

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
November 20, 2024, 6:30PM

Present

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

Call to Order Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Murphy. **MOTION CARRIED**
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Conflict of Interest There was no conflict of interest declared.

Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2024

Councillor Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. **MOTION CARRIED**
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Presentations No Presentations

Business Arising from The Minutes

Library Update – 22 Price Street Location

Councillor Silverthorn reported on a meeting held with several members of the New Brunswick Public Library Service to discuss the proposed location for the Petitcodiac Library. A review was done of the engineering and architectural study of the building located at 22 Price St. , Petitcodiac.

Key Concerns Raised:

- The proposed plan of the top floor of the church is too small to operate a public library. This space would not allow for any programming space, and they calculated a 40% reduction in the collection size.
- issues for accessibility
- the high cost for structural renovations to support the proposed use

The New Brunswick Public Library Service expressed the opinion that **renovating the building** would not be financially feasible, especially since the finished space would still fail to meet the needs of the community.

Conclusion: The current proposed location for the Petitcodiac Library does not meet the requirements based on size and would incur significant renovation costs for a facility that would not meet the library's needs. It was suggested that alternative options be considered to better serve the community's needs.

As a result of this conclusion, Council felt that the building should be offered back to the original organization that donated it to the Municipality

Motion To Proceed Re: 22 Price Street, Petitcodiac

Councillor Silverthorn moved that, due to the unsuitability of the church building and land located at 22 Price Street, Petitcodiac, NB (PID 00811752) for use as a public library, the Community of Three Rivers offers to return the property to the Trustees of Saint James United Church. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
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Fencing of Livestock – Ward 1 Councillor Murphy

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers reach out to legal counsel to discuss a livestock by-law for The Community of Three Rivers. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
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New Business

Works Department Winter Maintenance Program 2025
amended Works Department Winter Maintenance Program for 2025.

Council reviewed the

Councillor Hall Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers adopt the 2025 Works Department Winter Maintenance Program. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
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Installation of Mini Splits - Firehall Petitcodiac

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers move forward with the purchase and installation of 2 Samsung Max Heat 3.0 mini split systems along with any required electrical work at a cost of \$11,600 plus HST for the Petitcodiac Fire Hall. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
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Motion to Amend Village of Petitcodiac Gas Tax Agreement 2019-2023

Councillor Murphy made to amend the Village of Petitcodiac's 2019-2023 Gas Tax Fund Agreement to include Community Energy Systems, allocating funds for a project at the Petitcodiac Firehall to supply and install two mini-split heating and cooling systems, along with the required electrical work. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
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Reschedule Council Meeting January 1, 2025

Council agreed to cancel the first meeting of Council in January 2025 as it falls on January 1st. The first regular meeting will be January 15, 2025. A special meeting in January can be called if required.

Highway Exit Signs Councillor Murphy requested an update on refurbishment or replacement of the highway signs located at the off ramps for exits 414 and 239. Council agreed that the signs should be evaluated and up to date quotes be attained for replacement in 2025.

Motion - Medical Center – Land Lease Agreement

Background: A draft lease agreement was presented to the council for review regarding land intended to house the new medical center in Petitcodiac. The agreement is between The Community of Three Rivers, as the Lessor, and His Majesty The King in Right of The Province of New Brunswick, represented by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, as the Lessee. The proposed lease, which is for a term of 99 years and pertains to land located on Railway Avenue designated for the construction of the new medical center, has also been sent out for legal counsel review.

Councillor Murphy moved that The Community of Three Rivers enter into a lease agreement with His Majesty The King in Right of The Province of New Brunswick, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, for a 99-year lease for lands located on Railway Avenue, Petitcodiac, owned by The Community of Three Rivers, to accommodate the establishment of a new medical center. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
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Correspondence No correspondence.

Department Reports

Ward 1 Councillor Hall-Middleton reported:

- The FGA is hosing a tree lighting ceremony on Nov 24

Beautification

- More tulip bulbs were added to the flower bed at the end of Main Street
- Large flowerpots downtown being decorated for Christmas
- The Christmas shopping party is December 12 from 5-8 pm
- Community appreciation event is planned for Nov 24 2-5 pm

Maple Street Park

- The improvements to the outdoor skating rink are progressing with purchase and installation of boards. Donations were received from the Kiwanis (\$2000) and Horizon Health (\$1000)

Garden Club

- They will be decorating the train in Burlington Park

EMO

- A community meeting will be held November 27th, 2024. Melissa Pageau from EMO Moncton and Michelle Tupper from the Petitcodiac Fire Department will be making a presentation on being prepared for an emergency.

Ward 3 Councillor Silverthorn reported:

- She attended the Petitcodiac, Salisbury and Surrounding Area Community Health and Wellness Advisory Committee meeting
- The Commercial Sign for the Elgin Eco Association has been installed on Route 905
- There will be a Sexual Health Clinic being held December 6, 2024
- She attended a PSSC meeting where they reviewed a new tracking system for student behavior
- She attended a SHEP CLC meeting
- She and Mayor Saunders met with the NB Public Library Services (NBPLS) staff to discuss viability of using the building at 22 Price Street for the Community of Three Rivers library. She also met with the local library board and the NBPLS to discuss the same issue.

Public Works & Transportation, Sewer

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety

RCMP were in the area doing another traffic stop.

Recreation Councillor Murphy reported:

- **Pool** – waiting on estimate for repairs to pool including new heater, pool liner, new outside skirting. Financing may not be available for all upgrades this year
- **Arena** - things are going well. Most ice times are booked, and staff are doing a great job
- **Pickleball** – Thursdays at 7 pm at Petitcodiac Regional School. Numbers have been down.
- **Parade** – Festival of lights Parade will be December 6th.

Finance

Nothing to report at this time.

Environmental Health Nothing to report at this time.

Residential & Industrial Development Nothing to report at this time.

EMO This item was discussed under reports for Ward 1.

Library Discussed earlier in the meeting under Library Updates.

Regional Service Commission Councillor Hall-Middleton attended a meeting at the Regional Service Commission where working groups determined how communities can move forward to promote tourism.

General Government A reminder Budget Meetings will be held November 21st and 28th, 2024 at 6:30 at the Municipal Office.

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 November 20th, 2024, in the amount of \$210,952.73 Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
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Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund up to November 20th, 2024, in the amount of \$1274.25. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
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Adjournment Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley