

**Rural Municipality of Wellington
Meeting minutes
March 19, 2018
Centre Vanier, Wellington**

In attendances;

Alcide Bernard, Mayor

Marcia Enman, Deputy Mayor

Raymond Arsenault

Jamie Cormier

Irene MacCaul

Michel Gagnon

Also in attendance: Giselle Bernard, Administrator

Guest: James Ryan, Fire Chief Wellington Fire Department

1. Call meeting to Order

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

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Chief Ryan presented the Wellington Fire Department report. Here are a few highlights; Chief Ryan has been reelected as chief for a 2 year period. He gave information on number and types of calls responded to during January and February. Three members have recently passed their level one training. Chief Ryan explains that they have replaced the flooring upstairs at the fire hall and also painted the walls. They are planning to add a ventilation system in the fire hall as the trucks are started in the facility and this causes dust. Updated medical certification will be required for 9 of the members. Chief Ryan requested the Rural Municipality of Wellington purchase the land next to the fire station as they need additional space for parking when all 28 members are at the fire hall. Also they will be presenting many medals of achievement to their members this year at the Christmas function.

3. Approval of agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried (2018-18)

4. Approval of meeting minutes of February 19, 2018

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as presented with the addition that during the annual meeting of the Wellington Fire Department, the interest in purchasing the land next to the fire hall was shared.

Motion carried (2018-19)

5. Follow-up from meeting minutes from February 19, 2018

a. SDBA – Provincial Office of Immigration meeting

No information to present at this time

b. Gas tax Projects

i. Lift station

RFP has been posted on the provincial site. Closing date is March 23, 2018. From the conversations to date, we are hoping to receive 3 bids for the work requested in the RFP.

ii. Sewer extention

WSP is completing the plans to bring the sewage service up to Barlow Road as planned. Additional information will be shared at the next meeting.

iii. Mill Road Storm Sewers

It was moved and seconded to apply for the RMW to bring forward the resolution to join the FCM-ICLEI

Motion carried (2018-20)

This resolution will allow for the Rural Municipality of Wellington to plan for projects to assist in dealing with climate changes within the community and to plan for energy efficiencies for the municipal infrastructure.

Mayor Bernard will be doing additional research on the eligible projects and also will be asking the Fire Department to wait on installing the ventilation system as it may be eligible under this program.

It was moved and seconded to apply for funds under MSC for 50% of costs related to completing a total budget amount of \$ 382,500 the storm sewage project on Mill Road. Council decided to move ahead with a funding request of \$196,250 with \$157,000 investment of gas tax funds and \$39,250 of community funds.

Motion carried (2018-21)

The total budget to complete the work needed on Mill Road is \$462,375

c. Borrowing Bylaw 2018-03

After reviewing the Borrowing Bylaw as presented, there were not changes to the document.

It was moved and seconded to approve the second reading of the Borrowing Bylaws as presented

Motion carried (2018-22)

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Borrowing Bylaw as presented in the second reading.

Motion carried (2018-23)

Tax Rate Group Bylaw # 2018-02

After review of the Tax Rate Group Bylaw, Council changed the residential term to non-commercial throughout the document.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Tax Rate Group Bylaw with the replacement of residential to non-commercial.

Motion carried (2018-24)

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Tax Rate Group Bylaw as presented in the second reading.

Motion carried (2018-25)

d. Proceedings of council bylaw 2018-04

Council decided to dedicate a meeting to review the Proceedings of Council Bylaw. Council will meet on Monday April 9 at 7 p.m.

e. Low income housing

Mayor Bernard will be sending a letter to indicate the interest of the community in low income housing development within our area. Also Council would like to encourage la Coopérative Le Bel Âge to move forward and build more affordable housing for the seniors in the area if programs become available.

f. Public transportation project

There are no updates on this point.

g. CMA 2019 – 60th Anniversary committee

Mayor Bernard invites councilors to join a subcommittee to plan the events surrounding the CMA activities in Wellington on August 11, 2019 and also the activities to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of Wellington. Raymond Arsenault volunteered for this subcommittee and Marcia Enman mentioned she could assist when needed. Gilles Painchaud volunteered at the Budget Consultation to be part of this committee. Council made a list of potential members and will be reaching out to them to see the interest.

h. Annual meeting – Budget consultation

Council shared that they were pleased by the results of the Annual review and budget consultation held on March 15, 2018. There were 8 people present from the community at large.

Mayor Bernard presented the budgets for the following; Capital budget from January 1st 2018 to March 31, 2019, Sewer Utility Corporation Operating Budget from January 1st 2018 to March 31, 2019, Community operating Budget from January 1st 2018 to March 31, 2019, Wellington Fire Department Budget from January 1st 2018 to March 31, 2019.

He also presented the 2018 tax rates as .49 for residential rate and .82 for the commercial rate.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the operational and capital budgets as presented and to adopt the 2018 tax rates as presented.

Motion carried (2018-26)

i. Park project

There are no updates on this point.

j. Municipal Affairs Newsletter

Councilors have been signed up to receive the Municipal Affairs Newsletter.

6. Financial report and Budget 2018-2019

Financial reports year to date as of March 15, 2018 for the operations, the sewage operation and club performance were presented to council.

7. Committee reports

a. Sewer

There are still some outstanding sewage accounts with residents in the community. Sewage service invoices for 2018 will be sent in April 2018.

b. Club

Mayor Bernard shared an email with councilors on an event that happened at the Club during an event last Saturday for their information.

c. Recreation

Councilor Raymond Arsenault shared that he has completed the cleanup of the winter recreation services.

d. Bingo

There are no updates on this point. The Tuesday night bingo continues to be popular.

e. Regional incorporation

There are no updates on this point. The next committee meeting will be on March 22, 2018.

8. New business

a. Municipal elections

Mayor Bernard shared that the Rural Community of Wellington will be required to follow the Election PEI procedure during the next elections to be held on November 2018. A returning officer will need to be nominated by April 2018

b. CMA logo and sign

Mayor Bernard shared that he has been approached by the CMA team. He has been advised that a 10X10 sign will be erected within the municipality this year to promote the CMA in 2019 and we have permission to use certain logos on such things as our web site or letterhead.

9. Correspondances

a. Evangeline Mini Relay for life

Councilors received a request to participate at the Evangeline Mini Relay for life event on June 2, 2018 by operating the barbecue.

Michel Gagnon, Irene MacCaul, Raymond Arsenault and Alcide Bernard agreed to participate.

b. Federation of PEI Municipalities AGM

The FPEIM's AGM will be held on Monday April 30, 2018 in Cornwall PEI. The Rural Community of Wellington is allowed 3 delegates. Mayor Bernard will be participating

c. Bike Relay

Mayor Bernard shared that he received information on a Bike Relay leaving from Abram's Village to Rustico.

d. Request from Wellington Fire Department to purchase land next to the station

Council discussed the impacts on purchasing the land next to the fire department for a potential parking lot for the members of the fire department.

It was moved and seconded to make an offer of \$6,000 on the land next to the fire department on Riverside Drive.

Motion carried (2018-26)

e. Letter from Gary Robbins

All rural municipalities on PEI received a letter from Gary Robbins requesting support against the new Municipal Government Act for PEI. Mayor Bernard will research this request.

f. École Évangéline

Council received a letter indicating that are two graduates from the Rural Municipality of Wellington this year and to confirm the bursaries to these students are still available.

g. Wellington and area Boys and Girls Club

Council received a request from the Wellington and area Boys and Girls Club for a \$1,000 donation to help support ongoing programs at the Club and they also requested a grant in lieu for the sewage dues for this fiscal. Council decided before making a decision to request additional information on programs.

h. Election of Fire Chief

It was moved and seconded to elect James Ryan as the Wellington Fire Department Fire Chief for the next two years.

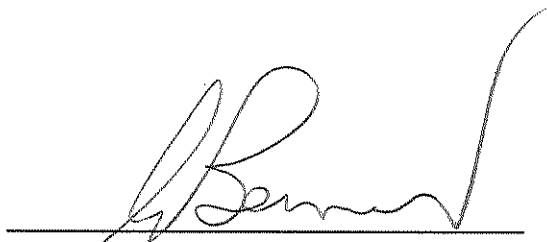
Motion carried (2018-27)

10. Next meeting

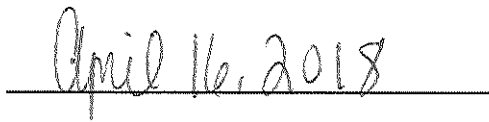
Council's next meeting will be held on April 16, 2018

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:15



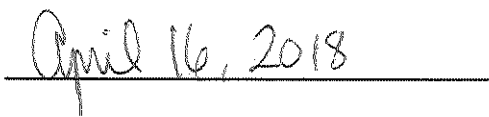
Mayor Alcide Bernard



Date



Giselle Bernard, administrator



Date

