

**Minutes**

Regular Meeting of the Council of Fundy Albert

13 School St. Alma, NB. Cultural Centre

April 2, 2024, at 6 PM

**PRESENT**

Robert Rochon- Mayor

John Ereaux- Councillor, Ward 1

Loretta Elderkin- Councillor, Ward 2

Jeff Land- Councillor, Ward 3

Jeff Jonah- Councillor, Ward 4

Jim Coates- Councillor, Ward 5

Heather Ward Russell- Councillor, Ward 6

Tammy Rampersaud- Assistant Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Rochon** called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Elderkin** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Land** THAT the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

-Motion from the table

-Public Comments and Statements

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**6. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Mrs. Chrysostom had a presentation time of 2 minutes and spoke about the Alma Village Square Improvement Resources.

#### 7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

None

#### 8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

None

#### 9. BY-LAWS

a. Dangerous or Unsightly Premises By-Law for Fundy Albert

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Land** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Jonah** THAT first reading by title be given to By-Law 2024-06, a By-Law relating to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises in the Village of Fundy Albert.

##### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Councillor Ereaux** noted that the text of the By-Law was built from the Local Governance Act.

b. A By-Law to amend By-Law No 2022-24, respecting the Remuneration of Council for Fundy Albert

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Ereaux** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Coates** THAT first reading by title be given to By-Law No. 2022-04A, a By-Law to amend By-Law 2022-04 respecting the Remuneration of Council for Fundy Albert.

##### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

**Councillor Coates** inquired about 2 tenders- fire truck and trailer- that were issued by the Village.

**Councillor Ereaux** reminded the public of both an Alma Water System meeting and Strategic Planning session coming up in Alma.

The other Councillors made mention of the upcoming Strategic Planning sessions throughout the Village.

## 11. NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

### a. Motion relating to SERSC waste collection

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Solid Waste Collection contracts will be terminated in November of 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Southeast Regional Service Commission is endeavoring to implement a Regional Solid Waste Collection Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Fundy Albert will need to find an alternate solution to solid waste collection until a regional model is implemented;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert inform the Southeast Regional Service Commission of its intention to opt-in to a regional solid waste collection model to be managed by ECO360 starting February 1st, 2025 or earlier.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert approach the Southeast Regional Service Commission ECO 360 to provide assistance in contracting with a solid waste collection provider for Fundy Albert from November 2024, until a regional solid waste Collection solution is implemented.

**Moved by:** *Councillor Ward Russell*

**Seconded by:** *Councillor Land*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### b. Motion authorizing correspondence to the Minister of Service New Brunswick

**WHEREAS** the Union of Municipalities has corresponded with the Minister of Service New Brunswick over concerns relating to an insert that was sent to all New Brunswick property tax payers informing them to contact their local government over concerns with their tax bills; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick has expressed their disappointment with the manner in which the provincial government has handled the situation; and

**WHEREAS** the municipality of Fundy Albert shares the concerns identified by the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorizes a letter to the Minister of Service New Brunswick expressing support for these concerns conveyed by the UMNb.

**Moved by:** *Councillor Jonah*

**Seconded by:** *Councillor Land*

**MOTION CARRIED-** Councillor Ereaux voted Nay.

**Councillor Ereaux** explained that he is supportive of both the issue and UMMB but finds the letter finger-pointing.

c. Motion relating to grants and contributions

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert has a Grants and Contributions Program Policy in place; and

**WHEREAS** applications have been received in accordance with the policy;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert approve the following monetary grants

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Friends of Fundy	Rising Tides Festival	3,000
Literacy Express	Pre-School Program	3,000
The Harvey Hall	Building Improvements	2,490
Alma Recreation Council	Building Improvements	1,000
Alma Collective	Alma Fleet Launch Activities	4,000
Forest Dale	Home Elevated garden bed	250
HDMH Association	Annual Minor Hockey Grant	8,000
Albert County Historical Society	Traveling Exhibit Project	3,000
Albert County Exhibition	Sponsorship	1,000
Shepody Fish & Game Association	Annual Fall Supper Sponsorship	250
Fundy Blades Figure Skating Club	Annual Figure Skating Grant	4,000
NB Railway Museum	Museum Grant	3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$32,990</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to approve other in-kind contribution requests.

**Moved by:** *Councillor Elderkin*

**Seconded by:** *Councillor Ereaux*

There was a discussion about waiting until information regarding Canada Day was clear.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and SECONDED by *Councillor Ward Russell* to table this motion until Canada Day information was known.

**MOTION CARRIED**

d. Motion relating to Maritime Enforcement Services

**WHEREAS** the bylaw enforcement is a municipal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS** Maritime Enforcement Services are able to provide the full range of by-law enforcement services in all of Fundy Albert;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorizes a contract for services with Maritime Enforcement Services for the provision of 16 hours of by-law enforcement services per week at a cost of \$53,800 per year, plus HST.

**Moved by:** *Councillor Land*

**Seconded by:** *Councillor Jonah*

**MOTION CARRIED**

e. Motions relating to committees

1. **WHEREAS** the Village of Fundy Albert By-Law No. 2022-03, a By-Law respecting the Proceedings of Fundy Albert Municipal Council and Committee Meetings provides for the appointment of Council representatives to such committees as required by legislation, agreement or by-law they deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert deems it necessary to have a Personnel Committee;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves a Personnel Committee for the 2024 calendar year;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVES THAT** the following members of Council be appointed to the personnel committee:

**Co-Chair:** *Councillor Elderkin*

**Co-Chair:** *Councillor Ward Russell*

**Moved by:** *Councillor Ward Russell*

**Seconded by:** *Councillor Jonah*

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. **WHEREAS** the Village of Fundy Albert By-Law No. 2022-03, a By-Law respecting the Proceedings of Fundy Albert Municipal Council and Committee Meetings provides for the appointment of Council representatives to such committees as required by legislation, agreement or by-law they deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the interest of the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert to create an ad hoc committee to study a request received from the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee for the establishment of an ATV by-law that would permit the operation of all-terrain vehicles on municipal streets;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the creation of an ad hoc committee tasked with reviewing the request from the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee and provide recommendations to Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVES THAT** the following members of Council be appointed to the ad hoc committee:

**Chair: Councillor Coates**

**Member: Councillor Land**

**Moved by: *Councillor Coates***

**Seconded by: *Councillor Land***

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. **WHEREAS** the Village of Fundy Albert By-Law No. 2022-03, a By-Law respecting the Proceedings of Fundy Albert Municipal Council and Committee Meetings provides for the appointment of Council representatives to such committees as required by legislation, agreement or by-law they deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the interest of the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert to create an ad hoc committee to review the water and wastewater by-laws from the former municipalities of Alma, Riverside-Albert and Hillsborough and to create a single by-law for Fundy Albert;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the creation of an ad hoc committee tasked with reviewing the water and wastewater bylaws in

place in the municipality and make recommendations to Council that would consolidate these into a single by-law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVES THAT** the following members of Council be appointed to the ad hoc committee:

**Chair: Councillor Ereaux**

**Member: Councillor Elderkin**

**Moved by: *Councillor Ereaux***

**Seconded by: *Councillor Coates***

**MOTION CARRIED**

f. Approval of the 2022 Riverside-Albert audited financials

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statements for the former incorporated Village of Riverside-Albert as prepared and presented by Andrew Turnbull, CPA, with Ascend LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

**Moved by: *Councillor Elderkin***

**Seconded by: *Councillor Land***

**MOTION CARRIED**

g. Motion relating to glyphosate testing

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorizes a test of the Riverside-Albert community water source for the presence of glyphosate. Such testing will be conducted at a time as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Operations.

**Moved by: *Councillor Jonah***

**Seconded by: *Councillor Elderkin***

**MOTION CARRIED**

h. Motion to retrieve previous motion from the table- Alma water and sewer rates

**IT WAS MOVED** by ***Councillor Ereaux*** and **SECONDED** by ***Councillor Coates*** to retrieve this motion from the table- THAT under the provisions allowed for under Section 27(a) of the Alma By-Law #88A that water and sewer rates for rate payers who are not connected to the Alma

water system, and thus not using the system at all, for any of the period during the 2024 calendar year be held at the 2023 rates.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED** by *Councillor Ereaux* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Elderkin* to withdraw the original motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

12. PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Warnock spoke about the history of Maritime Enforcements in Alma and a previous presentation they had made. *Mayor Rochon* took a few minutes to discuss expectations for By-Law Enforcement and Unsightly Premises in the Village.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS MOVED** by *Councillor Land*



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**MAYOR**



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**CLERK**



Minutes

Special Meeting of the Council of Fundy Albert

April 24, 2024, at 4:00PM

W.H. Steeves House Museum, 40 Mill Street, Hillsborough, NB

**PRESENT**

Robert Rochon – Mayor

Loretta Elderkin – Councillor Ward 2

Jeff Jonah – Councillor, Ward 4

Heather Ward-Russell – Ward 6

John Ereaux – Councillor, Ward 1

Jeff Land – Councillor Ward 3

Jim Coates – Councillor Ward 5

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Mayor Rochon** called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION** that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

All members of council consent.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None

4. ALMA UTILITY CAPITAL FUND TRANSFER

**WHEREAS** the replacement of a fire hydrant in the community of Alma is crucial to mitigate risk to a temporary water supply in 2024;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Village of Fundy Albert Council authorizes the transfer of \$14,780 from the Alma Utility Capital Reserve to the Alma Utility Operating Fund to proceed with the replacement of the fire hydrant.

**Moved by:** Councillor Ereaux

**Seconded by:** Councillor Coates

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Elderkin** to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 pm.



Robert Rochon, Mayor



Linda Sabourin, CAO/Clerk