

**COMMUNITY OF WELLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 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 7:01 pm.

2. Fire Dept Report

Fire President Desmond Arsenault came to report on recent activity at the Fire Department. He reported that it was relatively quiet last month. There was an open house with the public on Saturday morning for Fire Week. The ordered Rescue Truck chassis had still not arrived, but was expected in November.

3. Presentation by Chair of SDBA

The President of the *Société Development de la Baie Acadienne* (SDBA), Desmond Arsenault, and Gilles Arsenault from the *Réseau de Développement Économique et d'Employabilité* (RDEE) came to report on the status of the SDBA. The President explained that with the recent funding cuts to the SDBA in the last few years there was no longer any budget to hire staff and focus on business economic development in the region. The Board was therefore now only dealing with property management issues, as it owned three properties (the *Place Du Village* mall and *Access PEI* buildings in Wellington, and *Randy's Pizza* at Days Corner). Property ownership and management was not the Board's original focus, however, so they are now looking to divest their assets and they wanted to inform Council of this in case the Community would be interested in acquiring them, as they felt it would be nice if the buildings remained within the Community's control.

The President explained that while the loss of the Liquor Store lease in the Mall had a detrimental effect on revenues, the *Access PEI* building had sufficient revenues to cover the expenses so far. He discussed that there were several tenants in the buildings, with the main tenants being the Province and *Le College de L'Ile*. The President said *Le College de L'Ile* was now merged with *Holland College* and although there was talk of them relocating to Summerside, indications were they would remain in Wellington for at least the next 2-3 years. He also reported that he believed the properties were in good financial shape, with debt of around \$215,000 secured against the assets, and there being sufficient revenues to pay for the associated expenses. He said without employees, it was challenging to maintain tenancy and that there were differences in lease rates, although he did not have all the details tonight. He provided copies of the Financial Statements to Chairman Bernard and said that the RDEE was helping out the SDBA in doing the books and dealing with some issues, although it was not their focus. Councillor MacCaull

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asked why the RDEE did not take over the operation themselves, but Gilles Arsenault quickly explained that the RDEE had several other portfolios they were looking after, such as immigration, economic development for youth, and tourism. The RDEE was therefore not mandated to take care of property management either, and they were only helping out the SDBA. Gilles also added that the RDEE was currently trying to figure-out what role they should play within the confines of recent trends in municipal amalgamations and governance.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of September 18, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

6. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Bike Park

Chairman Bernard reported that the provincial *Dept. of Environment* came to inspect the Bike Park to determine whether there was any wetlands that would prohibit development. They determined there was some wetlands in the back of the property, but that it would be suitable for development in the front area for at least 200' from the road which would leave enough area to accommodate one more fourplex unit. Chairman Bernard said surveyors would need to come to separate the areas in order for the Community to sell the developable section, although Councillor Cormier said the Community could just sell the whole area and disclose that the rear section could not be developed.

The *Dept. of Environment* also determined that the 4 lots southwest of the Bike Park had wetland areas so they would not be suitable for any development. Two of those lots are currently owned by the Community and listed for sale, although the Real Estate Listing Agreement would be expiring soon.

b) Criminal Activity

Chairman Bernard reported that he attended a meeting with the *Group Consultatif Communautaire* and they met with Staff Sergeant Derrick Hewitt of the RCMP over community policing issues. Hewitt said there were budgetary issues with them not being able to handle all the duties they should be looking after, so Council should be pressuring the Provincial Government to give them more funding. The Province supplies them with 70% of their budget, and it recently refused to fund their Traffic Service Unit that would bring more presence on the road so that it had to be disbanded. There was a provincial

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survey done last year that highlighted community policing issues, but it did not appear to have been acted upon. He suggested if there were problems with speeders, then the Community should install speed bumps. He also emphasized they should be contacted anytime there were problems, but they wanted as much specifics as possible such as descriptions. Mr. Hewitt said he would be willing to attend the Annual Meeting or any future Council meeting if requested as well. Chairman Bernard said he spoke to the Provincial MLA Sonny Gallant this morning on this but that the discussion was not fruitful, so that a letter should be written to the Premier highlighting the problem and trying to get the traffic service unit restored.

Motion: To send a letter to the Premier on the lack of action from the Policing Study and to try to get the Traffic Service Unit restored.

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

c) FPEIM Semi-Annual Meeting

Chairman Bernard reported he would be attending the upcoming meeting on November 4th and asked again if anyone else would be able to attend, but no one could.

d) Vanier Rentals / Club Policy Revision

Revised draft versions of the Vanier Rental and Club policies were distributed and discussed. It was noted that copies of the forms to rent the Vanier hall should be made upon being booked and left in the kitchen for the Club and staff so that they would be aware when the Vanier hall was rented. It was also determined to change the draft policy to allow for Pot Lucks for private family functions.

Motion: To adopt the amended *Vanier Community Centre Rental Policies*.

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

The Club Policies document was also reviewed and it was determined to add under Licensed Premises that alcohol could not be brought into the Vanier either.

Motion: To adopt the amended *Wellington Community Club Policies*.

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

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e) Iles de Madeleine Trip

Deputy Chair Enman reported that she attended a trip to the Magdalene Islands with RDEE in looking at how they governed themselves and what kind of systems they had. She said there was a lot to see in the short time they were there, but she had three meetings with three different Councillors. It used to be 7-8 different municipalities, but around 2002 they all combined with 1 representative from each old municipality. Around 2006-2007 a small English area decided to pull-out to operate on their own again, although they still work together. Although the Islands are relatively small, the English municipal budget is around \$750,000 and the rest of the Islands is around \$26 million with a population of around 15,000. The residents often came together for special events and volunteered their time as they know a lot of their economy is based on tourism. One event in particular struck the Deputy Chair as something the Community of Wellington could also offer is having musicians come to play together outside and provide entertainment for others. It was suggested this should be able to be done behind the Barlow's Mill building, with just a PA system, stage and canopy needed.

7. Finance Report

An update for the period to October 12th in comparison with the budget was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed. There were some questions and discussion on several items, and it was noticed there should be an overall surplus unless there was more spending on a special project this year. Deputy Chair Enman said there should be new Bingo Cards purchased, as they only had very old ones they were using, and Councillor Arsenault said there should also be a nice outside Christmas display purchased for *Laurinda's Park*. There was a discussion on translation services costs, and Chairman Bernard said he was talking to Diane Arsenault at Francophone Affairs who said there should be some available funding to offset that if we offered ongoing regular translation services to our residents. Chairman Bernard also pointed-out that although Honorariums were taxable, there was no income tax portion deducted from the Community so it would need to be dealt with in everyone's individual tax returns.

8. Committee Reports

a) Sewer

** General*

Councillor Bernard reported that the sewer lines were flushed and everything went fine. Councillor Cormier asked if the line on Spring Street was done, as a neighbor was having problems. Councillor Bernard said no, but it would be done next year. It was pointed out there were no other reports of problems on that line, so it must be a lateral-line issue. Councillor Bernard also reported he was still waiting for a price from Havey Chandler to come look at servicing the Generator next to the Main Lift Pumping Station.

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** Sewer Dues*

Chairman Bernard reported that there was no answer from the Province regarding the payment of outstanding taxes on 76 Mill Road so he talked to the MLA Sonny Gallant. Minister Gallant talked with some people in the tax department and they said for us not to expect to get anything on it. Total receivables were around \$9,500 compared with \$8,200 owing at the end of December 2016, with two customers in arrears for three years. Disconnection notice letters should be sent if payment is not forthcoming on these.

b) Wellington Club

** General*

The daily sales to October 12th was distributed and reviewed. Sales are down since the last *Chase The Ace* fundraising draw was won.

** Chase The Ace*

Chairman Bernard reported that the Fire Department decided not to participate in the next *Chase The Ace* fundraiser.

** Activity*

There was a special dance organized by the Club Manager to be held on November 18th with the group *Fallback* to play old rock'n roll songs. The group is charging \$1,200 for the band, so 100 tickets are to be sold for \$12 each to pay for it. There was a concern that the band should not have been booked in advance for such a high amount, even though the tickets were soon sold-out afterwards. It was explained that the Club Manager had first approached the Administrator, who looked at the issue in-depth and approved it after being reassured by the Club Manager on a number of matters. There was also discussion on the number of spaces the Vanier could accommodate and it was decided there was enough space to hold another 20 people by reconfiguring the tables and moving the pool table, so 20 more tickets will be sold.

** Pool Table*

The Club Manager had reported a customer asked her if the Club would consider selling the pool table. She reported she only seen it used perhaps 3 times since she's been working there. The customer did not make an offer, so Council discussed and decided to offer it to the person for \$1,000 and if they didn't want it, then to offer it to anyone else.

Motion: To put the pool table for sale at \$1,000 which would include any accessory and the overhead light fixture.

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

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** Remembrance Day*

It was decided that the Club should be closed on Saturday November 11th for Remembrance Day.

c) Recreation

** General*

Chairman Bernard reported that the Parks clean-up date will be Sunday October 29, 2017 at 11:00am.

** Pond Bulrush Clean-Up*

Chairman Bernard reported that the *Dept. of Environment* would allow the clearing of bulrush sections approximately 1.5 meters wide at intervals of several meters totaling 20% of the area. Bulrushes could be pulled by hand without a permit, or a permit would need to be received if the work was to be done by machinery. It was suggested to have someone pull them by hand, but to wait until the Spring. It was also reported that the water was pretty deep on one side close to the bank, so there might need to be a boat for anyone going in the water near them. Councillor MacCaull noted she liked the idea of leaving all the bulrushes there to discourage the kids from getting too close to the water for that reason.

d) Operations

** Building Permits*

Chairman Bernard reported that there were no new building permits since last meeting. He also informed Council of the municipality of Brackley being fined \$2,500 for violating the *Provincial Architect Act*. It appears building plans were not signed-off by architects.

** New Speed Traffic Sign*

Chairman Bernard reported that the Province had installed an electronic speed flashing sign in the front of Ernest Arsenault's vacant lot on Wellington Road, before the lagoon. Mr. Arsenault was not happy with the location as he had the land for sale, but Sonny Gallant indicated to him they would move the sign if he sold the land.

** Sidewalk Snow Clearing Tender Ad*

Chairman Bernard distributed a draft for an ad to put a tender to clean the sidewalks in 2017-18. The ad was reviewed and seemed fine, so will be posted in the *Journal Pioneer*. It was also pointed-out the sidewalks should only be cleared after the roads are cleared and clean.

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** Sidewalk Repairs*

Chairman Bernard reported that he would ask Stephen Yeo from the Province regarding fixing the broken concrete sidewalk at Pleasant Dr. If the Province is not going to do it, a contractor should be called to fix it.

** Vanier Sidewalk Snow Clearing*

Chairman Bernard reported that last winter Paul Richard had cleared the sidewalks at the Vanier and that he was available to do so again, so he will be asked again.

** Vanier Floors*

Chairman Bernard reported that the Vanier floors were last polished in the Spring and asked if they are to be done again this fall. It was discussed and decided to wait until later.

** Waste Carts*

Chairman Bernard reported that letters are still to be sent to those individuals not following the new bylaw.

** Website*

Councillor Gagnon reported he was still working on website updates and postings on the French section. He mentioned there was a premium website package from WordPress that would be better suited to use as it had more options.

Motion: To go with the Premium Website package from WordPress for \$125 per year.

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

** Administrator Position*

Chairman Bernard reported that the CSCE was not interested in the position, as they found other contracts to keep their staff busy. The position will be advertised in the newspapers again to see if there are new applicants.

** Other*

None.

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e) Projects

** Storm Sewers*

Chairman Bernard reported that Stephen Yeo said he would send someone down from the Province in the next few days to go over the issues.

** Sewer Extension Barlow Road*

Chairman Bernard reported that he spoke with Stephen Arsenault from *AJL Contracting Limited* and Stephen estimated the work to install sewers there should cost around \$80,000 - \$100,000. There would be approximately 330 meters needed.

** Other*

There was a discussion on the \$5,000 commitment to *Les Jeux de L'Acadie 50+* for 2018 and whether they should receive a cash donation this year. There were questions as far as what requirements they would need from the Community of Wellington, such as whether they would want to use the Vanier Centre or other facilities. Some of the donation was to be provided in-kind, but the Community should have an idea what it may be asked to provide.

f) Bingo

Deputy Chair Enman reported no issues with Bingo.

g) EMO

Chairman Bernard reported that he spoke with Dave Redmond and that he would agree to serve as coordinator if selected. Chairman Bernard also spoke with Roger Gallant from the *Community of Abram-Village* and Roger said they would likely be fine with whatever plan Wellington had that could serve Abram-Village too. Chairman Bernard is working on updating the previous EMO Bylaw.

h) Regional Incorporation

Deputy Chair Enman reported that at the last committee meeting they agreed to invite around 50 individuals from the local unincorporated areas to solicit their views on what services they envisioned was needed for the area. The committee will be meeting on November 16th in Abram-Village with these individuals. Chairman Bernard also noted a recent report that the Province was willing to entertain less than 4,000 population base for new municipalities, so it showed they were being flexible on seeing this come together in the future.

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9. New Business

a) Carbon Tax Issue

Chairman Bernard distributed a letter from the Community of Miscouche and the Provincial response on the issue of the coming Carbon Tax. It was discussed and noted there was not much information out yet, so it was hard to know what to expect.

b) Halloween Curfew

Deputy Chair Enman reported that she had sent an ad to the papers to confirm a Halloween Curfew for Tuesday October 31st at 8:00 pm.

c) Christmas Supper

Chairman Bernard raised the issue of the annual Christmas Supper and noted that Alberton had decided to forgo having one this year and instead donate the funds to a needy family. While there was agreement that this was a good gesture and there was no need to have the Community pay for Council's supper, it was pointed out that the prime reason for Wellington having an annual get together was as a small token to thank the staff and volunteers who contribute much towards the community and to give them all an opportunity to interact with each other socially. There was also nothing stopping the Community from doing any donations directly to anyone in need, so the traditional Christmas supper get together did not have to be cancelled. It was decided to proceed with booking a room at the Kensington *Lotus Gardens* again for a Chinese Food buffet, and to have it on a Sunday between December 3rd and 17th.

d) SDBA

Chairman Bernard asked for views from Council on the presentation by President Arsenault. There was a discussion and it was noted that it would be a large commitment for the municipality to take these assets over, as there would also need to be more staff hired to look after them. There were also more questions on the financial implications of taking over these assets. Some financial information was reviewed, but it was noted that a more detailed break-down would be needed. It was therefore decided that more information would be needed in order to study this issue further in-depth.

10. Correspondence

a) PCH Foundation Vital Signs Campaign

A letter was received asking for a donation to the annual Vital Signs Campaign and it was agreed to give them \$100 again.

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b) Congres Mondial Acadien Invoice

A letter and invoice was received for a \$1,500 contribution in preparation for 2018 as per the previous commitment (\$1,500 was paid in November 2015 and other \$1,500 will be forthcoming next year).

Motion: To send them another cheque for \$1,500.

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

c) PEI Municipal Forum

An E-Mail was received on a forum being held Friday November 3rd, 2017 for municipal leaders. Deputy Chair Enman may attend.

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Monday November 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Alcide Bernard, Chairperson

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated