

**Rural Municipality of Wellington
Council Meeting minutes
February 19, 2018**

Present: Alcide Bernard, Mayor
Marcia Enman, Deputy Mayor
Irene MacCaull
Pierre Bernard
Raymond Arsenault
Michel Gagnon
Jamie Cormier

Also present: Pierre Arsenault and Giselle Bernard, Administrator

1. Call meeting to Order

Mayor Bernard calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Representatives of the Fire Department were not available to give their report during this meeting. Council participated at the annual meeting of the Wellington Fire Department on February 5th and among the items on the agenda there was discussion of purchasing the land next to the fire hall.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried (2018-09)

4. Approval of meeting minutes - January 15, 2018

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 15th meeting be accepted as presented

Motion carried (2018-10)

5. Follow-ups from meeting minutes

a. Bike Park -Developer's interest

There were no updates on this point.

b. SDBA - Provincial Office of Immigration meeting

An invitation for a meeting in collaboration with the Rural Municipality of Abram-Village was sent to the representatives of the Office of Immigration. The meeting date has not yet been decided.

c. Gas Tax Projects

i) Lift station replacement

The RFP has been prepared and will be posted on the provincial procurement site as soon as possible.

ii) Sewer extensions

There are no new developments at this time. There continues to be discussions on potential projects.

iii) Mill Road storm sewers

Mayor Bernard shared information from the provincial engineers on the total Mill Road Storm Sewage project. He shared that the existing storm sewage on Mill Road (from the turnoff at Sunset Dr) need to be redone as it is outdated. The budget to complete all the work on both sides of the street is \$462,375 (HST included). After reviewing the gas tax budget, council decided that the municipal funding possibility for this fiscal is \$68,000.

Council decided to continue looking for additional funds through the Infrastructure Secretariat's programs and with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Climate change funds). Council decided to put the project on hold until another source of funding can be found.

iv) 2018 - 19 budget

Council reviewed the budget and the actual costs to date. They also reviewed the funding still available to complete work on the new pump house replacement, storm sewer installation and sewer extension.

d. Remuneration Bylaw(2nd reading and adoption)

Council reviewed the updates to the Remuneration Bylaw as per the first reading. It was moved and seconded to approve the second reading of the bylaw with the addition of a space at 6.1

Motion carried (2018-11)

It was moved and seconded to approve the Remuneration Bylaw as presented at the second reading.

Motion carried (2018-12)

e. EMO training

Mayor Bernard along with Dave Redmond, representatives of the Fire Department and the Rural Municipality of Abram-Village participated at a one day EMO training session with the objective of preparing a Emergency plans for the communities of Wellington and Abram-Village.

f. Meeting with FCM representative

Deputy Mayor Enman and Irene MacCaul met with the representatives of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to discuss a funding program related to climate change and environmental issues.

g. NCCD Strategy meeting

Deputy Mayor Enman participated at a consultation organized by the North Cape Coast Drive in regards to the development of their STAR strategy for the region. There will be another session this week in Mill River as the process continues.

6. Financial Report - Budget 2018-19

Mayor Bernard presents the 15 month budget for 2018 – 2019 for discussion

Committee Reports

a. Sewer

The generator has been serviced and additional supplies have been placed in storage. Notification letters have been sent to residents who are late in making payments for the sewer system

b. Club

The Club hosted their first Saturday night Karaoke and it was a success. Pool table and accessories to be put on sale on Kijiji for the asking price of \$1,000

c. Recreation

The skating on the pond continues to be very popular. Maintenance invoices will be provided to the Village. Deputy Mayor Enman suggested a game of crokinole and curling combination for next season.

d. Operations & Projects

It has been reported that additional street lights have been added to the J. Léonce Bernard road, but they are not located as asked. Council asked to have the light at the corner moved to the original requested location.

Deputy Mayor Enman will present to council plans for a new outdoor stage for the park at the next meeting. She will present a budget for the build and also for operations.

Council discussed water drainage issues surrounding the Bel Age Park and neighboring houses on Sunset Dr. Work is needed to prevent water to accumulate in the yards of residents. A catch basin and /or berm with deeper ditches are discussed.

e. Bingo

There is nothing to present at this time. The Bingo continues to be popular. They have had to cancel a few Tuesday Bingo nights due to the weather.

f. Regional incorporation

Mayor Bernard updates Council on the discussion to date. He explains there have been a few meeting and explains that the working group is proposing applying for funds under the Municipal Growth Management Study to complete all work necessary to present a potential regional municipality.

It is moved and seconded to apply for funds to the Municipal Growth Management Study.

Motion carried (2018-13)

7. New Business

a) New Bylaws

It was moved and seconded to approve the Tax rate Groups Bylaws first reading after a few changes were brought to the draft

Motion carried (2018-14)

It was moved and seconded to approve the General Borrowing Bylaw first reading after a few changes were brought to the draft

Motion carried (2018-15)

Council decide to have the Proceedings of Council Bylaw shared with councilor for review before the next meeting

b) Low income housing

Council decided to send a letter to provincial government to indicate our interest in having additional low income housing developed in Wellington.

c) Public transportation project

Mayor Bernard shared that there have been a few discussion with la Cooperative Le Chez-Nous Ltée for the creation of a transportation service provided for seniors and anyone needing travel services. He will keep council updated on any further development

d) CMA 2019 - 60th anniversary

Mayor Bernard shared information he was provided at a meeting with the representatives of the Congres mondiale acadien (CMA). The official day planned for Wellington will be on Sunday August 11, 2019. The initial discussions are to be part of a Banner Celebration with all the other communities involved in the CMA, a potential NB and PEI Fire Department Skills Competition, visit of historical houses within the community, a female community leader to be recognized, promotion on the history of the mills, to name a few suggestions that have been made. There will be another meeting in March to continue the discussions.

Mayor also reminded Council that 2019 is the 60th Anniversary for the Community of Wellington and an organizing committee needs to be put in place shortly.

e) Annual meeting (date, advertising-Public Meeting to review 2018-19 budget, agenda & lunch)

The new Municipal Act requires rural municipalities to organize a Budget Consultation to replace the traditional Annual Meeting. Council decides to host a Budget Consultation and annual review on March 15th at the Vanier Center at 7p.m. During the consultation the following information will be shared with residents;

- 1) 2018-2019 budget consultation
- 2) 2017 financials - 2017 financial will need to be completed before March 15, 2018 as they will be presented at this time
- 3) Activity report
- 4) Brainstorming ideas for the 60th Anniversary of the Community of Wellington
- 5) Presentation on the Regional municipality project

It was moved and seconded to organize the Budget Consultation on March 15 at 7p.m. at the Vanier Center

Motion carried (2018-16)

Council decides to promote the meeting with a flyer to all resident on the Monday March 12, a post on the community's Facebook page and posted on the Community Web page

Irene MacCaull is responsible for preparing the lunch

Pierre Arsenault will be contacting BDO to be certain financial statements will be completed by March 15

The local MLA will be invited to the event

f) FPEIM Annual meeting

The Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities' annual meeting will be held on Monday April 30th. This one day event will be held in Cornwall where all participants will need to register. Any resolutions that the Rural Municipality wants to bring forward will need to be completed as soon as possible.

g) FCM Annual meeting

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be held in Halifax, NS from May 30th to June 3rd, 2018. Council gives Mayor Bernard authority to participate on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Wellington.

h) Report on CIF meeting

Mayor Bernard shares that he participated at a one day event organized by the CIF to share information on becoming a welcoming community for newcomers. It was a very informative event and he learned that there are many potential partners working in this field and it would be important to reach out to them if needed.

He also explained that a welcome wagon type project is being developed in the area with different partners and the Rural Municipality of Wellington is one. They will be preparing information on the community and a list of services provided locally. Once a new family moves into the area, a representative from the Municipality of Wellington and le Centre scolaire communautaire Évangéline will visit them and share the information.

8. Correspondences

a) Municipal affaires Newsletter

Mayor Bernard shared a newsletter he receives from Municipal affaires; he asked to have all councilor's signed up to receive the newsletter

b) PEI Crime Stoppers

Council decided to donate \$100 to the campaign to help promote Crime prevention on PEI.

c) Tourism PEI

Council received a letter from Tourism PEI indicating that they received a grant of \$600 to assist in the costs related to the Tourism Welcome Center

d) École Évangéline Science Fair

Council decided to donate \$50 to the École Évangéline Science Fair

e) Évangéline Figure Skating Club

Council decided to donate \$50 to the Évangéline Figure Skating Club to help with the expenses related to the annual ice show

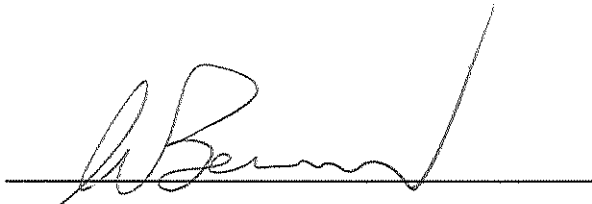
9. Next meeting

The next monthly council meeting will be held on Monday March 19 at 7p.m. at the Municipal Offices

Also important to note that the Budget Consultation and Annual review will be held on Thursday March 15 at 7p.m at the Vanier Center


10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30p.m.



Alcide Bernard, Mayor

March 19, 2018
Dated

for 

Pierre Arsenault

March 19, 2018
Dated