



Village of Baddeck
492 Chebucto Street
Unit 5, P.O. Box 63
Baddeck, Nova Scotia B0E 1B0

Monthly Village Commissioner Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

Village of Baddeck Office 492 Chebucto St, Baddeck.

Participants: Jennifer MacDonald (Chair), Bonnie Whyte, Dan McNeil, Kenneth MacKinnon, Roman Braun-Huettner (VM)

Online:

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Com. MacDonald.

Com. MacDonald reads the land acknowledgment to the Mi'kmaq People.

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

- a. Agenda was distributed late for the September meeting because it had a few adjustments.
- b. No additions were made
- c. Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

- a. No conflicts of interest

3. Approval of the Minutes from previous Regular Meeting: August 14, 2024

- a. Minutes from the regular meeting were distributed last week. No corrections, errors, omissions, or additions were stated. The minutes were approved as distributed

4. Election Results

- a. One nomination was handed in at the office at the end of nomination period
- b. Denise ROBERTS was nominated and will be sworn in at the October Meeting

5. Positive things to report

- a. Baddeck Quest was a big success. The commission thanks all the volunteer that helped to organize the Scavenger Hunt.

6. Search Party for Richard Mahoney

- a. Meeting point is at the rink on September 14th at 9:30 am



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7. Acknowledgement of September 11, 2001

8. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Update Council Meeting

- i. *The commission approach for the meeting was to understand council decision and that we can provide more information to help alter their decision.*
- ii. *Some councillors stated, they did not have enough information but did not request more information which could have been provided at any time. Finally, council was not interested in receiving more information and a motion was passed for one option which was suggested by VC staff.*
- iii. *The meeting is online, can be accessed, and reviewed. No more details were discussed at the village meeting*
- iv. *Com MacDonald stated that water Utilities should operate self sufficient and compared VC and Baddeck Utilities and the water rate*

Baddeck Utility	Victoria County Utility
600 customers	400 customers
2 wells	7 wells and a surface water source
15km piping	40km piping
1 treatment plant	4 treatment plants

Village commission discussed to accept the \$50,000 offered for the engineering study by the Municipality, but not accepting the loan option.

Com. Whyte moved a motion to accept the by Victoria County offered \$50,000 for the Infrastructure Assessment - Engineering Study and include that there will be an ask for more. Seconded by Com. McNeil. All in favour – Motion carried.

b. CBCL Engineering Study – Infrastructure Assessment Update:

- i. *Kick off Meeting was on Sept 5, 2024*
- ii. *Data Collection started and Scada Access will be created for CBCL*
- iii. *Meeting with Ron MacIntyre will be set up to include his thoughts on past issues and include his knowledge.*
- iv. *Focus will be on the water study, which need to be finished for the new water rate study.*

c. Water Leak at Hospital



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- i. *Big leak was fixed. Scada data will be monitored closely. If data changes positively, the commission discussed to allow new hookups within the village boundaries.*
 - ii. *VM will reach out to UARB to clarify if the commission is allowed to make a difference between commercial and residential new water hookups. The commission decides to make the decision on new hookups operational, so the VM can make the call.*
- d. Snow Plowing of Sidewalk in Baddeck**
- i. *The commission discussed the sidewalk snowplowing job for Victoria County in Baddeck. There is no formal agreement with Victoria County. Due to the bad condition of the sidewalks, and the high cost for the village which is not covered by annually \$8,000 from Victoria County, the commission decides not to plow the sidewalk anymore in the upcoming winter.*
 - ii. *A letter will be sent to Victoria County*

Com. McNeil moved a motion to cease being the contracted service for plowing the sidewalks in Baddeck. Seconded by Com. Whyte. All in favour – Motion carried.

- e. Bold Centre Letter**
- i. *Bold Centre is requesting a letter of Support for the application for a green grant*
- f. Long term security of Village properties for the public**
- ii. *There is no statement in the deeds of Village properties that these properties remain in public hands if sold.*
 - iii. *The commission wants to secure the properties for future generations and discusses to amend the deeds*

Com. Mackinnon moved a motion to put covenant in place for village properties that these properties remain public and are protected, if sold. Seconded by Com. McNeil. All in favour – Motion carried.

9. Reports

- a. Waterfront Baddeck Committee**
- i. *Presented by Steven Goldthwaite*
 - ii. *Addition to the report*
 1. *Expression of interest for new members will be sent out in October.*
- b. Audit Committee:**
- i. *no report*



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- c. **Wharf Manager**
 - i. *Presented by Denise Mulley*
- d. **PW Report**
 - i. *No Report. Thanks a lot, to Scott MacLeod for his service for the Village*
- e. **Audit Committee**
 - i. *No report*
- f. **Accessibility Advisory Committee**
 - i. *No Report*
- g. **VM Report**
 - i. *Presented by Roman Braun-Huettner*

Motion to accept all reports as presented, moved by Com. Whyte, and seconded by Com. McNeil – All in favour – motion carried

10. Correspondence

- a. No Correspondence

11. General Public Input

- a. No public input

12. Adjournment

Adjourn at 7:34 by Com Mackinnon, next meeting is October 9, 2024



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Signatures:

Minutes approved

Jennifer MacDonald 2024-10-09
Com. Jennifer MacDonald Date

Minutes approved

Daniel McNeil 10/09/24
Com Daniel McNeil Date

Minutes approved

Com Kenneth MacKinnon Date

Minutes approved

Bonnie Whyte 2024-10-09
Com. Bonnie Whyte Date

Minutes approved

TBD Date

Certified by

Roman Braun-Huettner 2024-10-09
Roman Braun-Huettner (Village Manager) Date