, Wendy Robichaud, Chipman Mayor Ed Farris and Councillor Keith West, MLA Eugene McGinley, MP Keith Ashfield, former Minto Mayor Gary DiPaolo and Councillor Mike McTiernan. Our new rescue van finally arrived at 7 PM the night before the grand opening and everyone is very pleased with the new addition to the fleet. There were 5 fire calls for the month, with 8 trucks out and 28 firefighters.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Sewer tests done, tests completed for Dept of Environment, grass cut around lagoon, algae cleaned in lagoon, measured streets for sewer repairs, sewer checked at Rec Center, body work done on truck, UV lights cleaned, flushed sewers on Logue and Theatre Street. Phase 2 of our sewer expansion project has been awarded to Demar from Caraquet at a price of $1.2 million plus HST. The tentative start date is June 14th or 21st and a completion date sometime in October. Diamond Drive will be the first roadway started with a completion date the end of July to the 1st of August. Pleasant Drive will then commence with a completion date of October.

QUEEN'S NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER: Summer Student – 2nd year nursing student hired for 12 weeks she started in May.
Nursing Update – A nurse was hired for a .6FTE. Another nurse was hired into a temporary position of a .6FTE b/c this is what she wants at this time. The forgivable loan for new grads has been secured for here. A full time permanent position was posted with an applicant from Saint John. This candidate will be interviewed and if everything works out this person will be offered this position. One staff nurse is in a temporary position with EMP. This EMP position will be posted permanently. Depending on the applicants of the EMP nursing posting will determine what happens to our position (for example if the temporary person in this position gets the job then our position will be posted permanently if the person in the position does not get the job then she will come back to our staff). This will put us to the compliment to open the unit. The actual time when this will happen is depending on when all this activity takes place.

Deputy Mayor Richardson wanted to clarify that despite the many rumors going around that he will not be seeking to be a candidate in the upcoming provincial election. He would like to thank all the people that have called and have put their confidence in him. He will be strongly considering being a candidate in the next provincial election.

COUNCILLOR BARTON

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Attended Charter night to bring greeting on behalf of Council at the Lions Club, brought greetings on behalf of council at the Survivors Dinner, MC'ed the Relay for Life, attended a Respectful Workplace Workshop, Grand Opening of the new Fire Hall, met with the Health Centre staff, attended the youth centre country show, and youth centre breakfast,

DOG REPORT: 6 calls for the month and traveled 580 kms. Councillor Barton reminded citizens to get their dogs tagged. There is a large number of dogs running at large, and many have been picked up with no tags.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: The 3-Book Adult Reading Challenge was launched at the QNCHC Spring Fling event on May 15th. To date, they have twenty-three individuals registered for the challenge which runs until June 24th.
Betty McNamara spoke on Growing Herbs at the May Coffee Morning.
Nicole LeBlanc, the Queens North Dietitian visited the library on May 26th for our Mission Nutrition event. A puppet show "Chewing with Your Mouth Closed" was performed for the children.
During Minto Fun Days the library is hosting an Art Show. The show will run from June 25th to June 30th. They hope many people will participate in this cultural experience by displaying your artwork, dropping in to see the displays and by attending their Meet the Artist Coffee Morning scheduled for Friday, June 25th at 10:30 AM.
The library is pleased to welcome Laura West as their Summer Reading Club Activity Leader. She will be offering the Summer Reading Club program for preschoolers and school aged children during the months of July and August.
Also a welcome to Shelly Goodyear, our new board member.

GARBAGE REPORT: For the month of May there were 2 garbage complaints: garbage missed on Duke Street – a truck was sent back to correct and garbage missed on Hedgewood – truck went back and picked it up.

Mayor Barnett advised that he received a few calls from citizens stating that garbage was left behind due to the bags being ripped open. He would like Councillor Barton to remind Alternate Waste that in their contract they are responsible to clean up all garbage, even if the garbage is scattered. Councillor Barton advised that he will schedule a meeting with Alternate Waste right away to discuss this matter. Councillor Barton does remind citizens not to place their garbage out before 6:00 am.

FESTIVAL: Everyone is in place to run the events. The festivities begin on June 27th with the Knights of Columbus kicking things off with their fiddling contest, chicken bingo. Things will wrap up on July 4th with the Joey Knight Country Show and the fireworks at the Gilbert Park.

MAYOR BARNETT:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Met with ACOA Representatives to tour the arena and sewer department projects, met with the RCMP, Growth Committee meeting,

special meeting of Council, Fredericton Regional Solid Waste meeting, Spring Fling at the Health Centre, Tim Horton's Camp Day, Respectful Workshop, met with Carolyn Lavoie regarding a possible land purchase, meet with Village employees, attended a tree planting ceremony, citizens on patrol meeting, health center meeting, and the grand opening of the new fire hall.

ARENA renovations on the washrooms are going great, all that is needed is to clean up and put the fixtures in.

MAINTENANCE: Closed off wall in doghouse, installed air conditioners, installed crushed rock in front of doors at treatment plant, swept streets – trackless and loader, planted tree at Veteran's Park, flagger's course, repaired potholes, safety talk on MSDS, removed water cooler at office, drug and repaired ball fields, cut bushes at various locations, repaired window on Chev., painted garbage cans, worked on trail, repaired bleachers at Gary Richard and Diamond fields, got stuff ready for fire hall opening, repaired lawn at Veteran's Park, leveled crushed rock at VAS parking lot.

3RD AMBULANCE: Mayor Barnett is not pleased that a month has gone by and still no official announcement from the Provincial Government on a 3rd ambulance for the Grand Lake area. He reminds the Government to live up to their promise.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR AT 7:25 PM

Citizen wanted to know if there are any plans regarding combining the firehall with an ambulance bay.

Citizen complimented Councillor Barton for the wonderful job he did as MC for the Relay for Life.

Citizen wanted to announce that the Grand Lake United will be holding a rally at the Grand Lake Park on June 19th.
RCMP requested a fun days schedule.

Citizens reminded people of an upcoming meeting for Citizens on Patrol on June 15th at the Youth Centre at 7:00 pm.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT LISTS:

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson that the Sewer Fund Check disbursements for May in the sum of $42,299.29 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Wasson that the General Fund Check Disbursements for May in the sum of $113,089.52 be approved as

circulated.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM CY CARNEY FOR STATUES TO BE MORE VISIBLE: Mr. Carney would like to see the miner statue, and legion member statue more visible to the public. The miner was placed in the hall of the municipal building until the health & safety committee felt the pick on the miner was unsafe for small children. It was then moved to the council chambers. It was Council's desire to have the legion member statue displayed in the entrance of the legion, however it has since been moved from there. Councillor Barton will discuss this with the legion, and report back to Council.

LAWN MOWER FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT: Deputy Mayor Richardson would like Council's opinion on purchasing a lawn tractor for the Sewer Department. Mayor Barnett feels that it would be best for the Maintenance and Sewer Department's to have their own mowers. It was consensus of Council to tender for a new mower for the Sewer Department.

QUOTE FOR COMMUNICATION TOWER: Deputy Mayor Richardson advised that the Village received a quote of $7,605.53 from Steve Jamieson, DOT Radio Communications, to relocate the repeater and purchase a new tower to the Municipal Building. This new tower is a result of the lack of range of communication within the service area from the new fire hall, as well as the safety concern of the current tower and the fact that it is not economically feasible to move. The Fire Chief believes that the best option is to purchase a new tower from DOT, and place it at the Municipal building.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Barton to proceed with the purchase of a new communication tower to be housed at the Municipal Building at a cost of $7,605.53 from DOT for parts and labour.

QUESTION: Mayor Barnett asked if the new location allowed all outside areas to be picked up. Deputy Mayor Richardson advised that the new location at the Municipal building was tested by the Fire Department and all areas were able to be picked up.

QUESTION: The clerk asked how the tower will be purchased. Council decided that the purchase will be made from the General Capital Reserves. She advised that the JEPP program deadline has passed, however she could submit an application for funding and see if it will be accepted in their next round of funding. She was advised to proceed with the JEPP application as well.

REQUEST FROM MINTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: MEMS has requested Council to

consider a sponsorship and financial assistance in purchasing t-shirts which the students will receive at the DARE Graduation Ceremony in June. They expect the approximate cost of the t-shirts to be $11.00 per student.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson to donate $200.00 to the MEMS DARE Program.

Motion Carried.

REQUEST FROM MINLAK to the Village to move a baby barn as it is located in an area that anyone can access without being seen, which is a result of four recent break-ins to the building. It was consensus of Council to ask the Maintenance Department to move the baby barn for Minlak.

TABLE & CHAIR REQUEST FOR PAUL ROLLINS GOLF TOUR: Deputy Mayor Richardson advised that Gary DiPaolo has requested table and chairs for the upcoming Paul Rollins Golf Tournament. Gary will come in the office prior to the event and sign a waiver, and Deputy Mayor Richardson will be there when the items are to be picked up and returned.

OLD FIREHALL TENDER: No tenders were received for the sale of the fire hall. It has been known since that time, that at least two individuals were interested and missed the deadline. Since no tenders were received Council has agreed to re-tender for the fire hall with a notice on the zip track sign at the municipal building.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS: Mayor Barnett advised that on the 4th Tuesday during July and August there will be no special council meeting. However, a meeting can still be scheduled if necessary.

FLOORING FOR VIRTUAL AGENT SERVICES: Deputy Mayor Richardson would like to begin the tendering process for new flooring to be purchased for VAS. It was consensus of Council to begin this process and return tender results to Council for further discussion.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MUSEUM: Councillor Wasson advised that she is still looking for volunteers in order to open the museum in the down town area for a few hours a week during the summer months.

ROOF FOR MUSEUM: Mayor Barnett will discuss installing TRACC's shingles onto the museum roof with Paul Gallant.

TRANSFER FROM RESERVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMMUNICATION TOWER:
MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson to transfer $7,605.53 from the General Capital Reserves to the General Capital Fund for the purchase of a new communication tower.

Motion Carried.

CHANGE IN PORTFOLIOS: Mayor Barnett advised that he will be the council liaison in charge of the sewer expansion. Deputy Mayor Richardson will still be the Council liaison for the Sewer Department, but due to the fact that Deputy Mayor Richardson will be working from Fredericton starting this summer, the Mayor will be the contact for the upcoming sewer expansion.

FUNDS TRANSFER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:
MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Barton that the sum of $7,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Operating Account #684-11 and be transferred to Sewer Capital Reserve # 683-14 as an annual requirement to the sewer infrastructure project.

Motion Carried.