

Hamlet of Cambridge Bay
Regular Council Meeting # 013
Monday, August 22, 2005 @ 5:30 pm

Present

Terry McCallum – Mayor
Michelle Gillis
Ruth Niptanatiak-Wilcox
Jennifer Anawak
Cathy Aitaok
Elik Tologanak

Absent

Stephanie Briscoe – Duty Travel
Jorgan Aitaok Jr. – Sick
Mark Calliou – Duty Travel

Staff

Helen Koaha – Acting SAO
Jody Moar – Council Clerk
Megan Livingston – Council Clerk in Training
Wayne Weese – Manager of Municipal Services
Colin Dickie – Lands Officer
Bobbi-Grover – Recreation Coordinator.

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCallum called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

2. Opening Prayer

Councillor Tologanak said the opening prayer.

3. Additions/Deletions

Mayor McCallum explained that Item c. under delegations will be removed and we can add Community members to discuss Airport Road..

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None Declared.

5. Delegations

Fred Pedersen explained that he is here representing Jamie Taipana, the Manager of Transportation for the Kitikmeot Region, and explained the following in regards to a letter that Council sent to him:

- Street lights, contacted Nunavut power corp.and waiting for a quote, installing a street light on every second or third pole going out to the airport. The dept. will cover the expenses depending on the quote.
- Ordered some reflective markers to go on every pole.
- Ordered street signage to go on either side of the curve near the golf course, and will be installed as soon as they arrive. We did have some temporary signage that was taken down at the request of the SAO.
- Widening the road would be a capital project and would have to go the GN Capital process, possibly \$500,000.00 to widen the airport road. One of the widest roads in the Kitikmeot Region.

- The possibility of putting turn outs, feel it's a good idea and will take a look at it before freeze out this year.
- The boulders along the airport road will be removed this week by the airport maintenance staff, at the moment they are finishing the runway overlay. Can Council suggest storage or usage for boulders, perhaps they can be used for the new ball court?

Gord Bligh explained that the basic problem with that road is that people drive too fast and they're drunk. It doesn't matter what you do to that road if you widen it they're still going to drink and drive fast, until we can stop people from drinking and driving, it doesn't matter if we make a straight road to the airport, there will still be deaths on it. We should deal with the route cause of the problem which is drinking and driving, rather than trying to fix the road to accommodate the drinking and driving.

Cory Dimitruk gave suggestions on how to improve road safety in town. He requested the Council consult the Municipal public works staff to determine if stop signs are needed at three particular intersections (Okpik & Kulavak Road, Mitik & Ugyuk Road, Natic & Ugyuk Road)

Mr. Dimitruk provided three hand outs:

1. Map of Cambridge Bay with the three intersections highlighted
2. Photos of the intersections
3. Letter he wrote concerning the recent accident on the airport road

Mr. Dimitruk asked the Council to please consider stop signs in these intersections and insure they're enforcement for this community's safety.

Jack Kupuena explained that despite the casualties due to drinking and driving, the Airport Road is fine the way it is. It's wide and you can see the corner from a good distance. It would be wrong to renovate the road because drunks don't know how to use it. A no words sign like they use in the south would suffice. He explained that the solution is to educate our community members who like to have parties and keep them separated from dangerous vehicles. Mr. Kupuena explained that he will not support renovating the road because it is not a solution to this problem. His advice for the situation is if you're drinking and boozed up stay home until morning and be alive.

Fred Pedersen forgot to add the dept is going to be working with high school and starting S.A.D.D.

Harry Maksagak explained that education is the key for the residents and road safety. He suggested that we do a week long blitz on drinking and driving and have spotters at the hill to do a friendly spot check and stop the vehicles. He explained that it is his understanding that two vehicles passed when 3 young fellows had that an accident on Airport Road and the one young fellow passed away. To me people passing a scene like that is almost like a hit and run, it is your duty and obligation to see if they need help. It's a shame that such a small place like this had to lose such a young man. He explained that part of the education package should be that if you come across an accident you should stop and inquire and see if you can lend a hand. There are a whole bunch of people that are first aiders and we have a number of qualified people in Cambridge Bay.

Colin Dickie asked if the RCMP were aware of this meeting.

Mayor McCallum answered that the RCMP were aware of this particular meeting but are currently short staffed and were unable to attend.

Jack Kupuena asked if the By-law Department caused a person to lose his license for a period of time and as far as drinking and driving goes.

Mayor McCallum explained that the bylaw officer just recently became a Community Constable, over the past few weeks he has been going out to the airport road with a radar gun to see what the average speeds are. He explained that two Hondas were seized on the weekend for drinking and driving and there is a 30 day impound of vehicles and a fine as well. We are trying to make people realize that they are going to lose their vehicle if they drink and drive. It's pretty hard to seize a vehicle; it depends on exactly what they're doing. The RCMP has charged people with impaired driving, and it depends on which level of the courts that they go to as far as how the judges deal with it. If someone is drinking and driving they're machine is going to be parked and we'll get that danger off the road.

Cory Dimitruk added that he had written a letter on this topic last week but did not make it official. It discussed consequences of irate behavior and that we have to actually pull licenses and charge people for drinking and driving and they will be more likely to take it seriously. A suggestion would be to have the road to the airport be blocked off in the evening and have someone do spot checks. He expects that 50% of the drivers spot checked would have alcohol in their blood.

Jack Kupuena explained that we want to keep this place safe for our children; we seem to relaxingly let booze take over our lives. It's ok for a lot of people to drink if you know how to handle it.

Mayor McCallum thanked everyone for showing up and voicing their opinions. Hopefully we can raise the awareness. As far as the education topic we will be trying different venues.

a. Bobby-Joe Grover – Introduction to Council

Bobby-Joe Grover introduced herself to the Council as the new Recreation Coordinator for Cambridge Bay.

b. Megan Livingston – Introduction to Council

Megan Livingston introduced herself as the new Council Clerk and will begin duties on September 1st, 2005.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. RCM# 012 – August 10, 2005

Moved By: Jennifer Anawak

Seconded By: Elik Tologanak

Motion to approve minutes with noted corrections/changes

CARRIED # 05-106

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Actions – August 10, 2005

Jody Moar explained that the Actions have been listed in the SAO's report.

Councillor Niptanatiak-Wilcox explained that she walked by the swimming pool sewage tank it does really stink, so nothing has been done about that. Also she drove down to the river and there still is not a garbage can there.

Jody Moar explained that she will have Wayne Weese or Derrick Anderson look into it.

Councillor Gillis asked to have Social Services invited to the next meeting to deal with the children running around late at night.

8. Reports of Officers

a. Colin Dickie – Land Application

Colin Dickie explained Sean Peterson's Land Application to Council explaining that it has been recommended to be approved by the Lands Committee. He explained that what Sean Peterson would like to do is take the house that is on his current lot and move to the lot that is in question and build a new and bigger house on his current lot.

Moved By: Michelle Gillis

Seconded By: Elik Tologanak

Motion to approve Sean Peterson's Land Application

CARRIED # 05-107

9. Correspondence

None Noted.

10. Petitions

None Declared

11. Around the table

Councillor Gillis explained that she will be on Duty from September 1 to the 5. She also asked to have all the meeting schedules sent out.

Jody Moar explained that she will send out all of the schedules out to Council. She also asked for all of Council to send the upcoming travel schedules to her via email so she can have a smooth transition for Megan Livingston.

Councillor Anawak explained that she will be out of town September 12 for one week.

12. Old Business

a. Third and Final Reading of Bylaw # 196

Councillor Gillis read Bylaw # 196 for the third and Final Time.

Moved By: Cathy Aitaok

Seconded By: Ruth Niptanatiak-Wilcox

Motion to approve the third and final reading of Bylaw # 196

CARRIED # 05-108

13. New Business

a. Motion needed – RE: Contribution Agreement

Jody Moar explained that this is a contribution agreement between CG&S and the Hamlet. Basically what it is is CG&S will give the Hamlet \$10,000.00 for Training for staff and Council. She explained that in order to get the contribution agreement a motion is needed from Council.

Moved By: Jennifer Anawak

Seconded By: Elik Tologanak

Motion to accept the contribution agreement between CG&S and the Hamlet for \$10,000.00

CARRIED # 05-109

b. Motion needed – RE: Community Hall

Mayor McCallum explained that the Insurance adjuster has final figure for community hall, they need a motion with the dollar figure in it.

Moved By: Michelle Gillis

Seconded By: Elik Tologanak

That Council accept the recommendations presented by Arctic West Adjusters and approved by NAMIX through Willis Canada to demolish and repair the community hall to its original form and that it be completed by December 2005 for the cost of \$935,538.40

CARRIED # 05-110

Councillor Elik Tologanak informed Council that school for student's starts on Wednesday, instead of Thursday at 9 am.

Councillor Aitaok commented that she takes back what she wrote about widening Airport Road after hearing what the Community Members have to say. Educating our Community members about drinking and driving is a great idea and having RCMP do spot checks is a good idea as well. However; closing off Airport Road in the evenings as suggested by one of the members of the public is not good, as what happens if a medivac is needed.

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Councillor Gillis commented that we can do our best to promote by them starting up SADD and MADD and do what was suggested and have the Hamlet start a week long campaign. Also we can bring this issue up to Bylaw/Policy to redo the bylaws and become stricter. She explained that she wasn't too crazy about the idea of closing off Airport Road in the evening because people get up and go hunting at 3 am.

Councillor Niptanatiak-Wilcox suggested that perhaps we should do a draft letter to the RCMP letting them know what came out of the meeting. It is their job to stop the people, when they are not here they still need to know what our community is saying.

Councillor Tologanak explained that we need to make the community aware that council is in the process of trying to incorporate what people have said to us tonight, not necessarily rebuilding the road, but taking some of their suggestions out to the community. Let the community know that we are working on solutions.

Jody Moar explained that she will do up a poster and have it posted around town.

14. Motions

None Declared.

15. Adjournment

Moved By: Ruth Niptanatiak-Wilcox

Seconded By: Cathy Aitaok

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm

CARRIED # 05-111

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Terry McCallum-Mayor	Mark Calliou-SAO