

**MINUTES OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The monthly meeting of Council came to order with all councillors present. Other attendees included Fire Chief, Andrew Cogle.

MINUTES of the regular meeting on November 10th were read. Councillor Bradstreet approved minutes as read, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

General Operating Fund payables to December 8th totaled \$96,404.45 and cheque registers for November totaled \$216,233.69. Accounts payable for the Utility Operating Fund to December 8th totaled \$203,891.59 and cheque registers for November totaled \$15,911.00. Councillor Karl Curtis approved to pay the bills, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED.

One “nay” vote from Councillor Susan Bushby. Councillor Bushby was not satisfied with the explanation presented by Opus at the November 30, 2009 meeting as to why the engineering fees for the McCain Lift Station project were so high.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief, Andrew Cogle addressed council regarding ambulance assists/medical assists that the fire department provides to Ambulance New Brunswick. The fire department currently responds to ambulance assists, but they do not use Town equipment. Andrew Cogle has confirmed with the Town’s insurance provider and Worksafe NB to ensure that fire department members have liability insurance in case one of them is injured during an ambulance assist. The fire department members are covered. Council asked Andrew Cogle to draft a policy outlining the assistance that the fire department will provide if called out on an ambulance assist and bring to council for review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a request from Dial-a-Ride, a non-profit group wishing to provide access to transportation for residents of Western New Brunswick (Nackawic to Plaster Rock) that targets seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. The requests brought to council were that the Mayor appoint an elected Councillor to be on the advisory board and that the Town budget between \$800 to \$2500 to the project, which would give the town voting rights at their annual general meeting. Councillor Joyce Trafford moved not to appoint a Councillor to the Dial-a-Ride advisory board and not to provide financial assistance to the Dial-a-Ride group, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Giggie read a sponsorship request from the Potato Barrel Classic Inc. Councillor Trafford moved not to sponsor the 2010 Potato Barrel Classic, seconded by Councillor Bushby.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Giggie read a funding request from the Bath Lions Medical Travel Fund. Councillor Trafford moved not to provide funding to the Bath Lions Medical Travel Fund, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council was notified that the proposed crosswalk location between the parking lot adjacent to the Service NB Centre and the Riverside Park does not provide adequate sight distances from approaching traffic directions and that the Department of Transportation cannot recommend approval of a crosswalk at this location.

Council was notified of a grant from the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport to the Bristol Shogomoc Railway site for \$4875.00. This money is to build a new exhibit.

Mayor Giggie read the November Animal Control report and notified Council that the Valley Solid Waste Commission's 2010 budget submission was available for review.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor Whyte-McCauley asked that the Town approach the Department of Transportation about three-way stops along Route 105 (Main Street) at the Old Florenceville Bridge, McCain Foods and the Carleton Co-op intersections.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 BUDGET: Councillor Bushby questioned how the Mayor's attendance at the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference benefits the Town and raised concerns over the \$6000 budgeted for the conference. Mayor Giggie explained that the \$6000 is to cover the cost of airfare for one person, registration to numerous seminars, parking, car rental, meals, and one week's accommodations. This year the FCM is being held in Toronto and the conference is an opportunity for the Mayor to network and make contacts that help promote the Town. Councillor Bradstreet moved that the \$6000 budgeted for the 2010 Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual convention remain in the proposed 2010 General Fund Budget, seconded by Councillor Karl Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED

One "nay" vote from Councillor Susan Bushby.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

2010 General Operating Fund Budget:

WHEREAS the base rate calculated under section 5.01(2) of the Property Tax Act is

\$ 1.1667 for Ward 2 (Florenceville) and \$1.2908 for Ward 1 (Bristol) and

WHEREAS the council of the municipality of Florenceville-Bristol has deemed the revenue requirement for the municipality to be greater than the amount generated by this rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the sum of \$2,953,980. be the total budget of the Municipality, that the sum of \$2,391,185. be the Warrant of the Municipality, and that the tax rates for the Municipality be \$1.3269 for Ward #1 (Bristol) and \$1.2299 for Ward #2 (Florenceville), in accordance with subsection 5.01(3) (b) of the Real Property Tax Act.

The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Municipality of Florenceville-Bristol.

Councillor Karl Curtis moved to approve the proposed 2010 General Fund Operating Budget, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED

One “nay” vote from Councillor Susan Bushby.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2009 by the Council of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol.

2010 Utility Operating Fund Budget: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the town of Florenceville-Bristol approve the total budget of the Utility Operating Fund for 2010 total revenues of \$328,519 and total expenditures of \$328,519.

Moved by Councillor Karl Curtis, seconded by Councillor Duska Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2009 by the Council of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol.

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COMMUNITY HALL RENOVATIONS: Councillor Trafford brought to Council a proposal to renovate the Community Hall building in order to create a new Town Office and Council Chambers. Councillors Bushby and Whyte-McCauley raised concerns that current user groups of the Community Hall would lose their meeting place. Mayor Giggie reminded Council that the Director of Recreation & Facilities has put together a proposal for other options. Also the Mayor together with McCain Foods' President, and members of the Florenceville Curling Club executive have been working together to facilitate a partnership that could see the Community Hall user groups relocate to the curling club if the need arises. It will take further examination of the Community Hall to determine what options council would need to consider. One engineering quote was presented to Council as a guideline of cost that would include site inspections, structural & architectural designs, mechanical specifications and a complete set of stamped construction drawings. Council requested two more quotes from engineering firms before taking the matter under consideration. Councillor Trafford moved that two more quotes from engineering firms be gathered, seconded by Councillor Whyte-McCauley.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF SPRUCE HILL NURSERIES PROPERTY: Councillor Whyte-McCauley moved to ratify the purchase of the Spruce Hill Nurseries property, PID numbers 10100345, 10226181 and 10233419 for \$76,000, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

MOTION CARRIED

One "nay" vote from Councillor Susan Bushby.

FLORENCEVILLE HOUSING INC.: Carol Connell Burpee from the Department of Social Development will be doing an administrative audit on the Florenceville Housing Inc. books on January 20th and 21st.

2009 AUDIT: Council in doing a review of costs associated with the yearly audit will ask 3 accounting firms for quotes to be submitted to the Town for providing audit services for the next three fiscal years; 2009 and 2010 and 2011. Letters of request will be forwarded to McCain & Company, Oulton Parkinson Walker and Trudi McBrine, by the end of the week.

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Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR

CLERK