Perth-Andover Village Council Meeting Minutes

ONLINE MEEETING
Monday, March 14th, 2022

Present: Mayor Bell, – Deputy Mayor McPhail, Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Cindy McLaughlin, Sheldon Shaw, Jason Green and Dan Dionne, CAO

1. Mayor Bell called the meeting to order, and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Councillor Cummings ***MOVED*** the approval of the February 3rd, 14th and 27th meeting minutes. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor McLaughlin. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

3. Mayor Bell made a statement to recognize the conflict in Ukraine and asked for support of any type from community members.

4. The CAO presented the most current information on the boundary limits for the new municipality, ELG timelines for the selection of the community type, community name, human resources plan, budget, and the swearing in date of the new Council.

   Council members were presented with the ward maps from Elections NB and discussed the process of choosing a community type and name for the new entity 77. Councillors discussed frustrations with their role in the local government reform process.

5. The CAO provided an update on the new plow truck, as well as an outline of the options that may be available once the insurance company decides on the old plow truck which burned on Saturday.

6. The proposed Flood Insurance & Relocation Project was discussed. The CAO advised after the meeting with Lisa Munn, that there are several things still to be worked out by the federal government committee. The program is still in the draft stage of development.

7. Council discussed the launch of the new village website, perth-andover.com. Comments were very positive, and staff was thanked for their efforts in getting this completed.

8. The CAO presented the Sidewalk/Crosswalk Recommendations report from Englobe Corp. This report includes recommendations for standards, locations, maintenance, lighting, and removal of crosswalks in the Village. Councillors discussed the report, and the CAO will follow up with Englobe to get costing on the recommendations for the next regular meeting.

9. Mayor Bell recognized the Southern Victoria Girl's senior basketball team for winning the Provincial Championship for their division, Councillor Shaw, who is a coach of the team, was asked to give remarks.

10. A letter was received from the Hoonigans regarding holding a Valley Rally event in Perth-Andover from August 5th to 7th. Council would like to see a more detailed plan. The CAO will assign a staff person to reach out to the club to get specifics of their plan in terms of venues.

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11. A letter for a donation request was received from Andover Elementary School, requesting partnership and financial support for their plan to refurbish their outdoor track. Council discussed the request, and it was decided that the Recreation Commission would meet to discuss the request and advise on specifications of the track surface, uses of the area, and return to Council with their recommendations.

12. The municipal operations, department action plans, strategic plan items, and the fire department reports were presented.

13. Mayor Bell provided an update on Local Government Reform items currently being discussed at UMNB meetings. Of particular interest was the lack of information provided to the public by ELG regarding the process going forward. Mayor Bell has also done a mayor's message relating to municipal reform. Councillor Cummings reported that the library is approaching the 50th anniversary and would like to see a planned celebration take place.

14. There was a discussion of the Sidewalk Policy Draft, Council decided it to request additional information from Englobe to create a more defined policy.

15. Council discussed the changes to the provincial government Covid plan. It was decided that the current workplace safety plan would remain the same for another month. This will be reviewed during the April Council meeting.

16. The CAO provided information about the start of the River Watch program for 2022. The bridge cam is operational on the Village website for public to access. EMO updates will begin later this month.

17. A discussion was held regarding a request from a food truck vendor asking about using the boardwalk area. Council would like to see a distance required between food trucks and the closest permanent food establishment. The CAO will draft a policy.

18. Councillor Shaw ***MOVED*** that Council go to in-camera session to discuss development issues. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Cummings. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

    Councillor Green ***MOVED*** that Council move out of in-camera session. ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Shaw. ***MOTION CARRIED.***

19. Meeting adjourned.