



# Arcadia

## Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Jemseg Fire Hall

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council

Time: 7:00 pm

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1) Call to Order

Mayor Pleadwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Pleadwell, Councillor Black, Councillor Gahan-MaGee, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Thomson, CAO Gilman, and Clerk McGarity. Deputy Mayor Sharpe and Councillor Mennier attended via Teams.

Mayor Pleadwell invited Council to declare any conflicts of interest with respect to the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

2) Approval of Agenda

*It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to approve the agenda as presented.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

3) Presentation by John Galbraith – Camp Medley

Mr. Galbraith presented on behalf of Camp Medley regarding the building of a new pool and maintenance facility.

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon for Arcadia to write a letter of support of Camp Medley's funding and project initiative.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

4) Presentation by Carolyn White – GAHSA

Mrs. White presented on behalf of the Gagetown Area Health Services Association. The presentation included previous donations made by GAHSA, information sessions held for community members, and how they would like to assist Arcadia moving forward. Mrs. White will be joining Arcadia's Medical Services Committee as the representative from GAHSA.

Mayor Pleadwell spoke on behalf of the Medical Services Committee.

An ad hoc committee has been formed, with the first meeting being held last week. An inventory of assets, both individual and physical, is being collected. Mayor Pleadwell attended a presentation by the Medical Education Foundation. Would like the Medical Education Foundation to come address Council to discuss what Arcadia could do as a municipality to recruit healthcare professionals.

5) Staff Reports

CAO Gilman gave his monthly report, which is included in the council packet.

CAO Gilman brought to Councils attention the following items:

- Budget process: working to maintain tax rates
- Capital Projects: Doctor's Hill Road project expected to be completed November 29, 2024
- Received \$23,900 in flood relief funds for Hendry Lighthouse repairs

6) Approval of the Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – October 22, 2024

*It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Thomson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 22, 2024.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

7) Business Arising from The Minutes

a) Complaint regarding trail initiative

- After meeting with Mark Hiscock, it has been agreed that a new agreement needs to be signed as the old agreement was signed with the former Village of Gagetown and some of the details have changed – ongoing

b) Review of municipal waterfront infrastructure

- Will be looking at this from the point of public access to water, fire department access to water, and looking at all properties within Arcadia, whether they are owned by Arcadia or not – ongoing

c) Unsightly Premises Complaint - Gagetown

- This is now being looked at as a zoning issue as well as the unsightly premise. CRSC is investigating and will notify us when they have more information – ongoing.

d) CAO By-Law

- Draft will be brought to By-laws Committee – ongoing

e) Arcadia Office Location

- The office has begun drafting a feasibility study proposal. We are also looking for funding to cover the cost of the feasibility study. We will be tying the new municipal office in with energy efficiency and green funding – ongoing

8) Council Committee Reports

**Finance Committee**

- Finance Committee sat down with office for first pass of budget; still awaiting some values for input

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gahan-MaGee to accept the expenditures for Arcadia General from October 23, 2024 to November 18, 2024, in the amount of \$921,752.37.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to accept the expenditures for Arcadia Sewer from October 23, 2024 to November 18, 2024, in the amount of \$1,664.97.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe that CAO Gilman be added as backup for Treasurer and Councillor Black as Chair of Finance Committee for backup on the online banking for Scotia Connect.*

**With all in favour, the motion was carried.**

#### **Communication Committee**

- Awaiting proposals for website redesign to better our communication.
- CAO Gilman will respond to resident concern of safety regarding missing road signage.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

- Councillor Gordon noted her report is included in council packet.
- Office of the Fire Marshall has provided each department with smoke detectors for residents who are in need of one.
- Cambridge-Narrows Fire Department is looking for guidance on how to proceed listing their old fire truck for sale when the new one arrives.
- Voyent Alert is in progress. The geographical boundaries for Arcadia have been established. Staff training will begin November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 211 is an information and referral service that connects people to support such as social development, mental health, etc.

#### **Economic Expansion Committee**

- Councillor Mennier noted his report is included in council packet
- CRSC Economic Expansion Committee—Ignite presented that they are updating their website to include business success stories.

#### **Buildings and Properties Committee**

- Deputy Mayor Sharpe ask all councillors to look at buildings and properties in their ward that need upkeep to send directly to him as the Chair of the Buildings and Properties Committee.

#### **By-laws Committee**

- Committee is waiting for outstanding by-laws that need to be re-formatted.

#### 9) Correspondence

The following items were discussed:

- Item #9 Connect with Ignite – Encourage all Councillors to sign up for monthly e-blast
- Item #7 Resident comment – Harts Lake Road compliment

#### 10) New Business

- a) Increase in Scotiabank Credit Limit

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to direct staff to request the increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the Arcadia Scotiabank Visa.*

**With all in favour, the motion is carried.**

#### 11) Upcoming Meetings

- December 16, 2024 – Queenstown Orange Hall

- January 20, 2025 – Gagetown Recreation Centre

12) Motion to Adjourn

*It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to adjourn at 8:18pm.  
With all in favour, the motion was carried.*

  
Deputy Mayor Steven Sharpe

  
Clerk Jessica McGarity

