

**COMMUNITY OF WELLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 7 medical calls, 2 flue fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 mutual aid call. They also conducted a controlled burn in Abram-Village. Level 1 training is to start Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at the Firehall, with 3 new local members and 6 from the Lennox Island Fire Dept. to undergo twenty-two weeks of training, 2 nights a week. A new group of junior fighters are to join in the new year.

**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 November 20, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Bike Park**

Chairman Bernard reported that he approached a developer to see if they were interested in purchasing a 200'x200' section of land in the Bike Park for residential development. They expressed interest for the future, but not at the present time.

**b) SDBA**

Chairman Bernard reported that he attended a meeting with the *Société Développement de la Baie Acadienne* (SDBA) and the *Réseau de Développement Économique et d'Employabilité* (RDEE) and RDEE is still exploring the issue whether there is a role for them to play in managing or owning the assets

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**c) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+ Donation**

Chairman Bernard reported that he was informed the *Jeux de L'Acadie 50+* organizing committee were only planning to make use of the Tennis Court and Vanier hall during the 2018 games in Wellington.

**d) EMO Bylaw**

The drafted EMO Bylaw was discussed again.

**Motion:** That the revised EMO Bylaw document be accepted as read for the second reading.

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

**Motion:** That the revised EMO Bylaw document be adopted as read.

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

**e) Waste Carts Bylaw**

Chairman Bernard reported that one of the residences had complied with the request to relocate their storage cart receptacles but that the other residence had not. A registered letter is to be sent in the new year.

**f) Legalization of Marijuana**

Chairman Bernard reported that the Province announced some details of their plan regarding the legalization of marijuana. It will not be sold in provincial liquor stores, but only through new provincial outlets established for that purpose. It was not determined where individuals would be allowed to smoke it yet, but buyers would need to be at least 19 years of age to purchase it.

**g) Wellington Boys & Girls Club**

Chairman Bernard reported that the *Wellington Boys & Girls Club* were to receive their donation when they confirmed the details of their funding requirement in a letter.

**6. Finance Report**

An update for the period to December 14<sup>th</sup> in comparison with the budget was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed.

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**7. Committee Reports**

**a) Sewer**

*\* General*

Councillor Bernard reported no problems with the sewer utility.

*\* Sewer Dues*

Chairman Bernard reported the outstanding sewer dues were down to about \$6,600 with 4 accounts in arrears over two years. Disconnection letter notices are to go out next month for those still in arrears.

**b) Wellington Club**

*\* General*

The daily sales to December 9th was distributed and reviewed.

**c) Recreation**

*\* General*

There was a discussion on the skating rink at the pond.

**Motion:** To have LED spot lights installed on the walk-way bridge to shine on the pond skating rink.

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

**d) Operations**

*\* General*

It was suggested to purchase a new floor polisher for waxing and polishing the floors in the Vanier Center.

**Motion:** To purchase a new Floor Polisher and supplies from *A-1 Vacuum* for the Vanier Center, quoted around \$2,200 + HST.

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

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*\* Administrator Position*

Chairman Bernard reported that an individual from the Community approached him expressing an interest for the part-time Administrator position. There was a discussion on her qualifications and capabilities, and it was determined that she was qualified and would be well suited for the position.

**Motion:** To hire Giselle Bernard as the new Administrator after a short probationary period.

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

**e) Projects**

*\* General*

It was reported that some residents found it dark on *J. Leonce Bernard St.* between the latest four-plex and the corner of Mill Road when walking or driving down that road.

**Motion:** To have 2 new streetlights installed on *J. Leonce Bernard St.* to light it up between the four-plex and Mill Road.

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

**f) Bingo**

Deputy Chair Enman reported no issues with Bingo.

**g) Regional Incorporation**

Chairman Bernard distributed a working document report from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting highlighting the issues that were raised and discussed.

**8. New Business**

**a) Le Chez Nous Presentation**

Edgar Arsenault, Marie Arsenault, and Francine Arsenault from *Le Chez Nous* came to make a presentation to Council to inform it of their intention to request a license from the Province for 12 long-term nursing care beds. The non-profit community care establishment had previously requested this when they expanded a few years ago, but were denied at the time. There is still a need, however, to provide nursing care for local citizens in the facilities rather than having them shipped-off to manors outside the region when they are no longer able to care for themselves. The infrastructure currently exists to

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accommodate these residents, only there would need to be a Registered Nurse hired to provide proper medical care and support and *Le Chez Nous* is willing to hire one.

**Motion:** To support *Le Chez Nous* in their proposal to add nursing care beds.

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

**b) Watershed Project Update**

The Richmond Bay Watershed Association sent an update of their 2017 work and 2018 plans surrounding the pond's Ellis River watershed in Wellington.

**Motion:** To give *The Richmond Bay Watershed Association Inc.* \$1,200 from the remaining 2017 Special Projects watershed budget and reserve a further \$1,500 from any surplus in 2017 to advance to them in the next year or two as they continue working in the Wellington area.

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

**c) New Bylaws**

Deferred to future meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

**a) Congres Mondial Acadien 2019**

A Seasons Greeting E-Mail was received from the *Congres Mondiale Acadien 2019*.

**10. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Monday January 15, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Alcide Bernard, Chairperson

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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