

Rural Municipality of Wellington
Council meeting minutes
January 15, 2018

Present: Alcide Bernard, Mayor
Raymond Arsenault,
Jamie Comier,
Marcia Enman, Deputy Mayor
Irene MacCaull

Absent: Michel Gagnon and Pierre Bernard

Also present: Pierre Arsenault and Giselle Bernard, Administrators

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief James Ryan came to report on recent activities of the Fire Department. They reported 5 medical calls, 1 flu fire, and one smoked damaged home call. Some of the members of the Fire Department will be participating at a Fire Department Curling Tournament in Summerside this weekend. Three of the firemen will be recognized for years of service at the Lieutenant-Governor's home at Fanning Banks. Leon Perry and Gilles Labonté will be receiving a 20 year pin and Denis Cormier will be receiving a 25 year pin. This event will be held on January 30, 2018. The annual meeting of the Wellington Fire Department will be held on February 5th at 8 p.m. The 2018 Junior Wellington Fire Department member recruitment campaign has been launched. The Wellington Fire Department Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG) have been revised and updated. A copy has been provided to the Council. A SOG has also been developed for the Junior Fire Department. The generator has been serviced and the Department is looking to have the fire alarm serviced in the next few months.

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 December 18, 2017 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

5. Follow-up to the December 18, 2017 meeting minutes

a. Bike park

There has been a request from a potential developer to purchase the land at the bike park for commercial development. Council requested the potential developer to present his plans for approval before the purchase. At that time, Council will have a better idea to see if a rezoning application should be made as per the Municipality's Bylaws.

Also at the same time, the same potential developer has been requesting information for the lot of land next to the Wellington Fire Department.

Council decided to review the commercial building permit regulations. Important to note that any new commercial development needs to comply with Architect Act to receive a building permit.

b. SDBA

There was an update on potential leasers for the empty space at the Place du Village Mini Mall. Also there has been an initial discussion with one of the 12 new immigration agency to get a better understanding on the interest for immigrate business investment within the community. A meeting with the representatives of the provincial Office of Immigration will be set up within the next month to better understand the responsibilities of endorsement letters in the new point system for the Provincial Nomination Program.

c. Waste carts Bylaw

The Mayor will be sending a registered letter to request that the resident comply to relocate their wastes carts away from the road.

d. Gas tax Projects

Council is developing two Gas tax projects; the first is the upgrades to the storm sewage system on Mill Road. The final plans are being development and should be available for next meeting.

The second project is the renovations needed for the lift station on Ellis Drive. The first step is to develop an RFP to have the plans completed by a mechanical engineering firm. The system is 40 years old and it has been recommended to have this system replaced.

It was moved and seconded to engage in a tendering process through the provincial procurement on-line system.

Motion carried

6. Finance report

Council received financial reports ending December 31 for the Wellington Fire Department, the Sewer Utility Corporation, the Community Club (Vanier) and the overall business of the Rural Municipality of Wellington. The Budgets for the next fiscal year are being finalized and will be presented at the next meeting.

7. Committee reports

a. Sewage

The administration continues to send monthly notices for outstanding sewer dues. The disconnection letter notices will be sent at end of the month.

The maintenance to the generator has been completed.

b. Club

It was moved and seconded that the hours of the Club change on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. to 2 to 6 p.m.

Motion carried

It is also decided to have one Karaoke night on one Saturday night per month as long as it's not on the same weekend as Friday night Karaoke.

It was decided to list the pool table and light on the on-line selling sites such as Kijiji. Pool table and light to be sold together

c. Recreation

It was decided that all Christmas decorations be taken down and stored.

New lights are working well at the skating area on the pond. It was decided to build a new walkway from the platform to make it safer for the people using the rink as they travel up and down the river bank.

d. Operations

No additional information was brought forward to the council.

e. Capital Projects

Councilors are asked to research and bring new projects to the next council meeting.

f. Bingo

Deputy Mayor Enman reported no issues with the bingo.

8. New business

a. Winter Carnival

Council received a request to fund the Winter Carnival organized by the *Centre scolaire communautaire Évangéline*. It was moved and seconded that a \$100 contribution be sent to the organizing committee to help with expenses.

The letter indicated that this year 3 events will be held in Wellington; the Ice sculpting demonstration, a snowshoe walk on the trails behind the park and an Ice pond Hockey tournament. Council decided for the safety of the participants, to add additional safety cones and to mark off any unsafe areas.

b. Canada Summer Job Application

Council decided to apply for a federal youth summer job position.

c. Provincial Economic Advisory Council

Council received a letter from the East Prince/West Queens Regional Economic Advisory Council requesting input of the economic needs of the area. Council discussed the questions and would like to share with them the following points;

- 1) Importance of having manor beds within our community which would not only allow residents to be served in French but would create and maintain jobs in our community
- 2) The importance of keeping and growing our medical center services within the community which would contribute to a stronger local economy
- 3) The importance of keeping the high quality French k to 12 educations in our community again to keep jobs in our community
- 4) The importance of keeping and expanding programs at our post-secondary French College in Wellington as it increases our opportunities for economic development in our services.
- 5) The need for affordable housing for seniors in our community to avoid the need for seniors to relocate to Summerside as they reach the time when they can no longer care for their own home.

d. New Bylaws

Council reviewed and completed the bylaw to regulate remuneration of Council and Appointees.

It was moved and seconded to accept the bylaw as first reading with the changes suggested.

e. Administrator

It was moved and seconded that as of March 1, 2018, Giselle Bernard will be listed as the Rural Municipality of Wellington's administrator and that the signing authorities at the Evangeline-Central Credit Union-be updated.

9. Correspondence

a. Municipal affairs

An email was received from the Federation of PEI Municipalities to share that the Municipal Government Act was proclaimed as of December 23, 2017.

b. Municipal Affairs

A memorandum was received from the Federation of PEI Municipalities advising that they may be conflicts of interest with the sharing of official plans and bylaws between municipalities. They indicate the importance of contacting the professional association directly.

c. Loose Shingles Mobile Home

Council received a verbal complaint from a resident that shingles from a house next to her property blew off and hit her home. As per the Bylaw in place, the resident will be required to contact the owner of the home next door in question and speak to them directly to come to a conclusion.

d. EMO Training

The Rural Municipality of Wellington is invited to participate to a free Basic Emergency Management Course on January 20th, 2018. Mayor Bernard will be participating.

e. FCM Meeting

An invitation was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to meet with the Rural Municipality of Wellington in regards to an update on the FCM programs on Climate protection. Deputy Mayor Enman will meet with Eddie Oldfield on January 17 at 11:30 at the Vanier center.

f. North Cape Costal Drive New Strategy Meeting

Council was invited to participate at a public consultation in regards to the STAR program which is a regional tourism strategy for most of Prince County (Summerside to Tignish). Deputy Mayor Enman will be representing the Rural Municipality of Wellington.

g. Building Permit Information Sharing with CRA

Council received a request from representatives of CRA for Building permits information for the past year. It was decided to get additional information in regards to the use of this information and to better understand which communities are being asked to complete this task.

h. Letter from the Premier on policing services

Council received a letter from the Premier as an answer to a request made in November 2017 in regards to additional policing within the community. The Premier shared in our concern but there are no additional police services available.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Village office. It is also mentioned that the Rural Municipality of Wellington’s AGM will be held before the 3rd week of March

11. Ajournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Alcide Bernard, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated