

**MINUTES OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL
MARCH 10, 2009**

The monthly meeting of Council came to order with all Council members present. Other attendees included Brent Suttie, Executive of Archaeological Services, Heritage Branch, Bill Hicks, Manager of Historic Places, Heritage Branch, Joe Bradstreet, resident and local collector of artifacts and Melanie Clark, Director of Business Development and Tourism. The agenda was approved by Councillor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES of the regular meeting on February 10 were read. Councillor Joyce Trafford approved minutes as read, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES included an update from Councillor Bradstreet on purchasing a defibrillator for the Northern Carleton Civic Centre. Director of Business Development and Tourism, Melanie Clark informed council that she had received an email from the Heart and Stroke Foundation stating that they would be willing to help financially towards the donation/purchasing of a defibrillator. Prices on a defibrillator start at \$2,500, which include the first session of training and the wall mount.

Mayor Giggie informed Council that he had spoken with the Skedaddle Ridge ATV Club and that they would be taking their business to Woodstock. According to the ATV Club, they do \$26,000 worth of business in the Town.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE for the General Operating Fund for March totaled \$55,125.84 and for the Utility Fund \$10,521.87. Check registers for February totaled \$87,934.45 for the General Fund and \$1,947.18 for the Utility fund. Councillor Susan Bushby approved February check registers and to pay March bills, seconded by Councillor Joyce Trafford.

MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Giggie informed council that he would be attending the UMNZ Zone 6 meeting on March 26, 2009 at the Woodstock Town Hall. Additional correspondence for the month included, an invitation from Brennan Home Hardware to their new store opening, a notice for an upcoming seminar, an announcement from the Town of Grand Falls that the Olympic Flame would be coming to their Town and a Healthy Eating Physical Activity Coalition of New Brunswick invitation. There were also updates from various provincial departments, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the St. John River Valley Tourism Association, St. Thomas University, the Development Officer, Walton's Wildlife Control and violation statistics from the RCMP.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor Trafford informed everyone that there would be an EMO meeting on March 25th at the Centreville Village Hall.

Councillor Karl Curtis informed council that he had received a request for a speed limit sign on Drier Street.

Councillor Curtis asked if the Town could move a speed limit sign on a Provincial Highway to a different location. A request must be made to the province to change the location of a speed limit sign on a Provincial Highway.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Shikatehawk Site presentation from Brent Suttie, Executive of Archaeological Services, Heritage Branch was made to council, which outlined First Nation artifacts that had been found on the site, which suggest that the site may have been used for ceremonial purposes. However, no professional research has been done at the site. Mr. Suttie made note of the site significance and why the site should be protected. Bill Hicks, Manager of Historic Places, Heritage Branch, informed council of the tools that are available to maintain the heritage value of the site, stressing the importance of always working with the land owners.
2. A request for additional building changes from Wanda Smith, Facilities Coordinator at Virtual Agent Services was brought to council's attention. NB Power had recently done an energy audit on the building that VAS rents from the Town and found that there were a few areas where electricity could be saved. Councillor McCauley noted that it was council's policy to get 3 quotes before approving maintenance on Town facilities. Mayor Giggie suggested that council consult a lawyer for advice on the VAS contract. Council agreed.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS CONTINUED:

Councillor Bushby notified council that the Northern Magic Spring Hockey would not be using the arena ice for the 125 hours that they had originally requested. Northern Magic Spring Hockey would only need the arena ice for 40 hours.

Councillor Bushby informed council that she had spoken with the Director of Recreation and Facilities, Steve Ewart and that ice would remain at the arena until April 12th.

Councillor Bushby gave an update on Clifford Chase's condition and asked about a monetary donation to him from the Town. Council asked to be notified as to the number of sick days Mr. Chase has accumulated to ensure that he would have a regular pay cheque for the next 6 to 8 weeks while he is home recovering from surgery.

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Councillor Bushby made note of the deteriorating condition of the flags on the Old Florenceville Bridge. Council agreed that the flags should be taken down in the fall and that new flags should be put back up in the spring.

BREAK IN REGULAR MEETING FOR CLOSED DISCUSSION

COUNCILLOR REPORTS RESUMED:

Councillor McCauley notified council that June 6th was the Andrew and Laura McCain Library's 25th anniversary and that the McCain Family had been invited to attend.

Councillor McCauley informed everyone that the Library's main fundraiser for the year would be an art show from the Lord Beaver Brook Art Gallery on June 13th.

Councillor McCauley asked council what name the Town should use when referring to the Florenceville Covered Bridge for a tourism promotional video. Council agreed that it should be referred to as The Old Florenceville Bridge, but also noted that for the video that the name used should be the same as what is on the plaque at the bridge.

Councillor McCauley notified everyone that there would be a book sale at the library from March 19th to 21st.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Arrangements have been made with a contractor to fix the water leak around the library windows.
2. Steve Ewart has asked Tom Bulmer to contact Rome Martin to get access to the Village of Florenceville sign at the Curling Club.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Giggie noted that the provincial highway signage for the Town had been put up.

The meeting was adjourned to a closed discussion.

MAYOR

CLERK