

Agenda

Village of Fredericton Junction

Council Meeting

September 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

1. Record of Attendance
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Delegations & Petitions
 - Sherri Dumas, 134 Wilsey Rd Proposal
6. Correspondence
7. Unfinished Business
8. Council Statements
9. Council Reports
 - Community & Health Affairs / Finance
 - Administration / Transportation
 - Water & Sewer / Fire
 - Policing / Recreation / Land Development
 - CRSC / Economic Development
10. Other Business
11. Payment of Bills
12. Adjournment

Deputy Mayor B Hartt

Councillor L Daley

Councillor J Webb

Councillor M Mersereau

Mayor L Falconer

**Village of Fredericton Junction
Council Minutes
August 12th, 2024**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Len Falconer	Councillor Lonnie Daley
Deputy Mayor Bobbie Hartt	Councillor Webb
Councillor Mersereau	Grant Artes
Kristie Fowler	Laurie Nason
John Mersereau	Jimmy Jones
Jason Mersereau	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Moved by Councillor Daley and Seconded by Councillor Webb that the July 22nd, 2024 Minutes be accepted as distributed.” Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Councillor Mersereau that the Agenda be accepted as distributed with the change of adding the letter from DTI regarding Prides Landing Rd.” Motion Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Notice of Hearing Capital Borrowing Board - Final copy to go in the newspaper Aug 13th and 14th, 2024
- DTI contract for auctioning services awarded to Jardines
- SCAN program for safer communities, can post anonymously
 - Would be good to add number in our next newsletter and the Crime Stoppers number again
- Generator sale
 - No invoice produced
- Light top camera users - Councillor Daley, Councillor Mersereau and staff
- Funding program “New Horizons for Seniors” deadline for applications September 12, 2024
- Garbage Thrower – position available Aug 20th, 2024
- Community Info Expo August 29, 2024 5:45 pm at Sunbury West
 - VoFJ, Fire Dept and EMO will have a table
- Water sampling schedule info – samples delivered to Fredericton on Fridays must be received no later than 2pm

- Invitation to Municipal Forum 2024
- UMN Bulletin July
- Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program accepting applications October 16, 2024
- Letter received from community members requesting consideration of a multi-use court
 - It is a great idea and would benefit many
 - This is something to further look into

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

- Light-top camera agreement signed and sent
 - Advised on best location near the corner of Sunbury Dr and Wilsey Rd
- Notice of Tracy bridge closure August 12th - September 13th, 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roadwork on Prides Landing Road
 - Council was not opposed to the road being done but requested to have the endorsement of private residents along the road. It is a courtesy to let residents know of a proposed project
 - Inaccurate that DTI would be doing the roadwork but project would be monitored by DTI
 - Surveying has been done, Mayor Falconer spoke to the Surveyor and due diligence is being done by surveying

Deputy Mayor Hartt - A couple points to note:

- On June 25th, 2024 the Village of Fredericton Junction decided we would not be taking on any new tourism projects at this time which was noted in the minutes in July and voted on. This classifies as a Tourism project due to the Oromocto Watershed proposing the project. This decision came from the Village of Fredericton Junction being exhausted in taking on any new Tourism projects due to the Blockhouse project getting extremely out of scope.
- At the July 22nd, 2024 Council Meeting it was decided that a formal letter response be sent to DTI that we get the Oromocto Watershed to contact the private landowners to make them aware and have their endorsement of the proposed project, which is a regular practice at PRAC (Planning Review and Adjustment Committee) for the RSC11 region when new development is going to take place. There are 10 private landowners on the gravel part of Prides Landing Rd and only 1 landowner who is in favour fully. 5 for certain were not contacted.
- The decision is not that I opposed this project but taking into consideration taxpayer's monies as the Village of Fredericton Junction will be responsible for maintaining the road once complete and for financial reasons the timing didn't seem good. Questions arose from taxpayers regarding the Blockhouse and we were hard pressed for answers and didn't want to go through that again.

"Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Councillor Mersereau that the Village of Fredericton is in agreement with the DTI letter from June 26th, 2024 to proceed with the grading, placement of gravel and brush cutting along the gravel section of Prides Landing Road as it pertains to the Public Access portion of the road and is to be done with no cost to the Village of Fredericton Junction ." Motion Carried.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS:

- Come Home Week 2024
 - Letter to Come Home Week Committee of appreciation
 - Approximately 6 people on the committee and they did an amazing job pulling off the 50th Anniversary of Come Home Week
 - The Curling Club supper and the breakfast at the Tri-County during Come Home Week both had great turnouts
 - Matt Harris' float in the parade along with Robin Hanson's sculptures won a prize which is being donated to the Currie House
- Thank you letter was sent from the Currie House for the excellent job our students did helping with trail clean up

COUNCIL REPORTS:CRSC / Economic Development:

Mayor Falconer:

- Ambulance NB – there were no attendants close by for a call over the weekend again
 - Trying to set up a meeting for September with our Council, the Vice President of Ambulance NB, Medavie, Tracy Council, Rural District and Marty Forsythe
 - Harvey has ambulance attendants stationed there all the time
 - It would be better to have attendants stationed here and sleeping than being further away
 - When there is no ambulance here and the Fire Dept goes to the call we need to start sending a bill
- NB Southern Railway Crossing – to be fixed this year
 - To take out crossing next year. Will send a proposal when it is ready

Community & Health Affairs / Finance:

Deputy Mayor Hartt:

Community & Health Affairs

- Come Home Week's 50th Anniversary had great attendance, and a lot of hard work was put in
- Healthcare Recruitment Committee meeting is tonight, Aug 12th but conflicted with our Council Meeting
- Welcome Wagon Community Expo is taking place on August 29th at 5:45pm at Sunbury West School, there will be lots of great information sharing opportunities

Finance

- Budget time is coming up. Budget meetings to start in September

Tourism

- Tourism Chairperson Resignation
 - Due to recent emails dated Aug 12th, 2024 from the Oromocto Watershed President to all of council, the CAO plus a member of the public that were cc'd on. It was deeply disturbing to be threatened in this manner as emails are not the place for these sorts of discussions or slander and involving members of the public that have no back information, and the untruths of the accusations were very unprofessional.

- I enjoyed chairing this committee for various reasons, one of them being involved in making the Village a more fun place to live and because I have spent my entire life here. Tourism was interesting to me, and it is my part to my heritage therefore I was very vested in promoting it.
- It is with deepest regret that at this time I do not feel I can continue as the chairperson of this committee. The miscommunication and not quite accurate information that has been sent in recent months – all in emails not formal meetings, plus the fact that decisions and voting has taken place within council meetings and minuted still get brought up over and over with ill regard to those original decisions previously made and voted on. Also, what is said in public after decisions are made doesn't present us as a united front and that is disheartening. Those are hard circumstances to work under and not worth the effort that is put in on an ongoing basis.
- I will inform the Come Home Week Committee, the FROSTival Committee and Rose Arsenault (Fredericton Tourism) of this decision. There is no need to let the Blockhouse Committee know as in 4 years it dwindled from 5-6 members down to 1.
- Council can decide who they want to take over the Tourism Committee as Chairperson.
- As Finance Chairperson, I will continue to monitor invoices and finances for established sub-committees – CHW and FROSTival.

Administration / Transportation:

Councillor Daley:

Administration

- Administration is going well

Public Works

- Students will be finished up this week except for a couple students making up hours

Transportation

- Email from Dillon Consulting regarding extra costs for the Wilsey Rd project
 - 5 week observation period extension
 - Councillor Webb to respond stating we can't go over budget
 - Project to be tracked closely
 - Project start date is waiting on manholes (which were an addition)

Water & Sewer / Fire:

Councillor Webb:

Water & Sewer

- Budget for tower inspection
 - Councillor Webb to get a quote for 2025
- New turbidity meter is on order

Fire Department

- 2 fire calls so far for August, both MVI's
- Two Fire Truck quotes for Clerk to send to the Capital Borrowing Board

Policing / Recreation / Land Development:

Councillor Mersereau:

Policing

- Receiving lots of emails of what' s going on around the Village lately and forwarding them onto the Sargeant, so they are aware. They can only do what they can but continue sending the information and he will continue forwarding it.

Recreation

- Regarding the letter in Correspondence about having more things for families and kids in the area, it is a good idea to look into. Would need to think more about locations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Unsightly Premises – clarification on process
 - Village would pay and be reimbursed, could take some time
 - Clerk to contact CRSC to begin the process when appropriate financially

“Moved by Deputy Mayor Hartt and Seconded by Councillor Webb to move \$62,238.00 from the General Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Reserve and apply \$42,873.96 to LOC.” Motion Carried.

- Check on percentage allowed in Reserve accounts

“Moved by Councillor Mersereau and Seconded by Councillor Daley to cancel the August 26th Council Meeting for Clerk’s vacation.” Motion Carried

MOVED TO CLOSED MEETINGOPEN SESSION

“Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Councillor Daley to move to open session. Motion Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

“Moved by Councillor Mersereau and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartt that the bills be paid as approved by the appropriate Councillor.” Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Councillor Mersereau and Seconded by Councillor Daley that the meeting be adjourned.” Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Kristin Steuben

Approved by: [Signature]

Date: September 9, 2024