

VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 29, 2013

MINUTES

- 1.) Chairman Don MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Commissioners present: Don MacDonald, Richard Nickerson, Al Belliveau, Dale Harty, Bob Baker and Marian Elsworth, Clerk-Treasurer. There were 59 electors present including commissioners.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and introduced Sgt Jamie Greene and Cpl Laurie Smith, Kings RCMP. MLA Leo Glavine and Warden Diana Brothers sent their regrets.

- 2.) **KINGS RCMP REPORT**

Sgt Jamie Greene gave an overview of crime stats. Criminal analyst, will monitor those put on house arrest, they have seen a reduction on calls since they have implemented those programs. Have had some instances of road rage, destructive driving, check points are preventive measures. The Integrated Police Enforcement unit do a lot of drug work in our areas, for example they did 74 search warrants, made. Q. regarding the new speed limit in school areas, what is the definition?. A. If children are present, the limit is within 85 metres. Q. Is there going to be a campaign to let motorists know that the law has been passed to allow motorists to cross the double line to safely pass cyclists? A. Suggest that the Cycle Club photocopy pamphlets with regulations done and the RCMP will hand out at checkpoints. Q. Could something be put on the radio? A. Call Blair McMurtry or Sgt Greene a call, Blair is always looking for public service information to put out on the radio, other than lock your doors.

- 3.) The MINUTES of June 12, 2012 Annual General Meeting were distributed. **MOVED** by Randy Anderson, **SECONDED** by Byron MacDonald to approve the Minutes.

- 4.) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Joe MacKinnon of Robie Avenue, noticed in the Q & A in the 2012 Minutes a mention of concerns with water contamination in Tufts Ave area and wanted to know the status of water in Planesview 4 area, i.e. Brittany, Maggie and Robie streets. Is there an official report or water sampling which indicates that the showing that the contamination has leached into that subdivision? Yes, testing shows that there is some PERC in all 38 test locations, but with only one being over the Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines. Nova Scotia Environment recommends the Municipality proceed with further development of central water services. Warden Brothers addresses this in her report. Before anything can proceed, the transmission line must be updated, the request is before the UARB now.

5.) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Don MacDonald welcomed everyone to the Annual

General Meeting, and was very pleased to see such a good turnout. He reported that he attended a number of functions as a representative of the Village of Greenwood this past year, including Board meetings of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. Also the seven Villages in Kings County meet quarterly with the Municipal Council and the last meeting was held here in Greenwood in April.

The Village Commission has asked that within the Kings2050 project, that county planning staff give high priority to extend the boundary of the Village of Greenwood to include the portion of River Ridge Subdivision extension to include the proposed development of approximately 42 new lots, so that they may receive village services. We have also asked them to give consideration to include other future development areas in the Boundary.

Capital purchases this year included the purchase of a used dump trailer for the public works department. The Kubota Tractor is completely paid for. A sprinkler system was installed to water the public flower beds. As well, new playground equipment was installed in 4 of our playgrounds with some grant assistance from Kings County. A big thank you to Commissioner Bob Baker and employee Mike Baltzer for their hard work installing the playground equipment. In November the Commission welcomed Jamie Ogilvie as public works assistant and promoted Mike Baltzer to Supervisor.

In the village office, capital purchases included a 60 inch TV, which is used for power point presentations and monthly meetings. The commission purchased 6 iPad tablets and added a server as part of the IT upgrade. To complete the upgrades a multifunction copier/fax machine was purchased.

The Commission will be putting the LED Streetlights RFP "Request for Proposal" out for tender this summer and it is hoped that the streetlight conversion will be installed by late fall. The Temporary Borrowing Resolution for \$240,000.00 approved at the last AGM has been extended for one year. Some of the savings from the streetlights will be placed in a LED streetlight Reserve to cover future capital costs to replace lights at the end of their expected 20 year life.

As a pilot project with DTIR Warden Brothers was successful in having the streets in Fales River Subdivision approved for double chip sealing. The portion usually paid for by the residents will be paid for from Gas Tax funds, and as a show of good faith the Village of Greenwood will contribute \$50,000.00 to the project. This is part of our capital budget for this year. The double chip seal project is expected to begin following the completion of the Berm Project, which the Municipality of Kings will be doing shortly.

Our Canada Day celebrations are just around the corner, please come out and celebrate. Events will be slightly different this year. We will not be having the opening ceremony and events will start at 5 pm. Bounce rides/Laser tag will be available with the purchase of a bracelet for a small fee of \$5.00 good for the whole evening. Noble Wagon Rides at no cost and the live Band WITCHITAW will perform. The fireworks will be at 10 p.m.

I would like to that this time to thank my fellow commissioners Richard Nickerson, Al Belliveau Bob Baker and Dale Harty for their hard work and support this past year and also to thank the Village employees Marian Elsworth, our Clerk-Treasurer and our Public Works employees Mike Baltzer and Jamie Ogilvie.

6.) WARDEN BROTHERS REPORT

Chairman MacDonald read her report as Warden Brothers sent her regrets, she is attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and presenting to the Social Policy Forum on the work to-date of the Race Relations & Anti-Discrimination Committee of County.

Some highlights on various projects and initiatives that the County of Kings is undertaking. Please contact her for further information and clarification.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- Fales River Berm: The Municipality has awarded the Fales River Berm Project to Howard Little Excavating Ltd. Construction and is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.
- Chip-Sealing: The cost estimate for Fales Subdivision has been submitted by DTIR for Minister approval. After the cost share agreement is signed, the project will be tendered and awarded by DTIR.
- Rocknotch Sewer: Since our last meeting with the Village Commission, the Warden, Leo Glavine, Community Services and Kings Enterprises (Scott Peckford) we have asked our consultant for an updated concept design report on the options for the potential sewer extension. They have indicated that a new lift station would be required to accommodate the needs of the main parties to the extension. Staff have received direction to proceed with negotiations with Community Services and Kings Enterprises on an agreement to proceed with the project. We hope to have a draft cost sharing model to the other parties by the end of the week. Once we have an agreement in principle on the funding model, then the consultation/petition process with the residents can commence. We will also work on the draft agreement between the three parties so that will be ready to finalize once we receive a positive petition from the residents.
- Water Extension: Staff submitted an update from Nova Scotia Environment on the status of the groundwater contaminants to the Committee of the Whole on May 21, 2013 and it was received. From that session, we have asked the consultant to proceed with the detailed design for the transmission main project. We are currently seeking Utility and Review Board approval for the transmission main project given the need to complete that work first. At the moment, we anticipate tendering the transmission main in the summer with construction commencing in early/mid fall 2013.
- This project timeline for the initial phases of the expansion into the area west of Bridge Street is dependent on certain logistical and regulatory issues which need to be worked out first. Thus, we expect a fall public consultation/petition period with the aim to have the project ready for Council approval during the 2014-2015 budget deliberations.

OTHER

- Kings 2050: The Kings 2050 initiative, aimed at guiding the long term sustainable development of Kings County, is currently in phase two. As a part of Kings 2050, the County will do an extensive review of both the Land Use Bylaw and the Municipal Planning Strategy. Visit www.Kings2050.ca
- OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGET The 2013/2014 Operating and Capital budget was approved at the May 7, 2013 Council meeting. The \$42,557,500 million operating budget and the \$4,725,603 million capital budget was approved with no increase to the residential and commercial property tax rate. Some residents may see a small increase in their tax bills due to the rising assessment value of their property.

- INTERIM CAO; Tom MacEwan has been with the County for almost two months as our Interim CAO. Tom is enthusiastic and passionate about his work.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; The County has hired Economic Development Specialist, Suzanne McCrimmon to help up improve economic opportunities in the region including recruiting new businesses and job opportunities.

7.) **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT CIRCULATED**

The audit was conducted by Gavin Brewster of Morse Brewster Lake Chartered Accountants, Berwick, NS. The Statement of Operations to March 31, 2013 shows that we finished the year with a minus (\$88,153.00) out of that \$56,940.00 is due to amortization. We also added some new capital assets this year which included playground equipment in all four playgrounds, a large screen TV and 6 iPads as well as a multifunction photocopier in the office. We purchased a used dump trailer for the Public Works for a total \$39,435.00 as shown in additions to Tangible Capital Assets.

The bottom line is that there is a change to our accumulated surplus of \$33,343.00 having started the year with \$140,262.00 and ended the year with \$106,920.00.

Comm. Nickerson **MOVED, SECONDED** by Pat Flurey to accept the Audited Financial Statements. **CARRIED.**

8.) **VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD 2013-2014 BUDGET**

The budget for 2013-2014 was circulated and presented. Our projected budget for 2013-2014 is a total of Revenue and Expenses of \$417,200.00. On the summary sheet you will see that we will spend an estimate of \$40,000.00 in Capital Expenditures out of Revenue. This is an estimate of what we will have to pay to Nova Scotia Power for the stranded asset costs of the old streetlights, when we notify them that we will take ownership of our streetlights.

The Temporary Borrowing Resolution of \$240,000.00 passed at the last AGM has been renewed for one more year. It is estimated that we will save \$156,800.00 over twenty years or \$31,200.00 annually, by owning the streetlights. Some of the savings will be placed in LED Streetlight Reserves for future replacement of the capital cost for future lights. The Commission have set the Area Rate this year at .23 cents per hundred for Residential and .29 cents per hundred for Commercial for a balanced budget of \$417,200.00 .

Comm. Nickerson **MOVED, SECONDED** by Pat Nixon that the 2013-2014 Budget be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

9.) **ELECTIONS OF TWO COMMISSIONERS**

An Ad was placed in the Aurora newspaper notifying of two upcoming positions for terms of three years each for the Greenwood village commission.

Nomination Day was May 15, 2013 and four nominations papers were submitted. Candidates for commissioner are Joanne Abbott, Brian Banks, Richard Nickerson, Pat Nixon.

Two scrutineers, Frank Martyn and Nancy Kelly, were appointed to assist the Clerk with the Election. Ballots were cast for the first vacant position and **Brian Banks** was declared Elected with 21 votes. Ballots were cast for the second vacant position and **Richard Nickerson**

was declared Elected with 29 votes. Welcome to the village commission and thank you to all those who put their name forward.

PRESENTATION—Robert Baker


A plaque was presented to outgoing Commissioner Bob Baker acknowledging his combined 25 year's of service as a Village Commissioner. Bob gave a short emotional speech, saying he will not be very far away.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

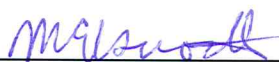
Q. Joe Link wondered how he could get his water tested. A. The Department of Environment did some random testing in 38 different locations to get a cross sample, there was no need to test every well. Pricilla Parsons wondered how long she will have to keep waiting to have the central water to her house.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD



Don MacDonald, Chair



Marian Elsworth, Clerk-Treasurer