



Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Upper Gagetown Fire Department

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council

Time: 7:00 pm

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 Mennier, Councillor Thomson, CAO Gilman, Clerk McGarity, and Administrative Assistant LeBlanc. Deputy Mayor Sharpe 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 Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to approve the agenda as presented.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

3) Presentation by Claude Leger – Financial Audit

Mr. Claude Leger presented the 2023 Financial Audit Statements to Council.

4) Presentation by Andrew Lockhart – Ignite

Mr. Andrew Lockhart and his team presented on behalf of Ignite. Ignites MERGE Program connects startups with municipalities within the Capital Region of New Brunswick to validate products/services, reduce risk for first sales, and accelerate growth.

5) Staff Reports

CAO Gilman gave his monthly report. It is now an amalgamated report to include all staff reports. Report is included in the council packet.

CAO Gilman brought to Councils attention the following items:

- Capital Projects: Doctor's Hill Road project will be starting next week
- Received Governance Transition Funding in the amount of \$95,000. Priorities will be Strategic Plan, website update, signage update, and capital asset management plan.

6) Approval of the Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – September 16, 2024

Special Council Meeting – September 24, 2024

Special Council Meeting – October 11, 2024

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Gahan-MaGee to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 16, 2024, Special Council Meeting on September 24, 2024, and Special Council Meeting on October 11, 2024.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

7) Business Arising from The Minutes

- Complaint regarding trail initiative
 - CAO will be meeting with Mark Hiscock – ongoing
- Governance Transition Funding
 - Received funding of \$95,000. Complete
- Humphrey's Wharf
 - Wharves are coming into review. With new information, we can work into budget for repairs. Complete
- Review of municipal waterfront infrastructure
 - No update – ongoing
- Unsanitary Premises Complaint - Gagetown
 - In progress. CRSC has by-law officer investigating under the Rural Plan; CRSC currently has limitation in staffing hours.
- CAO By-Law
 - In progress. Draft will be brought to By-laws Committee
- Housing Accelerator Fund
 - Application is submitted. Will bring back to Council when we receive money. Complete
- Audit Services
 - Finance Committee looked at quotes submitted to Arcadia:
 - KPMG \$90,850 for 3 years
 - Teed Saunders Doyle \$84,525 for 3 years

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to approve the Teed Saunders Doyle Request for Proposal for 3 years for \$84,525 for audit services.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

- Arcadia Office Location

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Mennier that staff issue a Request for Proposal to architectural firms to provide plans and preliminary costing for the establishment of municipal offices with council chambers as an addition to the Jemseg Fire Hall and as a new build.

All those in favour: Deputy Mayor Sharpe, Councillor Black, Councillor Mennier, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Thomson

All those against: Councillor Gahan-MaGee

Motion was carried.

- Queenstown Picnic Site
 - Councillor Thomson has taken care of safety concern. Complete

8) Council Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee

- Councillor Gordon noted her report is included in council packet.
- Discussed with all fire departments regarding budgets.
- Forcible entry training door will soon be available for use by all fire departments.
- Cambridge-Narrows new fire truck is currently being painted.

Communications Committee

- Councillor Gahan-MaGee informed council that the committees last meeting was on September 24th.
- The office is beginning the setup for Voyent Alert.
- Nove's Place is having a network night on November 21st. Council will be present.
- Need more involvement with Facebook and website.

Economic Expansion Committee

- Councillor Mennier noted his report is included in council packet, along with agenda for Harvest Dinner.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Black that staff examine the feasibility of clearing Vacant Lot 49 for the purpose of creating overflow parking, establishing picnic/washroom amenities and future development potential.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded Councillor Gahan-MaGee that staff work with GeoNB and if needed, a graphics firm to develop a large map that would include but not be limited to: municipal properties, all roads/lanes, recreation facility locations, public water access and other points of interest.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Finance Committee

- Councillor Black noted her report is included in council packet.

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to approve expenditures for Arcadia General from September 17th to October 22nd, 2024, in the amount of \$380,809.65.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to approve expenditures for Arcadia Sewer from September 17th to October 22nd, 2024, in the amount of \$231,941.40.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Public Works Committee

- Mayor Pleadwell reports spending for PMHP project – November 15th for completion of Doctor's Hill Project.

By-laws Committee

- Mayor Pleadwell read A Dog Control By-law 2nd time by title.
- Mayor Pleadwell read A Dog Control By-law 3rd time by title.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Mennier that the second and third reading and enactment be given to By-Law #7 "A Dog Control By-law".
With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Buildings and Properties Committee

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

9) Correspondence

The following items were discussed:

- Item #8 Resident Concern for Ackwa Village signage
- All Councillors receive UMNb bulletins; will no longer include in correspondence

10) New Business

a) 2nd & 3rd reading, by title, and enactment: A By-law Respecting Dog Control in Arcadia
This item was completed in By-law Committee report.

b) Town Hall Summary

Mayor Pleadwell read a summary of topics discussed at the Town Halls:

- Can we have a reduction in tax rate by municipality since property tax assessments are increasing?
- Residents can appeal their property tax assessment.
- Should we anticipate all wards to have the same tax rate?
- Resident concern of roads and signage in Akwa Village; safety concern for ambulance and fire services.
- Arcadia will be working with CRSC on the new Rural Plan.
- RCMP Services
 - Report all crime
 - Possibility of municipally funded services
 - Responsibility for waterways
- Federal Funding available for municipalities.
 - Housing Accelerator Fund
 - Be aware of future commitments when we accept funding
- Call for Fiscal Reform
- Former Village of Cambridge-Narrows leftover funds
 - Held in Capital Reserves; portion will be used for new firetruck
- Gagetown medical clinic; retirement of Dr. Haines
 - Can Arcadia offer incentive?
 - Collaborative Care Team
 - Satellite clinic
 - Ad hoc committee for healthcare
 - Appreciation event for Dr. Haines
- Strategic Plan
 - Resident concern to protect public access to waterways
- Ability to have public questions at Regular Council Meetings
- Recreation in Arcadia as a whole

- What happens to the money that goes to the provincial government? How is it spent?
 - Need for transparency
- Fix Warren Road
- Fix driveway culvert
 - If it is private, we cannot fix
- As solid waste contracts come up for renewal, will there be standardization across wards? Example bulk items 2 times per year.
- Affordable housing
 - Encourage everyone to participate in Rural Plan
- Strategic Plan for fixing Gagetown roads
 - 2 roads have engineered reports complete: Hart and Reid

c) Loss of Medical Services in Gagetown

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Gahan-MaGee to strike a committee to deal with the loss of medical services in Gagetown and look at the overall health services in Arcadia.

With all in favour, the motion is carried.

d) C-NCS Tip-Off Tournament Donation Request

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to support the C-NCS Tip-Off Tournament and use some of the Contingency money out of the budget.

With all in favour, the motion is carried.

e) Decision on Strategic Planning

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Black to move forward with Transitional Solutions Inc for Strategic Planning for Arcadia at a cost of \$32,200 to be paid out of the General Operating Fund to be covered by the Local Governance Reform Transition Funding that we have received.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

f) Fire Truck Repairs (Gagetown)

Gagetown Fire Truck has current engine issues. CAO Gilman will keep Council updated if high-cost expenses may arise. Current expenses fall under regular maintenance.

g) Approval of Audited Financial Statements

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Black to accept the draft 2023 consolidated financial statements for Arcadia as presented by Mr. Claude Leger.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

11) Upcoming Meetings

- November 18, 2024 – Jemseg Fire Hall
- December 16, 2024 – Queenstown Orange Hall

12) Closed Session

Items discussed in closed session were as per Section 68(1) of the Local Governance Act.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Gahan-MaGee to move to closed session at 9:15pm.

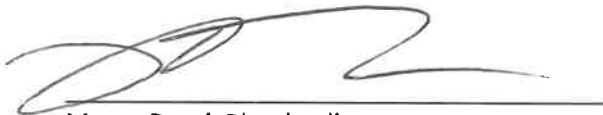
With all in favour, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier to move out of closed session at 9:32pm.

13) Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Thomson to adjourn at 9:33pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.



Mayor Derek Pleadwell



Clerk Jessica McGarity

