

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
April 17, 2024, 6:30PM

Present

Mayor	-	Peter Saunders
Councillors	-	Angela Silverthorn
	-	Dennis Murphy
	-	Karen Hall-Middleton
	-	Luke Lymburner
Staff	-	Sandra Kelly, Janice Conley

Call to Order Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Agenda It was moved by Councillor Murphy that the agenda be approved as presented.
Seconded by Councillor Lymburner. MOTION CARRIED
48-2024

Conflict of Interest There was no conflict of interest declared.

Approval of Minutes March 20th, 2024

Councillor Lymburner made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, as circulated.
Seconded by Councillor Murphy. MOTION CARRIED
49-2024

Approval of Minutes April 3rd, 2024

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2024, as circulated.
Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn. MOTION CARRIED
50-2024

Business Arising from The Minutes

Library Update The New Brunswick Public Library Service has reported that after an assessment conducted by provincial engineers, the province will not provide any funding to refurbish the St. James Church for a public library. The required renovations to the support system for the floor, accessibility requirements and the need for a sprinkler system make the project too cost prohibitive. A request was made for the official report which will be made available to council at a future date.

Third Reading by Summary – Chief Administrative Officer By-Law 2024-07

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that By-Law 2024-07, a by-law respecting the duties and powers of the chief administrative officer and the relationship between council, the chief administrative officer and the employees of the Community of Three Rivers be given third reading by summary and that it be ordained and passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality thereto. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
51-2024

The clerk gave third reading by summary to By-Law 2024-07, A By-Law respecting the duties and powers of the chief administrative officer and the relationship between council, the chief administrative officer and the employees of the Community of Three Rivers.

Third Reading by Summary – Amendment to the Remuneration of Council By-Law 2022-04A

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that By-Law 2022-04 A, A By-Law to amend By-Law 2022-04 respecting the remuneration of Council for The Community of Three Rivers be given third reading by summary and that it be ordained and passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality thereto. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
52-2024

The Clerk gave third reading by summary to By-Law 2022-04 A, A By-Law to amend By-Law 2022-04 respecting the remuneration of Council for The Community of Three Rivers

New Business

MMHF – Visitor Information Centre Funding

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers release a cheque in the amount of \$1000 to the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame to be used for the visitor information center located in the Hall of Fame. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
53-2024

Codiac Classics Annual Car Show 2024

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the Community of Three Rivers support the Codiac Classics Car Club by providing barricades, garbage cans and washroom facilities for their annual car show to be held in the downtown core on Sunday July 28, 2024. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
54-2024

Zone 2 Meeting Councillor Silverthorn reported she will attend the upcoming zone 2 meeting on April 27th, 2024, being hosted by the municipality of Fundy Albert at the Broadleaf Ranch 10-12 noon.

Mural Main Street Councillor Hall-Middleton received a request from one of the downtown businesses whose building hosts one of the original murals painted in the downtown area. Due to the condition of the mural, they wanted to know if Council is interested in having the mural repainted. Once they have sufficient funds, renovations will be done to their store front, at which time the mural would have to be moved to another location. Council felt that there would be no suitable location to move the mural and because there was no guarantee of how long the mural would remain, it would not be fiscally responsible to incur the expense of having the mural repainted.

Letter re. Dogs off Leash Plantation Road Council received a letter from a concerned citizen with respect to owners allowing their dogs to run off leash on the Plantation Road as well as other areas in the community. PAWS has been notified however there are still dogs running at large in this popular walking area. Council requested a large sign be designed and be posted on Plantation Road requesting owners keep their dogs leashed and that PAWS be contacted again to discuss possible solutions to deal with this issue.

EV Charging Station MMHF NB Power is looking for interested businesses and Municipalities to partner with to provide locations for the installation of public DC Fast Charging Stations across the province. An Expression of Interest was sent by the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame on Hooper Lane Petitcodiac. Council felt this would be a good location as it also houses a visitor information center for the area.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor – Council was reminded that elections for Deputy Mayor will be taking place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council on May 1, 2024.

Who's Ur Mudder

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers set a budget of \$1000 for the upcoming "Who's ur Mudder" event being held June 15th, 2024. Seconded by Councillor Murphy. MOTION CARRIED 55-2024

Letter Requesting Flag Policy Council received a letter asking that Council consider implementing a policy that the municipality not fly any flags other than federal, provincial or municipal flags and only allow traditional crosswalks painted with white lines. After investigation, it was determined that such a policy would be in contravention of the Human Rights Act and that this policy would not be adopted by The Community of Three Rivers.

Correspondence

Community Challenge Grant

It was reported that The Community of Three Rivers has received a \$1200 grant from ParticipACTION to help fund local events to promote activity for the month of June 2024.

In Camera Session

In Camera Session

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting go into an in-camera session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
56-2024

Negotiations
Legal

Regular Session

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the meeting go back to regular session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
57-2024

Recess

Councillor Murphy made a motion to take a recess for 10 minutes. Seconded by Councillor Murphy. MOTION CARRIED
58-2024

Department Reports

Public Works & Transportation, Sewer Councillor Lymburner reported:

- Because of the high cost of hiring an external company to carry out the task of street sweeping, the works department is testing a used street sweeper that would complete this task and will potentially bring this to council for a motion to purchase if its performance is satisfactory.
- Work has begun on remediation of the waterfowl trail after damage incurred due to high water levels.
- Planning has begun for upcoming asphalt projects. Council requested a quote from Brown's paving for patching on the main routes. Cont.

- Planning has begun for pool start up. Paint has been ordered and inventory begun for spare parts for the pump
- The chipper has been taken for an assessment to determine the cost of repairs.
- A quote of \$7600 was given for a set of solar powered crossing lights; official documentation were not presented to Council at the time of the meeting.
- Mayor Saunders requested Works Manager Adam McKiel attend the next meeting.

Public Safety Mayor Saunders attended a meeting at the Regional Service Commission with the Protective Services Committee and members of the RCMP. Topics discussed included:

- off road issues
- shift changes
- townhall meetings
- crimes; car theft being the most prevalent

Recreation Councillor Murphy reported:

- arena is getting cleaned up after ice season, Flyball Dog show is coming up, Kiwanis canteen had a great year, the canteen fan has been rebuilt to save on the high cost of replacement, minor hockey reported they had a successful year with great numbers.
- Pool staffing is being put into place for the upcoming year, pool is scheduled to be up and ready one week prior to classes beginning, barring any unforeseen issues.
- Soccer – there has been some discussion regarding the school district’s change in policy on lawn mowing which may affect the soccer field.
- Ball hockey will take place at the arena in the month of May. Scheduling is being coordinated with the recreation director and arena staff.
- Baseball also requested use of the arena for 3 Sundays in May for dryland training in case the weather does not permit training outside.
- Basketball court still not completed as groundwork has not done
- Plans for Canada Day are underway.

Finance Noting to report

Environmental Health Nothing to report

Community Development Councillor Hall-Middleton reported:

- Community wide yard sale is May 25, 2024
- Facebook Page has 916 followers
- The Maple Street Park Committee met to discuss some of their priorities in future planning
- The Garden Club has some small projects planned

- She attended the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame AGM. They have secured funding for their expansion which will be moving forward this year. They will be hosting their annual car show and golf tournament.
- A local resident requested council consider setting up a bottle collection site at the garage to donate funds to different charities. Tabled

Residential & Industrial Development

- **Gypsum Quarry** Councillor Murphy suggested a meeting be set up with the carrier when they are awarded the contract to haul gypsum from the Glenvale Quarry to discuss speed limits, traffic patterns, concerns around pedestrians, children and cyclists using the streets they'll be travelling on to haul their product.
- **Lift Station Holmes Brook** Mayor Saunders reported the engineering report came back on the Holmes Brook Lift Station and based on the assessment, the existing sanitary sewer system including lift station and forcemain have the capacity for expanded use. It also recommended upgrades be considered over the next several years in order to maintain operations in the future.

EMO Councillor Silverthorn reported she attended a meeting regarding a regional agreement to share services/ supplies with respect to EMO and asked Council to again consider if this is the route they want to go. Mayor Saunders requested Council table a decision until more information is gathered from other small municipalities who are also considering this option.

Library Discussed earlier in the meeting

Regional Service Commission Mayor Saunders reported on their last meeting - some topics discussed were:

- Upcoming needs for road infrastructure over the next 25 years
- A non-urban discussion that noted challenges facing smaller entities that can't afford to have lawyers, engineers, and human resource staff. A survey will be coming out to determine priorities and will look at models to cost share staff.

General Government

Mayor Saunders attended the Support People of Today's AGM

Ward 1 Councillor Hall-Middleton reported she called DTI with regards to a washed-out culvert on the Intervale Road. They did come out and place more pylons however it is not on the replacement schedule for this year.

Ward 3 Councillor Silverthorn reported:

- Asphaltting of the Elgin Road is moving forward, and a request has been submitted to have the distance extended.
- She will be contacting DTI to request a flashing speed sign for the Elgin area.
- She is working on attaining highway signage for the Elgin Bike Park and would like the Mapleton Trail and the Elgin Bike Park added to any new signage at the off ramps from the highway.
- The community health assessment is moving forward and will be reaching out to community members for their priorities in health care.
- The Parkindale Hall has done fund raising and built a new deck and is hosting bingo.
- Elgin Eco Association is having their AGM on May 2, 2024. There is a new bike race coming up in May and they are working on their webpage.
- The Women’s Institute is having a new technology education program for their seniors.
- She had a complaint about unsightly premises.

Passing of Accounts

Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund up to April 17, 2024, in the amount of \$215,643.66. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner. MOTION CARRIED 59-2024

Community of Three Rivers General Sewer Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund up to April 17, 2024, in the amount of \$1282.25. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED 60-2024

Adjournment Councillor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley