

Present: Mayor Campbell  
Councillor Land  
Councillor Ward-Russell  
Councillor Coates  
Councillor Garden  
Councillor Jonah  
Councillor Elderkin

Staff Present: Sean Wallace – Chief Administrative Officer  
Kim Beers – Director, Legislative Services/Clerk

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Campbell** called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Land** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Elderkin** **THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None declared.

### **BY-LAW**

#### **First Reading**

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Landl** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Elderkin** **THAT** Council give first reading by title only to By-Law 25-WAP-069-FA-02, A By-Law to Amend Ministerial Regulation 21-WAP-069-00.

**MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

**IT WAS MOVED** by **Councillor Elderkin** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Coates** **THAT** Council give second reading in its entirety to By-Law 25-WAP-069-FA-02, A ByLaw to Amend Ministerial Regulation 21-WAP-069-00.

#### The Westmorland-Albert Planning Area RURAL PLAN REGULATION

The Council of the Village of Fundy Albert under the authority vested in it by Section 44 and in accordance with Section 59 of the Community Planning Act, SNB 2017, c.19 amends Ministerial Regulation 21-WAP-069-00, the Westmorland-Albert Planning Area Rural Plan Regulation and enacts as follows:

1. Ministerial Regulation 21-WAP-069-00, filed in the Westmorland County Registry Office on September 6, 2022 as number 43069906, is hereby amended as follows:

- Schedule A-2, being the Westmorland-Albert Planning Area Zoning Map, is amended as shown on the map dated March 04, 2025, attached hereto as Schedule FA-1

**MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

## **PRESENTATION**

Ms. Jessica O'Dell – All women's firefighting symposium

Ms. O'Dell presented a proposal regarding attendance at the All-Women's Firefighting Symposium in Oakville, Ontario, a North America-wide training and networking event specifically tailored for women in the fire service. The symposium includes both hands-on and theoretical training, catering to all levels from beginners to chiefs, and includes leadership development components.

The event is designed to address the unique challenges women face in a male-dominated field, offering alternative techniques and approaches suited to female firefighters. It also aims to improve adaptability and inclusivity within the fire service. As one of the few female fire instructors in the region, Ms. O'Dell emphasized the value of this training in enhancing her instructional capabilities and outreach across New Brunswick.

Keynote speakers include high-ranking female fire service professionals, such as a battalion chief from FDNY. Attendees have already been registered in their selected courses, some of which have since sold out.

Funding efforts were discussed Ms. O'Dell is presenting to the Hillsborough Fire Dept. for support.

Any surplus funds raised beyond expenses will be used to purchase training equipment or materials from the trade show to benefit local departments and improve community training efforts.

**Councillor Elderkin** expressed strong support for the symposium opportunity, noting it as a wonderful initiative. Also, highlighted the potential to recruit more talented women from the Fundy Albert area to join the volunteer fire service, emphasizing the value of expanding female participation in local departments.

**Councillor Land** advised he supports the symposium attendance, stating it is a great idea.

**Councillor Elderkin** requested a follow-up on the outcome of the funding request and presentation to the Hillsborough Fire Department regarding support for symposium attendance.

**Councillor Jonah** advised he is fully supportive of the symposium participation.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**IT WAS MOVED** by *Councillor Elderkin* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Jonah* that Council have an in-camera session at 6:34 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

Local Governance Act 68(1) (d) the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land.

**IT WAS MOVED** by *Councillor Elderkin* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Jonah* to return to the regular session at 6:59 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS MOVED** by *Councillor Elderkin* **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:59 pm

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Mayor

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Clerk