

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
May 15, 2024, 6:30PM

Present

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

Call to Order Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Agenda It was moved by Councillor Hall-Middleton that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
77-2024

Conflict of Interest There was no conflict of interest declared.

Approval of Minutes May 1st, 2024

Councillor Lymburner made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, as circulated. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
78-2024

Presentations

Hammond River Holdings – Glenvale Gypsum Quarry Project Manager Daniel Guest attended the meeting to share details with Council on progress at the Glenvale Gypsum Quarry located off of Route 890 in Ward 1, The Community of Three Rivers. Topics discussed included an update on construction, upcoming transition from the construction to operational phase, monitoring strategies for community concerns with respect to air quality, blasting, water quality, pre-blasting surveys of homes located in a 600-meter radius around the blast area, trucking routes, schedules, as well as concerns regarding road conditions. As per the New Brunswick Mining Act, he requested Council provide a letter of consent that Hammond River Holdings proceed with the activities pertaining to the extraction and processing of gypsum at the Glenvale site. Council had no objections to providing a letter of consent.

Works Department – Adam McKiel

Works Department Manager Adam Mckiel attended the meeting to discuss current and proposed projects for the municipal works department summer 2024. Some topics discussed were asphalt projects, ditching, repair of the river trail, flower beds in the downtown area, pool preparation for the 2024 season, basketball & pickleball courts, the community garden, repairs of lawns from snow removal damage, and status of works equipment.

Business Arising from The Minutes

Residential/Industrial Development

A letter was received from Plan 360 with respect to a property located on Russell Street that is being considered for conversion to a multi-unit dwelling. They requested Council review the proposed development and note any concerns with respect to sewage, parking, and water supply. The sewer lines were previously checked and approved by the works department for increased capacity, the parking plan showed adequate parking however Council did have concerns with one well servicing multiple units and asked that Plan 360 be consulted on how to address this concern.

Library Update

Council received an update from Englobe Engineering outlining details of the upcoming comprehensive study for the Church repurposing project which will begin at the end of May 2024.

EMO Update

Mayor Saunders reported he has a meeting with the protective committee from the Regional Service Committee on June 14th and will report back any findings at the next regular council meeting.

New Business

Westmorland County Fair Annual Funding

Councillor Silverthorn made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers issue annual funding to the Westmorland County Fair in the amount of \$4000 contingent on a copy of the 2023 financial statements are made available for Council’s review before the cheque is released. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
79-2024

Request for Use of Logo – The Pantry Tabled

Motion to Amend the Agenda – Department Reports

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers amend the Department Reports section of the agenda so that reports on Wards 1 and Ward 3 are moved to the beginning of Department Reports. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
80-2024

Motion to Recess

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting take a short recess. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn. MOTION CARRIED
81-2024

Back to Order

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting go back to order. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
82-2024

Correspondence

Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Funding Letters from UMN to Ministers Fraser and Savoie Presented for Council's perusal. No action required; no action taken.

In Camera Session

In Camera Session

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that the meeting go into an in-camera session. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn. MOTION CARRIED
83-2024

Legal
Land

Regular Session

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting go back to regular session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
84-2024

Motion to Proceed with Delivery of Letter Re: Dog Bite

Background: Council was provided a letter by legal counsel with respect to an ongoing dog bite investigation. The letter is written to the owners of the dog that was involved in this incident. The dog has been deemed dangerous as per a report submitted by an independent dog behavior specialist.

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers have a letter delivered to the owners of a dog who has been deemed dangerous and was involved in a dog bite incident in the municipality. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
85-2024

Department Reports

Public Works & Transportation, Sewer Discussed earlier in the meeting under presentations.

Public Safety Mayor Saunders reported the RCMP's safety officers were in the municipality and were confiscating vehicles that did not meet road safety standards.

Recreation Councillor Murphy was not present to report.

Finance Nothing to report at this time.

Environmental Health Nothing to report at this time.

Community Development Councillor Hall-Middleton gave an update on:

- the Community Garden Club
- The Community Wide Yard Sale
- Whose Ur Mudder
- Bottle Recycling Program
- Facebook Promotion going well
- Canada Flags for Elgin
- Disc Golf Course
- Three River Storage on Route 895 is now open for business

Residential & Industrial Development Discussed earlier in the meeting.

EMO Discussed earlier in the meeting

Library Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Regional Service Commission Nothing to report at this time.

General Government It was reported that PAWS (formerly SPCA) has been doing patrols on Plantation Road in response to complaints of dogs running off leash in that area. They also expressed that the signage installed now should be sufficient and extra signage is not warranted as it would not be more effective.

Ward 1 Nothing to report at this time.

Ward 3 Councillor Silverthorn reported:

- Health Needs assessment has been done in Elgin, Anagance and Parkindale
- Elgin Eco Association bike race & bike rally coming up
- Elgin Eco Association web site live and operational
- Senior Hall had spring tea event and will be hosting a computer skills course
- Parkindale Hall Events

Passing of Accounts

Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund up to May 15, 2024, in the amount of \$103,468.68. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
86-2024

Community of Three Rivers General Sewer Operating Fund

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund up to May 15, 2024, in the amount of \$17,614.19. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner

MOTION CARRIED
87-2024

Adjournment Councillor Lymburner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley