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**Rural Municipality of Breadalbane**

Council Meeting

Monday May 27, 2024 - 7:00pm

Breadalbane Community Hall

**Minutes**

**Councillors present:** Kent MacLennan, Lisa MacLennan, Bev Fowler, Jessica Stewart

**Regrets:** Irene Novaczek, David Ross, Rebecca MacLeod

**Minutes:** Rob Cameron, CAO

**Others in attendance:** Margo Dooks

1. Bev Fowler, Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting on behalf of the mayor who was ill. Deputy Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**  
There were no councilors in conflict of interest with any of the agenda items.
3. **Approval of Agenda for Monday May 13, 2024**  
The meeting agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by councillor Lisa MacLennan and was seconded by councillor Kent MacLennan. Motion was approved. All voted in favor.
4. **Adoption of Minutes from Council Meeting March 11, 2024**  
The minutes of the regular meeting of Council on March 11, 2024 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by councillor Jessica Stewart and was seconded by councillor Lisa MacLennan. The minutes were approved, all voted in favor.
5. **Business arising from Minutes**  
None
6. **Reading of Correspondence**  
It was noted that we received a letter from Christine MacKinnon, Director of Municipal Affairs acknowledging and thanking us for our letter regarding sustainability. The letter was previously distributed to council electronically.

## **7. Reports from Standing and ad hoc Committees**

### **7.1. Capital Projects Committee**

#### **7.1.1. Update/Report**

Councillor Lisa MacLennan has sent messages to Stephen Barlow and he will let her know when he has time to come complete the work at the entrance to the Hall.

### **7.2. Finance Committee**

#### **7.2.1. Update/Report**

#### **7.2.2. Audited financial**

On behalf of Finance Committee, deputy Fowler reviewed the 2023/24 Audited Financial Statements from MSRB. As well Bev gave a financial update including the latest financial transactions.

CAO will distribute audited financial statements by email to council after the meeting and will post to website for public review.

### **7.3. EMO Committee**

#### **7.3.1. Update/Report**

Councillor Kent MacLennan mentioned that there will be a website for advertising hours of availability of reception centres. He will get more information on this. He also mentioned the need to purchase gas cans for the generator but will wait until later in the summer.

## **8. CAO Report**

### **Attended the FPEIM AGM**

- good info, met other CAOs from smaller municipalities
- most items discussed were for bigger municipalities
- there are negotiations between the FPEIM and the Province on to give municipalities a greater % of tax dollar to municipalities. Could be 6-12 months to see results.

### **Sustainability**

- CAO was called to meet with Municipal Affairs to discuss our letters and situation.
- Reviewed our 24/25 budget in detail and discussed several items.
- It was noted that Minister has no authority to push further amalgamations in the Province, and further amalgamations is not a priority for the Premier.
- They are going to get back to us, there will most likely be a follow up meeting
- Although additional funding was requested by the CAO, no commitment was made by the Province

### **Grass cutting**

- Grass cutting for the hall and park will increase \$368 for the season this year. Therefore, the CAO will advertise publicly for this service for next season.

### **Insurance**

Insurance premiums for the Hall, Park and liability have increased \$800 this year/

### **Other items**

- Audited financial statements for 2023-24 have been completed as detailed by Deputy Fowler.
- Haley Lewis the librarian is helping out with cleaning and booking duties while Zoe is recovering. We want to thank Haley for her assistance and wish Zoe a speed recovery.
- Phone line issues being investigated by Bell
- Solar Panel installation on the roof of the Annex to start soon.
- Paid first installment of fire dues
- Had a meeting with Beth Clinton, manager of libraries in our area. Exchange of information.
- Applied for a grant with Farm Credit Canada for the basement waterproofing, It closes at the end of May.
- Paid Property Tax for 2024
- Our other largest expenses Insurance and Audit costs will be paid by end of June/

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1. Park Items**

#### **9.1.1. Volunteer**

#### **9.1.2. Gravel/other maintenance**

#### **9.1.3. Building update**

Park items to be discussed at next council meeting, it was acknowledged that a group of community volunteers, including councillor Rebecca MacLeod, recently completed a spring clean up at the park.

We are awaiting the launch of new CCBF program (gas tax) to request funding for a multipurpose building in the park.

### **9.2. Housing project update**

#### **9.2.1. Steering committee volunteers**

Margo Dooks in attendance volunteered to sit on Housing project steering committee.

#### **9.2.2. Reports**

Will be discussed at next council meeting, currently waiting for results of survey from community.

Councillor Lisa MacLennan will give a number of surveys that could not be delivered to the consultant and will discuss how to get them to appropriate resident.

### **9.3. Hall Related**

#### **9.3.1. Basement repairs**



Waiting for funding sources to complete water proofing  
Will be discussed further next council meeting  
Lisa still waiting for Stephen Barlow to reply on his availability

**9.3.2. New Lock**

CAO to talk to Mayor to see what the need is. Councilor Kent MacLennan mentioned that we should wait to see if part of the work at the entrance will include a new door.

**9.3.3. Events thank you**

Deferred to next meeting.

**9.4. Sustainability Update**

**9.4.1. Letter from Municipal Affairs**

This was discussed in CAO report section

**9.5. Inkerman Road Flooding update**

Councilor Stewart mentioned has not heard back from the Department of Transport on her emails regarding the state of Inkerman Road. Councillor Kent MacLennan mentioned that he heard that a good section of it will be paved.

A discussion ensued regarding other problem streets and roads in the community including Grafton Street. Jessica had sent pictures into Transportation on this street as well with no response. She will follow up with Transportation on all of her requests.

**9.6. Daycare update**

We received a letter from Chances stating that due to lack of available daycare staff they are not considering the hall for a day care at this point in time but if the situation changes, they will be in contact.

**9.7. Seniors Meal Project**

Councillor Lisa MacLennan gave an update on the Seniors Meal program project. The first luncheon was completed 12 seniors were present, 9 meals were delivered. The next meal event is scheduled for June 2 with 40 registered. The final meal event will be on June 15 and currently 50 seniors are registered. It is going well.

**9.8. Reception centre training**

Due to illness and other commitments no one from council was able to attend session, CAO will ask for alternate dates.

**10. Inquiries by Members of Council**

Councilor Lisa MacLennan was contacted by a resident asking about amending the gun bylaw. This item will be added to the agenda for the July council meeting.

The resident also mentioned that there is no Breadalbane sign coming into the village from route 2. CAO will contact the province about the sign.

A discussion continued on speed signs and their effectiveness; a number of other ideas were discussed to curb speeding in the village. Lisa will contact Trevor Paynter to discuss other signage options as the speed signs are only available to us temporarily. Jessica will contact the RCMP to discuss this speeding situation as well to see if additional enforcement is possible.

**11. Introduction and Reading of Bylaws – *none for this meeting***

**12. Appointments to Committees**

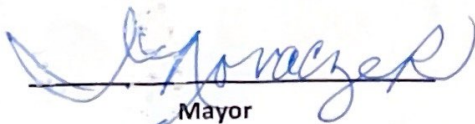
**12.1. Review Committee Membership List and Mandates – *none for this meeting***

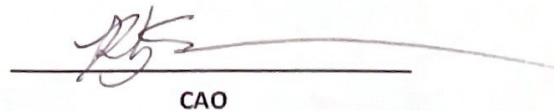
**13. Public Presentations/Petitions/Delegations – *none for this meeting***

**14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.**

*Next meeting is Monday July 8, 2024.*

Minutes Approved on July 8, 2024

  
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Mayor

  
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