

**COMMUNITY OF WELLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 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 7:02 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 that the last month was fairly quiet, with 1 medical call, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 flue fire, 2 structure fires, and 2 false alarms. They were installing a heat pump upstairs in the Fire Hall. They also reported that they were to start carrying an over-dose drug called Narcan in their trucks, to help reverse the effect of drug overdose cases during medical calls. All RCMP, ambulances, and fire halls have this now as first responders, to help slow-down the body system in cases when people become hyper due to taking certain drugs. Fire Department members are authorized to administer this provided they have been qualified through the Medic First Responder course and training, and they are covered from liability under the *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act* which was legislation designed to help battle the recent Opioid drug overdose crisis emerging in the nation. The Fire Dept. Standard Operating Guidelines / Procedures need to be updated to reflect this and other changes since the last revision in 2008, so they are being revised. The new Rescue Truck is also scheduled to arrive early in 2018.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be accepted with the following additions: add 9 b) *Chez-Nous*, and c) *Wellington Boys & Girls Club*. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of October 16, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Bike Park**

There was a discussion whether to keep the Bike Park as recreational, to sell the whole land parcel to a developer, or to parcel-out a section only for further residential development. It was pointed-out that a survey would be needed to parcel-out a section for sale, and that the zoning would need to be changed from Recreational to Residential.

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**Motion:** To approve the sale of a 200' x 200' section in the Bike Park for further residential development next to the existing four-plex for \$24,000 plus HST if a developer agreed to purchase it for that purpose.

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

**b) Honorariums**

Chairman Bernard reported that although one third of the honorariums were not currently taxable according to the *Federal Income Tax Act*, the 2017 Federal Budget announced the intention to eliminate that tax exemption beginning in the 2019 tax year.

**c) FPEIM Semi-Annual Meeting**

Chairman Bernard reported that he attended the November 4th meeting in Montague. Highlights were discussions on the Coastal Properties toolkit available on the Provincial website, posting Municipal Procurement Opportunities on-line, Marijuana legalization, a UPEI School of Sustainable Design presentation, and Municipal Affairs giving an update on the *Municipal Government Act* Regulations and Bylaw requirements. There was also a speaker who talked about the Island population, which just hit 150,000 and is projected to grow to 200,000 in another 20 years.

**d) Christmas Supper**

Chairman Bernard reminded Council that the Christmas Supper was on December 3rd in Kensington.

**e) SDBA**

Chairman Bernard reported that he was waiting for more information, but that he was informed the *Réseau de Développement Économique et d'Employabilité* (RDEE) had requested a meeting with the *Société Development de la Baie Acadienne* (SDBA) to study the issue further themselves.

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

Chairman Bernard reported that he asked them what facilities they were planning to use in Wellington to determine the amount of in-kind contribution, and they replied they were meeting on December 6th to be able to determine this.

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**g) EMO Bylaw**

Chairman Bernard reported that a new bylaw should be adopted to reflect joining with the Community of Abram-Village in its Emergency Measures plan. A drafted bylaw was introduced and reviewed.

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

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

**h) Congres Mondial 2019**

Deputy Chair Enman reported that she attended a meeting in Charlottetown with about 6-7 other municipalities present who were interested in learning about this event and what it could mean for their communities. There was a question on how much financing was approved from the Community of Wellington to support this event and it was not clear if it was a \$5,000 contribution committed over several years or otherwise. It was pointed-out that a \$1,500 donation was contributed in 2015 and they were supposed to follow-up for further contributions, with a further request made for \$1,500 this year and a further anticipated \$1,500 contribution for next year to come.

It was also suggested that Wellington should hold an event the day after the opening ceremonies in Abram-Village on Saturday August 10th, 2019. Chairman Bernard said it was already agreed to hold an event and a later date was selected, although it should be changed to Sunday August 11th as that day would work better. Deputy Chair Enman mentioned possibly doing something in the Old Mills Park, but parking space was a concern as there would need to be suitable space to host this. Ideas for activities included having music, a BBQ, family fun day, and an old fashioned carnival. The Congres Mondial Acadien event is hoping to attract 8,000 - 10,000 people for the opening, so there should be plans to accommodate at least 3,000 which could be anywhere from 500-1,000 extra cars or more. Parking would need to be organized at several locations, such as the Legion, Access PEI building, Bike Park, and perhaps in neighboring fields. A shuttle option was also discussed in addition to having people direct traffic to parking areas. It was also mentioned that there should be room indoors or under tents for the people in the event of rain. The Congres Mondial organization committee is willing to work with the Community in helping to plan an event, so they would like to know if the Community has anything in particular it would like to do. It was also pointed-out that this should coincide with Wellington's 60th anniversary of incorporation and the 70th anniversary of the Fire Dept., so a committee should be formed early in 2018 to start looking at this.

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**i) PEI Municipal Forum**

Deputy Chair Enman reported that she attended a meeting in Charlottetown that discussed the issue of welcoming immigrants to the Island. There were several people who reported that they did not feel welcome after arriving here, or who did not feel enough was being done to help them integrate and to encourage them to stay. It was noted many immigrants leave the Island after arriving here to go settle in larger urban cities in other Provinces.

**6. Finance Report**

An update for the period to November 16<sup>th</sup> in comparison with the budget was presented on the overhead monitor and reviewed.

**7. Committee Reports**

**a) Sewer**

*\* General*

Councillor Bernard reported that there was a problem with a lateral line at the Post Office which needed to be replaced, but it did not involve the Sewer Utility.

*\* Sewer Dues*

Chairman Bernard reported that the outstanding sewer dues were down to about \$7,900.

**b) Wellington Club**

*\* General*

The daily sales to November 18th was distributed and reviewed.

*\* Activity*

There was a discussion on the band *Fallback* having played in the Vanier Centre on November 18th. It was found to be very successful and a great evening enjoyed by all who attended. Comments all around were positive and there was support to holding similar events in the future.

*\* Bar Stools*

Chairman Bernard reported that the bar manager asked if she could get 4 bar stools for people to sit at the bar. There was a discussion and it was feared there was not enough room, although a lesser amount could be obtained for now.

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**Motion:** To approve the purchase of 2 bar stools for the Club.

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

**c) Recreation**

*\* General*

The fall clean-up was done. The Christmas lights are to be installed in the next few weeks.

*\* Pond Bulrush Clean-Up*

There was a discussion on cleaning-up the bulrushes this fall.

**Motion:** To get someone to pull-out bulrushes in several 1.5 meters sections on both sides of the pond this fall.

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

**d) Operations**

*\* Sidewalk Snow Clearing Tender*

Chairman Bernard reported that there was one response to the tender on clearing snow from *AJL General Contractors Limited* for \$5,000 for the season plus extra hourly charges to haul-out snow if required.

**Motion:** To accept the quote from *AJL General Contractors Limited* to clear the sidewalk of snow for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Motion moved and seconded. **Motion Carried, with 1 vote against the motion.**

*\* Sidewalk Repairs*

Chairman Bernard reported that the Province is not interested in repairing the sidewalk.

*\* Waste Carts*

Nothing to report.

*\* Website*

Councillor Gagnon reported that he made most of the updates to the website.

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*\* Administrator Position*

Chairman Bernard reported that there was no new applicants for the position.

*\* Other*

Nothing to report.

**e) Projects**

*\* Storm Sewers*

Chairman Bernard reported that he met with Matthew Fortier, an *Engineering Technical Office* from the Province who works under Stephen Yeo. They reviewed several of the outstanding issues and Mr. Fortier said he would send a surveyor to take some further survey shots to determine what actions could be taken. Mr. Fortier said his Department could do the engineering plans for extending the storm sewers on Mill Road, perhaps by the end of December. He was not willing to do anything with regards to the water issue next to 33 Sunset Dr., however, determining that to be on private land. He also made some suggestions for the water run-off behind 29 Spring St.

*\* Other*

Chairman Bernard asked if there were more ideas for projects to do in the near future. It was suggested to put-up a sign next to the Fire Dept. pumper in Laurinda's Park explaining its history, to paint the Barlows Mill building, and to get further Christmas lights to display on the street lanterns and in Laurinda's Park

It was also suggested to hold a *Celebration of Christmas Lights* event on December 1st near Laurinda's Park. There could be music, hot chocolate, coffee, and treats while waiting for the Christmas lights to be turned-on for the first time. A flyer would be sent in the mail to invite people to participate in this event.

**f) Bingo**

Deputy Chair Enman reported no issues with Bingo.

**g) Regional Incorporation**

Chairman Bernard reported that the Committee met on November 16th with approximately 30 representatives from the neighboring communities. There were many questions and issues raised, so the Committee will continue working to try to address them. It was also noted that there will need to be simultaneous translations for any future public meeting for the French and English participants.

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**8. New Business**

**a) Legalization of Marijuana**

Chairman Bernard reported that the Provincial Government is in the consultative stage of assessing what laws and regulations it will adopt in response to the Federal Government's legalization of Marijuana and was asking for submissions from municipalities. There was a discussion on how this should happen, such as where to allow purchasing, consumption, and how to enforce the new laws. It was determined that the sale and distribution should be handled the same way as liquor, namely through licensed or approved outlets of the PEI Liquor Control Commission, with efforts made to reduce the exposure to youth. Consumption of cannabis products should also not be allowed in public places. Revenues generated from the sales of cannabis should also be directed towards policing and for health care. A summary of these points will be sent to the Province highlighting the concerns of Council.

**b) Immigration Offices**

Chairman Bernard reported that the Province recently announced new Agents or Companies to pursue immigration and investments across the Island. He said a potential interested party indicated they might want to have a presence in the Community, so they may want to come make a presentation to Council at a future date on this.

**c) Municipal Capital Expenditures Grant (MCEG) Program**

Chairman Bernard reported that he attended a Provincial seminar which explained a new grant program available for municipalities. In short, the Province is offering grants of 10% of capital expenditures from April 2017 onwards. A Funding Agreement will be sent to outline the terms of this for any municipality willing to participate in it.

**d) New Bylaws**

Deferred to next meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

**a) PEI Road Builders Association**

An E-Mail was received from the *Plan Surveys Drawings and Standards Committee* of the *PEI Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association* regarding their Committee work with the PEI Municipalities, Engineers, and Consultants.

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**b) Chez-Nous**

Chairman Bernard reported that there is a meeting for members on November 22nd to look at the issue of being able to offer more extensive care for residents. If the members approve, there will be a public meeting and then the process will be to lobby the Provincial Government for the appropriate license designation.

**c) Wellington Boys & Girls Club**

Chairman Bernard reported that he received an E-Mail from Nick Arsenault from *Le Conseil Scolaire-Communautaire Évangéline* regarding supporting a project at the Wellington Boys & Girls Club to encourage more bilingual participation. Deputy Chair Enman also reported that she met with Nick and they went to see Michele MacDonald to see if there was anything they could do to help and encourage more French speaking children to go to the Club. Ms. MacDonald said she was challenged by a lack of bilingual staff and resources, but she was grateful for the offer and supportive of this initiative.

**Motion:** To give \$1,000 to the *Wellington and Area Boys & Girls Club* for a project to help them have more bilingual participation or support.

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

**10. Next Meeting**

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

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm.

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Alcide Bernard, Chairperson

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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