

**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH CYPRESS-LANGFORD/TOWN OF CARBERRY
JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL
June 22, 2020 (7:00 p.m.)
MINUTES**

The Joint Councils of Carberry and North Cypress-Langford met on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carberry Community Hall. Reeve Adriaansen was in the chair, Mayor, Stuart Olmstead and Councilors Dallis Olmstead, David Blair, Ray Drayson, Malcolm Murray, Harold Tolton, Ray Muirhead, Matthew Tolton, John Anderson and Mike Sudak. CAO Trish Fraser and CAO Grady Stephenson present. Also, present: John McNeilly, Reporter.

1. Calling Meeting to Order

Res #1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be convened at 7:00 p.m. with Reeve Bob Adriaansen in the Chair.

Moved by: R. Drayson **Seconded by:** D. Blair

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

2. Adoption of Agenda

Res #2 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the joint meeting of June 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: M. Murray **Seconded by:** M. Tolton

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

3. Adoption of Minutes

Res #3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the joint meeting of May 25, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: R. Muirhead **Seconded by:** C. McCallum

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

4. Delegations

7:05 Gloria Mott – Carberry Plains Museum

From the Carberry Plains Museum came a delegation of Gloria Mott and Marion Whitmore, co-chairs, and board member Randy MacDonald. They reported that their museum has opened for the year, with proper COVID-19 provisions drawn up, and also a new board member Loretta Oliver. Sanitation is provided at the entrance, and masks for the attendants (and available for guests visiting from out of province), and the floor has been marked with direction arrows and stations spaced at 2m as required. In the normal run of things, the museum is rarely in danger of overcrowding, and parties that have arrived in the same car needn't be required to maintain distance.

The Museum has acquired a payment system from Square that will enable them to accept contactless payments. A side benefit is that it is now easier to charge a fee that would otherwise have involved making change. Peggy MacPherson will be helping the staff with the software.

The staff will be the same as last year; they have the experience with the exhibits, and need only learn the new protocols.

A grant of \$3100 has been received from Heritage Manitoba to complete some details on the Gingerbread House. Corbels and arches for the veranda are in process, and they intend to reinstall some original stained glass with a polycarbonate protection.

The "Wings to War" memorial installation is well under way — the pad has been poured, and the benches and flagpoles have been ordered. Flowers have been planted around the site, and the overhanging trees have been cut back. If the deliveries allow, the site will get an official opening on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day – Sunday, August 23. The

project has benefited from some private donations. A meeting with McCain's was prevented by the COVID lockdown, and hasn't yet been rescheduled.

The delegation was reminded to check out federal funding to assist in hiring during the pandemic, and for the purchase of pandemic related supplies such as PPE and sanitation supplies.

Councilor Muirhead congratulated the board on the achievement of their "Wings to War" monument and the volunteer participation it entailed. He then asked if the board was satisfied that the financial changes were all properly explained and implemented. The board seemed content with the cooperation they get from CFO McConnell, and only noted that they wished they were not now constrained by the Joint Administration's contract to stay with MTS for their telephone service and alarm system. MTS insists on billing for 12 months a year, when the museum is only open for three. Westman has said it would be more understanding.

Co-chair Mott concluded by thanking the councils for their continued support, including the regular grounds maintenance and handling the payroll for the employees.

Mayor Olmstead encouraged the board to get their plans and requests in place for presentation before the end of January to enable the two municipalities to frame their budgets.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. General Business

a) Resignation of Twila Gingras

Res #4 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councils accept the resignation of Twila Gingras, Parks and Recreation Employee, with regrets.

Moved by: D. Olmstead **Seconded by:** R. Drayson

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

b) Resignation of Santana Ginter

Res #5 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councils accept the resignation of Santana Ginter, Janitorial Staff, with regrets.

Moved by: H. Tolton **Seconded by:** S. Olmstead

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

c) Manager of Leisure Services Position

Res #6 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councils hire Lindsay Michiels for Manager of Leisure Services position at a salary of \$41,000.00.

AND FURTHER THAT costs to be shared 50/50 between the Town of Carberry and Mun. of North Cypress-Langford, commencing June 15, 2020.

Moved by: R. Muirhead **Seconded by:** H. Tolton

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

d) Boot Allowance Requirements – CAO Fraser brought up the boot allowance given to employee each year should require a receipt to be submitted to their supervisor. Council felt that this was exceptional.

e) Anderson Livestock Update

Councils were offered an update on the negotiations with the owners of the feedlot on the west edge of town. Though a larger capacity would be acceptable to NCL, the current ruling restraint on the facility is the amount of water available for the stock.

Water Stewardship licenses all draws on the groundwater in order to protect the aquifer as a resource. At the moment, the amount of water allocated in the area to irrigation fully takes up the capacity of the aquifer to replenish, and no licenses are being granted for major uses. To remain under the threshold that would require a license, the facility may use no more than 25,000 litres per day, which would be sufficient to water slightly less than 700 head. Unless or until an irrigation license is surrendered, that will be the capacity of the lot.

Councils discussed whether the limit on water represented a problem for efforts to attract industry to the area, and if so, what can be done? Not many industrial uses would cross the 25,000 l/day. threshold.

f) Cleaning Contract

Res #7 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councils accept Daniel Rutz cleaning contract for 316 4th Avenue (Municipal Office), 122 Main Street (Old Town Hall) and 224 Second Avenue (Community Hall) starting June 29, 2020.

AND FURTHER THAT costs to be shared 50/50 between the Town of Carberry and Mun. of North Cypress-Langford.

Moved by: D. Blair **Seconded by:** M. Sudak

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

g) Joint Committee

The two CAOs have been requested to prepare suggestions for how best to work in cooperation. They suggest that in lieu of these Joint Councils' meetings, committees be struck with equal representation from the two municipalities, to discuss shared problems with more of a sense of parity. The seven-to-five ratio of councilors at a full Joint meeting gives a sense (if rarely a fact) of imbalance. Finding good solutions in a spirit of dialogue may perhaps be easier with a smaller group. The expectation is that the list of committee reports now presented to the Joint Councils would be presented to each council, along with reports from the joint committees. That way, all councilors would have the information they need, and the binding resolutions would be passed once by each council, rather than once at joint, once at their own table.

Councilors were on the whole favourable to the suggestion. It was agreed that a meeting of 12 participants was less likely to move smoothly, especially now that distancing regulations require that everyone be heard in a larger hall. The present regulations are a good reason to downsize deliberations, for the time being. A fear was expressed that if not handled well, some joint problems might require twice as much work rather than half as much. A show of hands agreed that it would be a worthwhile proposal, and that a trial of the system be done for 3 months.

h) In Camera

Res #8 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council as a Committee of the Whole move into "In Camera" to discuss personnel matters.

Moved by: R. Muirhead **Seconded by:** D. Olmstead

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

i) Out of In Camera

Res #9 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move out of "In Camera".

Moved by: M. Sudak **Seconded by:** C. McCallum

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

7. Committee Reports

The **Manager of Parks, Facilities & Sanitation** reports that the pool is being readied for use, with the old slide gone and the new being repositioned in deeper water because of its greater height. Jessica Walker has been rehired as summer help.

The exercise equipment will not be able to be installed as planned, and may wait until fall to be placed. The ball diamonds are up and going, with the bathrooms and canteen remaining closed. Pandemic regulations are of course in effect.

The transfer stations are improving, though there are still some misuses to be cleaned up. At Carberry there were break-ins, but it appears that all that was taken was the security camera. The fence is to be strengthened when the break-in damage is repaired.

The Cemetery is ready for summer, and bids are in for the new columbarium pad. Evan Chartrand and Ben Kollie have been hired for the summer.

The **Arts Council** has drawn up a 'Community Safety Agreement' and posted it online. It outlines what instructors and parents should do to protect themselves and the children participating. The summer dance camps are proceeding slightly reduced, as is the Theatre Camp.

A Zoom live interview with author/playwright/film maker Eleanor Albanese was offered on Saturday afternoon, but attracted fewer participants than hoped.

Arts Director Amy Urquhart has been delivering a weekly newsletter to her email contacts that covers local, provincial and national arts initiatives to overcome or sidestep the limitations of the pandemic.

The **Community Development Coordinator** has been concentrating on working with AllNet to get the new website up and running. In the absence of the News-Express, her website, Facebook page and pixelboard have been getting much more traffic. Bookings at the Hall, however, continue to be canceled as the pandemic restrictions remain in place.

Evergreen Environmental continues to await the official acceptance and use of the gasifier. It is now 99% complete. Once it's accepted, the whole dynamic of waste management will change for Evergreen partners and possibly beyond.

The **Fire Department** had a fairly light month, but the important news is that the Fire Hall Extension's application for occupancy is with the Office of the Fire Commissioner, and should be granted within a month. The whole project has come in on budget except for about \$4000+ for an exhaust fan, and some little surprise details during tidy-up. In a budget of over \$700,000 that's outstanding. The Department and its members who were involved, especially Chief Loney who gave extra supervision during construction, were praised by Council for all their input and work on the project.

The Father's Day Weekend fundraiser, in its COVID-19 form, was a great success. Between four and five hundred breakfast sandwiches were served, and with the generosity of people who added a donation to their purchase, the funds raised almost matched last year's. The Department thanks the community for its enthusiastic support.

The **Library** board has been meeting virtually. Most of the region's libraries are now open, though with restrictions and protocols in place to minimize contagion.

The local library has seen an increase in the use of e-books, and has protocols in place to quarantine books being returned. They have acquired five laptop computers, and the Buildings Committee have retained a mason to work on the façade when work on the Old Town Hall across the street is being done. Smart Electric has been contracted to replace the lighting, changing from fluorescent to LED.

The new Development Officer at the **Cypress Planning District** is settling in. The office reports that they are issuing quite a lot of permits for work to be done this construction season.

Service for Seniors is working carefully among their virus-susceptible clientele, and taking advantage of some federal funding for sanitizing supplies and PPE. Handivan trips are starting to pick up again after a complete halt.

8. Communications

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
McCains	Clear Lake Golf Classic/Upcoming Events

Res #10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council donate \$2,000 to Ronald McDonald House of Charities.

AND FURTHER THAT costs to be shared 50/50 between the Town of Carberry and Mun. of North Cypress-Langford.

Moved by: M. Sudak **Seconded by:** D. Olmstead

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

Added to the Agenda

None

9. Around the Table

Councilor M. Tolton noted that there are signs along Highway 5 and Highway 1 advertising Carberry and North Cypress (only) and that it was high time to update them to recognize the amalgamation with Langford. He also regretted that the ditches of Highway 351 are badly littered, and wondered if there were anything to be done about it.

Councilor D. Olmstead wished to congratulate the Fire Department on their new premises, their successful Firemen's Brunch, and their work to buoy up spirits during the pandemic lockdown. She also wished to congratulate the museum on their "Wings to War" memorial and the work so swiftly and well accomplished.

Councilor Sudak wished to particularly thank the residents of North Cypress-Langford who took the trouble to come in from the country to support the Firemen's Brunch. He also congratulated the organizers of the Free Fry Day promotion for CancerCare; his freezer is all set for potatoes for the next few months!

Mayor Olmstead echoed Sudak, and congratulated the Fire Department on a successful and well run event, and thanked the Free Fry Day organizers; Smart Electric, Mid-Plains Equipment and McCain's for their generous donation of product, time and effort towards CancerCare.

He did reach out on their behalf to the other communities Mayor's and Reeve's to spread their message. He also promoted the July 24 Free Fryday planned for Winnipeg, Brandon and Steinbach, in support of Ronald McDonald House and STARS Air Ambulance.

LOOK Music have been in touch to suggest an outdoor Drive-In movie night. He has passed their information on to the Arts Council and the Rec. Department. There have been successful movie nights at

Councilor Muirhead asked what the situation was at the Rec Centre. He particularly wanted to know about the renovations planned for the rink, and the uses of the land across Wellwood Road. He was assured that despite the problems caused by COVID-19 and the change of Leisure Services Manager, the Rec Board continues to meet, and plans to open the camping site on the Rec. lands as a priority. The renovations to the Community Centre were driven by the possibility of the Super 'Spiel and Scotties, but their may well be changes to those events in concern to Covid 19. Renovations to the facility are still planned, though perhaps not at quite the same pace.

Reeve Adriaansen wanted to congratulate the Fire Department on a great job completing the Fire Hall Extension; well planned, in good time and within 1% of budget. An impressive and efficient job.

Councilor Drayson congratulated the organizers of the Free Fry Day promotion for CancerCare.

Councilor Anderson announced that the Hazardous Waste collection that was held on June 20 was a great success again.

CAO Stephenson wanted to point out that the credit for the efficiency and effectiveness of the Fire Hall Extension project should properly go to Chief Loney, who was tireless in keeping lines of communication open, and tending to any little causes of delay.

CAO Fraser reported that she has set up a rotation that allows the Municipal Office to remain open through lunch hour in order to allow ratepayers in to pay their taxes at lunch time. She asked if she should set about arranging a staff appreciation barbecue. Council agreed that it should be done again, a committee of Councillors was struck and will coordinate with Administration on the set up, time and day.

10. Adjournment

Res #11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council now adjourns at 8:32 pm.

Moved by: J. Anderson **Seconded by:** S. Olmstead

Carried: X **Lost:** ____

Robert Adriaansen
Reeve

Trish Fraser
CAO