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**COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SIMONDS FIRE HALL**

Mayor Jim Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with Deputy Mayor Cairns, Councillor George Cyr, Shawn Brown, Brad Brown, and Gregory Moran present. Also present was Development Officer Andrew Fry via Zoom. Absent was Councillor Jeanette Spearing

Approval of Agenda

An amendment was made to the agenda to add the outcome of court case to agenda. A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr, and passed unanimously to approve the June 4th, 2024 amended agenda.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations:

Sgt. Luc Samson, RCMP: Unable to attend.

Chief Brian Hunter, Simonds Fire Dept: Chief Hunter attended the meeting, and his report was read into the Minutes. There were 10 calls.

Chief Carey Gray, St. Martins Fire Dept: Chief Gray attended the meeting and his report was read into the Minutes. There were 13 calls.

Micha Fardy, Friends of Fundy: Ms Fardy gave a report updating the council on the progress her committee has accomplished. She has requested work with CAO regarding retaining employees, attract more resources and keeping more money in our communities.

Correspondence:

Bette Ann Chatterton: Signage By-law: Mrs. Chatterton read her email into the minutes. She was asking that Council consider making a signage by-law. Council said that this was a by-law that would be considered.

Jay Isaac: Concern about speed limit on Hwy 111: A motion was made to receive and file this letter. Councillor Shawn Brown mentioned that this letter to be responded to. The letter has been forwarded to the RCMP.

Approval of Open Meeting, May 7 and closed meetings, May 14 and 27, 2024

A motion was made by Councillor Brad Brown, seconded by Councillor George Cyr, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings.

Motion Carried

Old Business:

Update to Harbour Park: Landscaping should be completed shortly; Amphitheatre will be installed shortly. Hope to have completed by July 1 weekend.

Soccer Field: It was reported that the Soccer Field is completed. There will be no usage for one year to allow the grass to grow.

New Business:

Commissions & Committees:

- 1) **Financial** – Councillor Moran reported that the finances are on par with the budget.
- 2) **Human Resources:** Nothing to report.
- 3) **Administration – By-Laws** – Nothing to report. The next By-Law will be the Unsightly Premises By-Law.
- 4) **Communications & Active Living** – Councillor Shawn Brown reported that more volunteers are needed. Pickleball is Monday and Thursday night. Baseball will be starting on June 12. Asked that the Christmas parade be reversed to prevent traffic congestion. Councillor Brown and Elaine Shannon will be looking at the website to make changes.
- 5) **Special Projects:** Andrew Fry brought the council up to date on the next phase of the Harbour Park Project. There will be a meeting with the Provincial and Federal partners to discuss what are the next steps and how to apply for funding.
- 6) **Emergency Management & Public Safety** – George Cyr read a report from Grant Grills requesting that the Red Cross complete a survey to determine suitability for warming centers.
- 7) **Tourism Committee:** Next meeting is June 19.

Rural Land Use Plans Open House – June 11 and June 13: There will be Open Houses on June 11 at the St. Martins Community Centre from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Open House on June 13 will be held at the Simonds Fire Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It was suggested that this is the opportunity for the community to have their say about the Rural Land Use Plan.

Canada Day Celebration: The Federal Government has given the community \$2500.00 to help celebrate Canada Day. The celebration will be on July 1 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the 4 Season Complex in St. Martins. There will be music, bouncy castles, games for the kids, a BBQ and cake. Everyone is invited.

Update on the ATV By-Law: The by-law had a first and second reading and then it was sent to Fredericton for approval. However, there are roads in the by-law that must be removed as they are roads that are maintained by the Provincial Government. The by-law has not been sent back from the Province with the recommended changes

Update on St. Martins Ballfield upgrades: Councillor Shawn Brown reported that an application has been send to RDC requesting funding for repairs to the ballfield. The quote for the repairs is approximately \$77,000.00

Outcome of Court Case: Mayor Bedford updated the council on the results of the court case with the High Life Church. The court passed a judgement that the tent has to be removed within 90 days.

Approval of the Bills

The bills listed with these minutes were presented for payment and were formally approved at this time and are attached to the original Minutes.

A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr, and passed unanimously.

Motion Carried

Call for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 2nd 2024 at 7:30 pm at the St. Martins Community Centre

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



James Bedford, Mayor

Jean McCumber, Clerk