

**COMMUNITY OF WELLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Pierre Bernard

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**2. Fire Dept Report**

Fire Chief James Ryan and President Desmond Arsenault came to report on recent activity at the Fire Department. They reported that last month was busy with 16 calls: 4 structural fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mutual aid, 1 flu fire, and 8 medical calls. A new Fire Rescue Truck was ordered from Metalfab for \$262,948.30 plus HST, and it is expected to take a year or so before they will take delivery. Two probationary firefighters were accepted as full members, and another firefighter transferred from Miscouche as they had moved into this Fire District. There was also a seminar at the Firehall on June 5th to prepare for an upcoming Fire Chief Convention in Moncton between July 9-13th.

The Fire Chief and President then left, and a motion was proposed to confirm the truck purchase.

**Motion:** To approve the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Truck from Metalfab for \$262,948.30 plus HST as quoted on June 6, 2017 and to finance it through a loan from the Community of Wellington account at the *Evangeline-Central Credit Union* up to the full purchase price if required.

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

**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 May 15, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

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**5. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Storm Sewers**

No update from Stephen Yeo from the Province, although he committed to coming to take elevations and do plans for storm sewer work on Mill Road, fix drainage on Spring St., and look at the drainage problem next to Eldon Arsenault's on Sunset Drive this year.

**b) Sewer Extension on Barlow Road**

*WSP Canada* is still working on the plans to determine if a lift pump would be required.

**c) Regional Incorporation**

A meeting was held with at the Vanier Centre on June 15th, with 2 representatives from the Province's *Dept. of Municipal Affairs* present. It was determined the next step was to plan to invite several groups from the area to solicit their views on the needs of the community.

**d) Vanier Sound System**

The upgrade to the Sound System is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

**e) EMO**

The Community of Abram-Village is yet to select and confirm their choice for a coordinator.

**f) Waste Cart Storage Bylaw**

The drafted Waste Receptacles Bylaw was discussed again.

**Motion:** That the Waste Receptacles Bylaw document be accepted as read for the second reading.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried**

**Motion:** That the Waste Receptacles Bylaw document be adopted as read.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried**

**g) Administrator Position**

There were 5 applications through the Job Bank, although none of the 5 appeared to be bilingual or have accounting skills. The search for another Administrator will continue.

**h) St. Raphael Bridge Closure**

The bridge is now open for traffic, being completed ahead of schedule.

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**i) Summer Student Applications**

The *Jobs For Youth* position was accepted for 40 hours a week up to 8 weeks, but the *EDA Program* application was not accepted. Five students were interviewed and 2 selected to be hired: Alex Arsenault and Stephanie Arsenault.

**Motion:** To have the students both start June 26th and work for a period up to 10 weeks until September 1st, 2017 for 40 hours a week per student.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried**

**j) Bike Park**

Carol Craswell, Manager of Provincial Lands for the Province, sent an E-Mail that the Community owned the land on Mt. Carmel Road without conditions. A discussion was held on the future use of the Bike Park.

**Motion:** That *Wellington Construction Ltd.* be approached to advise that lots could be subdivided in the Bike Park and sold for residential development.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried**

**k) New Municipal Govt Act Info Session**

Chairman Bernard and Councillor MacCaull attended an information session on the New Municipal Govt Act on May 16th and went over some of the issues that the Community will need to address over the next few months and years.

**l) Post Office Parking & Unsightly Properties**

Letters were sent and one property owner promptly started cleaning-up their property.

**m) History Project**

Funding for \$1,800 was approved for on this project. A draft short history summary of the Community was being worked on and will be posted on the website once completed. It is being prepared in English and may be translated in French afterwards.

**n) Relay For Life**

The Relay For Life event and the BBQ hosted by volunteer Councillors was quite successful.

**o) Canada Day Event**

Plans were being made for Canada Day festivities at the Old Mill Park on July 1st. Volunteer workers are requested to help set-up the area in the morning around 10:00am.

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**6. Finance Report**

An update for the period to June 15<sup>th</sup> in comparison with the budgets was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed. There were some questions and discussion on several items.

**7. Committee Reports**

**a) Sewer**

*\* New Operator Quote*

A quote for \$16,800 plus HST from *Ron's Plumbing & Heating Ltd.* was reviewed to contract out for one year to take over as Operator of the Sewer Utility lagoon and sewer system. The quote was compared with previous year actual expenditures. A discussion was held and there were questions on whether some repair work would be included or billed separately. A list of anticipated responsibilities and functions of an Operator is to be asked from the Province to determine if there are any current standards.

**b) Wellington Club**

*\* Daily Sales*

The daily sales to June 10th was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed. Sales appeared to be in-line with previous months.

*\* Minors Policy*

A policy outlining the requirements of having minors in the Club is to be developed for clarity to both those renting the facilities and the bartenders who are to manage it. It was also suggested to adopt a dress code policy.

**c) Recreation**

*\* General*

There was an enquiry whether a wedding could be booked to be held in the Old Mill Park on September 21, 2019. The Community does not rent out the park, but would record the request to have a wedding on that date.

*\* Tennis Court Resurfacing*

There were numerous cracks in the tennis court. Caulking was tried to seal them, but most of it was absorbed underground so it did not work properly. Another method will need to be tried. It was suggested by a contractor that the shale under the tennis court was simply breaking-down and causing the problem, which could not easily be fixed and was the reason more gravel was being used on current projects before putting asphalt down.

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*\* Laurinda's Park*

The landscaping was completed and the fountain set-up. The water did not seem to be flowing much out of the fountain, however, so *JL Concrete Ltd.* was contacted about this. They indicated the pump supplied should be adequate if properly set-up, but suggested a couple of possible reasons it wouldn't have more pressure. They are to come take a look to determine what the issue is and to fix it so it flows better.

**d) Bingo**

Bingo is going well.

**8. New Business**

**a) Vanier Issues**

It was suggested to install a new bright light at the rear of the Vanier to shine on the parking lot. There are currently 2 lights, but they are at a lower height and one is not working. A quote will be solicited and examined for next meeting.

**b) Signage for Gas Tax Projects**

The Province sent an E-Mail that a large 4'x8' sign needs to be installed to highlight government funding to the Gas Tax projects by the end of July. Two quotes were reviewed and it was decided to solicit a third quote and then have the sign installed.

**c) Invitation to Minister of Workforce & Advanced Learning**

The Minister of Workforce & Advanced Learning, Sonny Gallant, is to be invited to attend next Council Meeting.

**d) Minutes On Website**

Council Minutes are to be posted on the website in the future.

**9. Correspondence**

**a) Ecole Evangeline Graduation**

There are anticipated to be six students graduating that may be pursuing their studies this fall, therefore a cheque for \$1,500 will be made-out to the School to distribute as \$250 bursaries per student. If a student does not enroll and attend a college or university in the fall, then the school will reimburse the Community for the donated bursary or keep it for future students bursaries.

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**b) Communities, Land, and Environment Letter**

A letter was received advising that the monthly Equalization Grant was being increased by \$85 - from \$4,238 to \$4,323.

**c) Acadian Festival**

The Acadian Festival is open to nominations for Acadian of the Year and Youth of the Year.

**10. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Monday July 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

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Alcide Bernard, Chairperson

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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