

**COMMUNITY OF WELLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2017**

Present: Alcide Bernard, Raymond Arsenault, Pierre Bernard, Jamie Cormier, Marcia Enman, Michel Gagnon, Irene MacCaull

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Fire Dept Report

Fire Chief James Ryan came to report on the recent activity at the Fire Department. He reported 7 calls last month - 2 medical, 4 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 waste watch fire. They installed a new updated sign at the Firehall, collected \$1,500 in a boot drive fundraiser, and received much of their new equipment gear. Chief Ryan and a fireman attended the Fire Chiefs convention in Moncton. The Fire Department was also notified they would be eligible to be reimbursed from the Province on equipment or supplies used in first respondent medical calls.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of June 19, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

5. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Invitation to Minister of Workforce & Advanced Learning

Minister Sonny Gallant could not attend the meeting tonight.

b) Storm Sewers

Nothing new to report, as the Provincial Engineer Stephen Yeo did not respond for an update.

c) Sewer Extension on Barlow Road

Chairman Bernard reported on the initial report from *WSP Canada* on extending the sewer line on Barlow Road. The depth level of the ditch and road is not deep enough to install a system unless extra Styrofoam insulation is placed on top of the sewer pipes to prevent freezing. The lots for development would also need to be raised approximately 2-3' for hook-up and there would not be any sewer services for a basement unless the

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homeowner installed lift pumps in their basement for this. There were questions and discussion on what other options were available and the costs to have built. The land-owner selling lots for development was notified on the amount of fill required. Completing the design plans and tendering for construction will be put on hold until later this fall or next year, pending someone interested in purchasing a lot for development.

d) Regional Incorporation

Nothing new to report.

e) Vanier Sound System

Chairman Bernard reported that there was a small issue with the sound system, as switching the kitchen light on turned the speaker system on one evening. It appeared to be a signal-related issue from the wireless mike control box, so adjustments will need to be made to stop the interference.

f) Bike Park

Nothing new to report, as *Wellington Construction Ltd.* had yet to respond whether they had any interest in purchasing the land for residential development.

g) History Project

Deputy Chair Enman reported that most of the work on the project was now completed.

h) Canada Day Event

Councillor MacCaull reported that the event went well despite the poor weather. The only negative comments seemed to be that the fish were not biting for the derby. Councillor Arsenault reported someone had suggested installing an awning canopy behind the *Barlow's Mill Interpretive Center* to provide shade for hosting entertainment there. This can be looked at next year.

i) Vanier Issues

Chairman Bernard reported that the quote to supply & install a 73 Watt LED lamp behind the Vanier was \$425 plus HST.

Motion: To proceed with having the light installed behind the Vanier as per the quote.

Motion moved and seconded, with Councillor Cormier declaring a Conflict of Interest and abstaining from the vote. **Motion Carried.**

Deputy Chair Enman also reported a problem in the Vanier with a breaker tripping when people renting the hall plugged two devices in one plug near the kitchen. There should either be heavier wiring for the plug, another plug installed separately, or to block one of the two outlets of the two plugs to prevent this from happening again. Councillor Cormier said it shouldn't be a big issue to fix.

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Motion: To have the Vanier kitchen hall plug issue fixed so as to not trip the breaker.

Motion moved and seconded, with Councillor Cormier declaring a Conflict of Interest and abstaining from the vote. **Motion Carried.**

j) Signage for Gas Tax Projects

Chairman Bernard reported that the signage was completed and installed at a cost of \$300 plus HST from Auto Trim Design, which was the lowest bid.

6. Finance Report

An update for the period to July 13th in comparison with the budgets was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed. There were some questions and discussion on Fire Department personal equipment, whether bunker gear equipment was included. There were also questions on the Firehall heating costs and it was pointed-out that the building was now being used more often, as the ambulance personnel stayed inside while they parked the ambulance there on stand-by.

7. Committee Reports

a) Sewer

** New Operator Quote*

Andrew MacDonald, the Drinking Water and Wastewater Supervisor from the Province, responded on the expected duties and functions from a Wastewater Operator. Normal guidance is for them to provide On-Call or Emergency Services, Monitoring & Reporting, Record Keeping, Routine Maintenance, and Adjustments to Treatment Systems. A discussion took place on the differences between the quote of *Ron's Plumbing & Heating Ltd.* and the services provided by the existing Operator, including cost differences. Comments were that it seemed to be working fine under the current system and that there appeared to be no savings, if any, to change Operator.

Motion: To continue hiring *Prince County Wastewater Management Services* for Operator services for the *Wellington Sewer Utility*.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried.**

b) Wellington Club

** Daily Sales*

The daily sales to July 13th was distributed and reviewed.

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** Minors Policy*

A revised drafted policy was reviewed, with some suggested changes. A new version is to be presented next meeting for adoption.

c) Recreation

** General*

Chairman Bernard reported that the special needs disability swing in the Park was damaged from too much weight. A sign is to be made indicating the maximum weight level of 125 pounds. Councillor MacCaull reported there were also three young trees in the Park that died, so that perhaps they can be replaced in the fall.

** Playground Inspection Report*

Chairman Bernard reported the results from the inspection. There needs to be extra pea gravel added and some small repairs. It was also noted the slide was higher from the ground than when first installed, likely due to the frost raising the unit over the years. This should be looked after next Spring.

** Tennis Court Resurfacing*

Chairman Bernard reported that the resurfacing should soon begin.

** Laurinda's Park*

Chairman Bernard reported that there were still fountain issues with water flows. The pump was replaced with a more powerful unit, but it appeared to plug-up from algae. It was pointed-out birds were using the fountain as a bird bath and to wash various food scraps, so a screen should be installed and a solution added to dissolve the algae. The old manual Fire Department pumper was also discussed and it was decided it should be laid horizontally rather than standing upright and have the wheels chained.

d) Bingo

Councillor MacCaull reported that the Bingo was doing fine.

8. New Business

a) Criminal Activity

It was reported that there was much traffic at a residence on 92 Sunset Dr., which was rented out into several units. It appears one of the tenants is selling pills illegally, and the RCMP had indicated in the past they were aware of this. This concern should be brought to the RCMP's attention again.

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b) Park Wellness Activity For Youth

The summer students at the Park had proposed holding a BBQ and games for youth this summer, but a grant for this was not approved as it did not meet the criteria of the program.

Motion: To approve a budget of \$200 for the summer students to organize an activity event at the Park this summer if they wish.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried.**

9. Correspondence

a) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+ Donation Request

An E-Mail was received asking for a donation, although it was not clear why the Committee were asking the Community of Wellington which agreed to act as co-host of the event. Part of the donation request also indicated it was for pickleball courts at the school, although it was pointed-out funding was sought from another institution planning the upgrades.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Monday Sept 18, 2017 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Alcide Bernard, Chairperson

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated