

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
January 17, 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 6:35 pm and asked for any additions to the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED
04-2024

Conflict of Interest There was no conflict of interest declared.

Approval of Minutes December 20, 2023 and January 3, 2024

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023, as circulated. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
05-2024

Councillor Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024, as circulated. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
06-2024

Business Arising from The Minutes

Elgin Health Screening Project

Background: A presentation was made to Council in December of 2023, outlining details of a 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.

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the Community of Three Rivers donate \$349.39 towards the cost of purchasing items needed for the Elgin Health Screening Pilot Project. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

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07-2024

Library Update Councillor Silverthorn reported she met with a member of the local library board to have cursory discussions around potential needs and funding in establishing a new facility for the community library. She also attained documentation outlining standard policies from the province related to the process of moving forward with library construction/renovations. Meetings will be set up with the provincial and local library boards to discuss next steps.

Circular Materials EPR-PPP Program Update Information was presented to Council outlining which communities will be taking part in the PPP program, an extended producer responsibility program for packaging and paper products in New Brunswick. A meeting will be held next week with participating communities to discuss details of how the existing garbage contracts will be affected in 2024 as the new program rolls out prior to those contracts being completed.

New Business

No new business.

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

In Camera

In Camera Session Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that the meeting go into an in-camera session. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
08-2024

Legal

Regular Session Councillor Murphy made a motion that the meeting go back to regular session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
09-2024

Department Reports

Public Works & Transportation, Sewer No report at this time.

Public Safety Mayor Saunders reported the RCMP quarterly report is available and will be emailed for Council's perusal.

Recreation Councillor Murphy reported:

- Things are going well at the arena. Minor Hockey has applied to host a U15 tournament.
- A new railing will be installed on the external front stairs at the arena.
- The fan motor in the Kiwanis Canteen needs to be repaired. This will be done in the spring.
- He did an inspection at the arena. All was in great shape, but he will be asking staff to pay more attention to the cleanliness of the washrooms.
- Dehumidifiers at the arena will be installed this spring.
- There will be a meeting on Monday to discuss the pool pumps.
- A local group has offered to donate funds to install footing for the outdoor basketball court. They are currently looking at details including pricing and companies that do this type of work.
- Councillor Murphy is having a new fire pit constructed for Maple Street Park with an estimated cost of \$1000.

Finance The province has approved the municipal budgets for 2024. They have been posted on the website at www.threeriversnb.ca.

Environmental Health Nothing to report.

Community Development Councillor Hall-Middleton reported:

- The Community Yard Sale will take place May 25, 2024, with proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis
- A meeting with Tourism NB is tentatively scheduled for next week.
- The "meals for seniors" initiative has attained a driver to make deliveries, so they are looking for more seniors who qualify to take part in the program.
- A winter carnival meeting will be held tomorrow.
- There are currently 700 followers on the COTR Facebook page.
- Quotes are being attained to replace highway information signs located at the offramps from highways 1 and 2.

Residential & Industrial Development

Nothing to report at this time.

EMO

Work is still progressing in developing an EMO plan for the community of Three Rivers

Library

Discussed under Library Update.

Regional Service Commission

Nothing to report at this time.

General Government

- The clerk gave an update on the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame expansion project.
- The CAO reported the Westmorland County Fair is planning their annual fair as well as several fundraising events throughout the spring/summer.
- The CAO attended the administrator’s meeting at the Regional Service Commission and reported on some of the topics discussed including recycling projects, increased demand for building permits, accessible transportation through Rural Rides, tourism, regional infrastructure cost sharing and housing strategies.
- CAO reported Englobe has completed the Asset Management Project .
- A letter will be sent to the Scotia Bank to see what plans are for their building on Main Street after the bank closure slated for 2024.

Ward 1

Nothing to report at this time.

Ward 3

Councillor Silverthorn reported:

- the Elgin Eco Association will be hosting a bike event to be held in February of 2024.
- The Elgin Eco Association will be hosting their winter carnival on February 18, 2024.

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 January 17, 2024, in the amount of \$69,788.74 . Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
10-2024

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 January 17, 2024, in the amount of \$1,342.06. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
11-2024

Adjournment Councillor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley