

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
December 6, 2023, 6:30 PM

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 Hall-Middleton that the agenda be approved as circulated. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
196-2023

Conflict of Interest Mayor Saunders called a Conflict of Interest on Item 5A

Approval of Minutes November 1st 2023

Councillor Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1st, 2023.
Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
197-2023

Councillor Lymburner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 15th, 2023.
Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
198-2023

Mayor Saunders left the meeting at this time.

Presentations

Glyphosate A presentation was made to Council by concerned citizens with regards to the use of Glyphosate. Of special concern was aerial spraying in areas close to houses, waterways and wetlands, and the ramifications of how this is affecting the health of those living in those areas. It was noted that currently there is no available testing for glyphosate levels in soil or water in the Province of New Brunswick. A map will be provided to Council electronically showing the Crown Land Spray Map.

Mayor Saunders returned to the meeting.

Pilot Project Elgin Seniors & Horizon Health

A presentation was made to Council outlining details of a potential pilot project to be hosted by the Elgin Seniors & Horizon Health that would see a partnership with UNB nursing students to facilitate a screening clinic held once a month in Elgin for three months to provide health-check ins and health resources for residents. A draft proposal including a budget was presented for Council’s consideration. A decision to provide funding will be made once a final cost is made available.

Business Arising from The Minutes

Motion for Environmental Assessment of 22 Church Street, Petitcodiac – Proposed Library Space

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers hire All-Tech Environmental Services Limited to conduct a Hazmat Assessment at 22 Price Street to include testing for asbestos, lead testing in paint, mercury switches/thermostats, CGCs and silica-based products at a cost of \$3219.50 plus tax. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
199-2023

New Business

Motion – Animal Control Services 2024 Ward 2

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the Community of Three Rivers renew its service agreement with People for Animal Wellbeing (PAW) to provide animal control services to Ward 2 including 24/7 emergency services, by-law enforcement and pound services for dogs found at large at a cost of \$3025 annually plus tax. This would see an increase of \$324 annually over 2023 rates. At this time, Animal Control Services in Wards 1 and 3 are still under an existing provincial contract and The Community of Three Rivers submits a quarterly payment to the province for these services. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
200-2023

Motion to Purchase Used Firetruck – Petitcodiac Fire Department

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers purchase a 2006 Spartan E1 Gladiator Fire Truck, including two new tires, to replace the Petitcodiac Department’s 1993 Top Kick. The truck is to be purchased from Red Deer Motors Inc. and tires from Fountain Tire at a total cost of \$44,994.03. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
201-2023

Transfer of Funds for 2006 Spartan Fire Truck – Petitcodiac Fire

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers transfers \$44,994.03 from the General Capital Reserve to the General Capital Fund to pay for the purchase of a 2006 Spartan E1 Gladiator Fire Truck and two new tires for the Petitcodiac Fire Department. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
202-2023

Motion to Transfer Insurance Funds – 2018 Firetruck Petitcodiac

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers transfer insurance proceed funds in the amount of \$174,410.00 from the General Operating Fund to a restricted bank account for the Community of Three Rivers. Funds are from the vehicle accident loss of the 2018 Fire Truck and must be held to pay the annual Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Debenture No. BR 36-2017 for the duration of the loan up to and including 2027. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
203-2023

Update on Overdue Sewer Accounts

CAO Sandra Kelly reported that progress is being made on collection of payments for the outstanding sewer accounts that had been motioned for the disconnection process at a previous meeting of council as per by-law No.51. Several have been paid in full, some are on arranged payment plans and others have made partial payments and will be setting up payment plans.

Motion to Approve Insurance Policy 2024

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers renew its Municipal Insurance Policy as prepared by Imperial/Langham & West Insurance Ltd. through Intact Insurance for the upcoming one-year term beginning January 1, 2024, in the amount of \$112,482 as per the property and vehicle schedules and limits presented. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
204-2023

Letter of Support Petty Trail Blazers

Council requested more time to review the proposal and will bring it back a future meeting.

Winter Maintenance Pilot Program

Council was presented with details of a pilot project for the winter maintenance program for Ward 2 in The Community of Three Rivers. The program will begin January 1, 2024 and run until March 25, 2024 to be reviewed and evaluated in the spring of 2024. The premise is to allow the works department employees to only report to work on a need be basis for snow removal and regular maintenance for all municipal property in Ward 2 while receiving a guaranteed wage. This program has worked successfully in other municipalities and has seen a reduction in overtime wages and burn-out of employees due to extended hours of work during storm events.

Request to Cost Share Petitcodiac B&G Club

Council received a request from the Petitcodiac B&G Club to cost share on the purchase and installation of 230' of chain link fence that would be installed between the club and the Petitcodiac arena at a cost of approximately \$6000-\$7000. The fence would be installed to cut down on vandalism at the club that they feel is coming from children who are visiting the Petitcodiac Arena and to provide a safety measure so children from the club are staying away from the area frequented by the zamboni . Council discussed several alternative solutions and requested a letter be sent to the club once a decision has been made.

Correspondence

Thank You Letter Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame

Council received a thank you letter for their support for the 17th annual Induction Ceremony that was held at the Inn on Prince, Truro, NS on November 18, 2023.

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 December 6th, 2023, in the amount of \$86,142.21 . Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
205-2023

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 December 6th, 2023 in the amount of \$12,434.89. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
206-2023

Adjournment Councillor Lymburner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley