

VILLAGE OF MINTO
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Minto Village Council was held in the Council Room at 7:00 PM on October 11, 2011 with Mayor Barnett presiding.

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

PRESS: Sandra Hennessey, Grand Lake Mirror

PUBLIC: Alton Morrell, Ronald Bird, Cindy Richardson, Crystal Boudreau.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Austin that the minutes of special meetings of September 27th, October 5th, and the regular council meeting of September 13th be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

RCMP: Cst. Fahie attended the meeting. During the month of September, members of the Minto and Chipman detachments responded to 117 calls for service. Of those, 42 were within the Village limits. School lock downs were exercised at both local schools. They currently still only have 6 members, with the possibility of one officer returning to the area in the near future.

RCMP: Deputy Mayor Richardson has received complaints from citizens on two issues. The speed of vehicles on Pleasant Drive near First Choice Auto. Children are in this area and are trying to get on/off their bus with vehicle speed an issue. He asked the RCMP to patrol this area more closely in the future. The second issue is the presence of RCMP out in areas in which hunters' are present. He has heard of police officers checking on people at their camps during hunting season. With our area being down one officer their time could be better spent patrolling our populated areas instead on spending time in the woods.

Cst. Fahie stated that he himself has been spending his off duty time in the woods as a way to be proactive in gun safety in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety. As far as vehicles speeding on Pleasant Drive, Cst. Fahie will patrol this area more often; as well he is hoping to have a speed trailer in the area around the 1st of November.

Councillor Barton passed out the Junior Moose season home game schedule to Cst. Fahie.

Cst. Fahie advised that the new acting Cpl. for out District is Rene Bernard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILLOR WASSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Attended Harvest Fest, , attended 2 committee meetings, one on the Natural Gas Exploration and the regular committee of the whole meeting. Councillor Wasson had a chance to visit Corridor Resources gas well site in Penobsquis. It was good to actually see a well processing site and to be given a tour. Both employees working that Saturday had moved back to NB from Alberta.

MINLAK: Attended the September meeting for Minlak. Everything is underway and as usual there is more room for more clients.

GRAND LAKE EMPLOYMENT: Lorna Martin from Grand Lake Employment is organizing the over 55 class that is being held at the NBCC building. There are 12 participants and right now they are in the classroom learning job retaining skills (Ex: Computer Literacy). They are in class for 8 weeks and then they are out in job placements.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: 1 Demolition permit, 3 building permits worth a total value of \$19,000.

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The adult education class is offered again this year. There is room for more learners and Councillor Wasson fears the service will be cut if the learner hours do not increase.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: In September, the Book Lovers' Group discussed the book *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. The next title we will be discussing is *Room* by Emma Donoghue on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30 PM.

The library was closed on September 20th for staff to attend an Annual Staff Development Day. Valerie Sherrard, a New Brunswick author was the guest speaker. Her presentation covered the topics of libraries, literacy and reluctant readers.

The library entered a Pumpkin People scene entitled "Exercise Your Body, Improve Your Mind" in the Harvest Fest Pumpkin Decorating contest. Staff were pleased to win third place in the non-organizational category.

The library had a booth at Harvest Fest showcasing programs and services, along with Face Painting and a Puppet Show performance of "Morris & Boris go to Harvest Fest." There was a large turnout for the event, at least fifty children stopped by the library booth to have their faces painted.

Art Hebert built a storeroom in the activity area.

A Scooby Doo Saturday event was held on October 1st. Children enjoyed completing various activity sheets, making a Scooby mask to wear for their Mystery Hunt, followed by games such as Scooby Scooby Where's Your Bone, Mummified and a Relay Race.

A Minto Public Library Facebook page has been created to promote library happenings as well as upcoming programs and services. A Patron Appreciation Coffee Morning is being held on Friday, October 28th at 10:30 AM in celebration of Canadian Library Month. The library is having a Patron Appreciation Draw for individuals who register for a library card or who borrow library materials from October 18th to October 27th. Prizes include a Library Bag and Books!

DEPUTY MAYOR RICHARDSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Two special meeting of council, Minto Music Wall of Fame induction ceremony, meeting with Fire Chief Miller, Monthly Fire department meeting, meeting with members of the fire department executive, met with the RCMP and Fire Marshall's office, attended the Union of Municipalities New Brunswick meetings on Sept 30, Oct 1 & 2, and Gary Merserau presentation on natural gas.

MINTO FIRE DEPARTMENT: October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme is "Protect Your Family from Fire". Members of the fire department will be at our local schools and daycare's this week as part of fire prevention week. He wanted to thank the Members of the department for their attendance at this years' Harvest Fest at the QNCHC. On Sept 28, Chief Miller, officers of the department, local RCMP, Dallas Boudreau from the Fire Marshall's office, Mayor Barnett and I attended a meeting in regards to the Fire Prevention Act and Policy and Procedures Manual. Roles and responsibilities of the fire department, RCMP and the Fire Marshall's Office were discussed in detail when it came to a fire call.

MINTO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER: The Harvest Fest was a huge success again this year. I want to thank all staff of the QNCHC and volunteers for all their hard work. It was a little wet but it didn't dampen the spirits of all in attendance. I want to congratulate the "DOC Launcher" for defending its title in the pumpkin launch. The X-ray equipment has not been working at the CHC since the first week of August. Officials from Diagnostic Imaging-Zone 3 have been on the scene to do an assessment on a replacement unit. All cost estimates have been forwarded to the Department of Health for funding approval. In the meantime, I received word on Friday that a portable x-ray unit will be relocated to the CHC. This will not replace the current unit, however, will provide minimal imaging capability. The physicians have been informed and are in favor of this initiative. I will be getting another update on this later this week. I would like to thank the Director of Diagnostic Imaging from Zone 3 and our MLA Ross Wetmore for all their hard work on this file in the past week.

MINTO COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER: There will be a youth center breakfast by donation only at the Minto Legion on October 22 @ 8 AM. This will also double as our AGM. If you would like to volunteer your time please contact one of the Board of Directors. A haunted house will be held at the center this year in conjunction with the Grand Lake Moose.

WG BISHOP NURSING HOME: There will be a Strategic Planning day On October 12 from 9-4 PM. This will be for directors of the nursing home to discuss direction, to set goals and to discuss strategic planning.

COUNCILLOR BARTON

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Harvest Fest, Country Music Wall of Fame, UMNBC Conference, safety meeting with Village employees, Fundraiser for Henry Vautour, and another for Samaria House, a town meeting hosted by Ross Wetmore, attended a special meeting on fracking along with the rest of council.

DOG REPORT: Received 7 complaints for the month of September.

GRAND LAKE MOOSE will be hosting a haunted house on October 30th & 31st at the Youth Center. The admission will be \$5.00 starting at 6:00 pm and running until 10:00 pm. The home opener for the Grand Lake Moose will be October 22nd at the Minto Centennial Arena.

COUNCILLOR AUSTIN

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: all special meeting of council, Harvest Fest, UMN Conference, public engagement meeting hosted by our MLA, Ross Wetmore, meeting regarding hydro fracking at the Lions Club, as well as one held at the Village office. Councillor Austin is looking at a joint meeting with other communities in the near future to meet with the former Mayor of Dis Texas, who was the Mayor there when hydro fracking first started.

SEWER REPORT: Everything in the sewer department is running well.

EMO: Councillor Austin held a meeting last week regarding the planning of an upcoming mock disaster exercise. The exercise will involve a collision between a chemical truck and log truck on highway #10 at the Industrial Park entrance. The next meeting to plan out the details is scheduled for October 14th, 2011.

MAYOR BARNETT:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended: Fredericton Region Solid Waste, Citizens on Patrol meeting, Town Hall meeting hosted by MLA, Ross Wetmore, Harvest Fest, two special meetings of Council, meeting with Fire Department along with Deputy Mayor Richardson, three meetings with Service to Seniors, two with the Board of Directors and one with Ross Wetmore, attended the Country Music Wall of Fame ceremony, and an EMO planning meeting.

FREDERICTON REGION SOLID WASTE will keep the tipping fees this year the same rate as last year.

MAINTENANCE: Grass Cut, streets swept, asphaltting done, cleaned mold of the walls of the museum, repairs done at shop on equipment, ditching done on Northside Drive and Tracy Road, beavers and beaver dam removed from Evans Road, repaired Greg Smiths driveway, garbage picked up, Woodmount Lane back dragged, ball fields done and school bus signs installed on Post Road.

Mayor Barnett thanked Councillor Barton for taking care of the dog situation on Chestnut last week.

ARENA will be open for the season beginning tomorrow.

AMBULANCE: Paramedics have stated that Rural NB is not getting its share of the ambulances. What is happening is Oromocto goes to Fredericton to cover, and Whites Cove goes to Oromocto for coverage, our 3rd ambulance is pretty much nonexistent. The Paramedics marched in Moncton in support of Rural NB, and council will support them anyway they can. Mayor Barnett advised that he will be discussing this with our MLA, Ross Wetmore in the near future.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR AT 7:37PM.

The Coordinators of the Christmas parade wanted to confirm December 2nd for the parade starting at 7:00 pm. Council is ok with this date, and they will plan to hold the Tree Lighting Ceremony on the same day at 8:00 pm. They also wanted to know if a sled could be purchased or built for Santa this year. Councillor Barton has offered to call Mr. Drost to see if he has a sled that the Village could use, and Jane will contact BIA to see if they have any funds available for this project. The Coordinators also would like to change the starting area where the floats and walkers line up from the arena to Northside Drive, and start the parade from Boucher's store, and end at Gilbert Park. They are also interested in putting together a flyer that would list the events that take place within the Village over the Christmas season, and wonders if the village could provide the photocopying at the Village office. Council sees no problem with this and thinks it's a great idea.

A citizen advised that the next meeting of the Citizens on Patrol will take place next Wednesday at the RCMP building.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT LISTS:

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Wasson and seconded by Councillor Barton that the Sewer Fund Check disbursements for September in the sum of \$229,232.20 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Austin that the General Fund Check Disbursements for September in the sum of \$181,398.04 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEP'T – GENERATOR / STORAGE ROOM: The Deputy Mayor and Mayor discussed the options with the Fire Chief for allowing the budget of \$5,000.00 if the generator is housed in this building. The Chief will get back to them with an estimated cost to build on a slab.

EMO EXERCISE: Councillor Austin has met with members of the Fire Department, Ambulance, and RCMP to plan a mock disaster. They will exercise a collision on highway 10 at the mouth of the Industrial Park. Date of the exercise to be confirmed with EMO representatives.

FIRE FIGHTERS REQUEST TO BE ALLOWED TO FILL THEIR OWN SWIMMING POOLS: The clerk advised that the lawyer advised to check with our insurance agent to see how they feel about this issue. Luke Cain advised that it would mean additional risk, and the possibilities of other insurance companies looking at the Village and whomever is assisting with the fill ups for compensation of any claims they may have paid as a result of damage to the firefighters pool/property or the neighbours.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOITERING BY-LAW 111:

1st Reading of By-Law 111C “A by-law of the Village of Minto Relating to Loitering and Begging”

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Austin that By-law #111C be given 1st reading by title.

By-law #111C READ BY TITLE

Motion Carried.

OVERHEAD DOORS AT ARENA TENDER: Two tenders received. One from Apex Industries Inc. for the supply of material only at a cost of \$7,450.00 + HST, and one from Capital Safe & Lock Service Ltd. at a cost of \$11,205.00 + HST. The tender for Apex Industries Inc. must be rejected as a result of not completing the tender requirements (no labour included in tendered price)

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Austin to table this item until Councillor Barton enquires with the Fire Marshall's office the requirement of an overhead door seeing that this quote is good for 30 days.

Motion Carried.