

**Rural municipality of Wellington**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2018**

**In attendances;**

Alcide Bernard, Mayor

Marcia Enman, Deputy Mayor

Jamie Cormier

Pierre Bernard

Irene MacCaul

Also in attendance: Giselle Bernard, administrator

Guests: Desmond Arsenault, Wellington Fire Department, Caroline Ward and Thear Clark, residents of the community

Regrets; Raymond Arsenault and Michel Gagnon

**1. Call meeting to order**

Mayor Bernard call the meeting to order

**2. Wellington Fire Department Report**

Desmond Arsenault gave the report from the Wellington Fire Department as chair. He mentioned the following items;

- Completed a boot drive fundraiser for Muscular dystrophy;
- Ice rescue training completed for 6 certified members;
- Research exhaust fans for the truck bay needs to be added;
- Completed painting and new flooring upstairs;
- Partnership with Evangéline ATV Club to put into use an ATV sled to transport insured people out of the woods if needed;
- New program to provide each Fire Department with two new laptops for fire trucks equipped with a GPS system to assist in locating homes faster;
- Fire departments are lobbying local government to enforce residence to display their civic numbers in a more visible way;
- Completed 4 medical calls, 1 COA alarm and 1 potential propane leak during the last month.

Desmond also shares that the Wellington Fire Department is content with the services provided by the new system of EMS posted in rural communities along with the assistances of the Fast Recue Trucks. He explained that the new program of EMS service to Home care does not interfere with the needed services.

Mayor Bernard offers our support to the fire department

**2.1 Presentation from Caroline Ward and Thear Clark**

The residents presented their concerns to council in regards to the abandoned house on the corner of Barlow Road. The abandoned house is losing its shingles and it has become home to wild raccoons and cats. The ladies request any assistance possible from council to rectify the situation.

Council shares that they are doing everything in their power to address the situation and they assure the residents that they will continue to do so.

**3. Approval of agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried (2018-29)

**4. Approval of meeting minutes of March 19 and April 9, 2018**

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 19 by adding additional information to the description in point # 2 as follows “They are planning to add a ventilation system in the fire hall as the trucks are started in the facility and this causes dust and fumes in the building.”

Motion carried (2018-30)

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2018  
Motion carried (2018-31)

**5. Follow-ups from meeting minutes**

**a) Provincial Office of immigration meeting**

Mayor Bernard explains that he met with a representative from the Office of immigration, Kim Munro who presented the Community Endorsement Agreement. This agreement signed by communities indicates that rural communities are interested in receiving additional information on potential applicants wanting to immigrate to Canada and invest in a business.

It was moved and seconded to request that the Rural Municipality of Wellington become a Community of endorsement for the Expression of interest – Provincial nominee program

Motion carried (2018-32)

**b) Gas tax projects**

**a. Lift station**

Mayor Bernard shares that the municipality has received 3 proposals from the RFP. The proposals will be reviewed by a sub-committee and the information on the chosen firm will be shared with the council for decision.

**b. Sewer extension**

Mayor Bernard shares that the plans for the sewer extension on Barlow Road are being developed. Once they are finalized, they will be sent out for tender. Important to note that sewer lines are going to be placed on the right side on the road once the work is completed.

**c. Mill Road Storm Sewers**

Mayor Bernard shares that an MSC application has been sent to the province. We received notice that more applications than available funding have been received.

Additional funds may become available from the municipality if the new lift station plans come under budget.

Mayor Bernard also shared that he has been in discussions with the representatives of the Climate change. The results show the new storm sewer project is not eligible for this program.

Council decided to continue with the research of what municipal project could be eligible and not to make any application to this program at this time.

**c) Proceedings of Council Bylaws 2018-04**

Mayor Bernard shares the bylaws with the changes and updates brought forward at the meeting on April 9. Council is asked to review the bylaws before the next meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**d) Low income housing**

Mayor Bernard shares that he sent a letter to the provincial government indicating the interest within the Rural Municipality of Wellington for any low income housing.

**e) 60th Anniversary Celebration (CMA budget allowance)**

Mayor Bernard asked to have a meeting organised for the planning subcommittee as soon as possible for the activities related to the World Acadian congress and the 60th anniversary of the rural municipality of Wellington. He shares that the potential funding contribution provided by the CMA is \$13,500 if a total budget of \$18,000 is spent. It is requested to invite Lynn Gaudet to the meeting.

**f) Park Stage Project**

Deputy Mayor presented plans and budget for a 18 X 14 feet stage to be attached to the back of the Old Mill Park interpretation Center Building. The proposed budget to have the work completed is \$3,500.

It was moved and seconded to move ahead with the development of the project tender the work. Final decision is to be made by council.

Motion carried (2018-33)

**g) Land purchase**

Mayor Bernard shared that as decided by council, an offer was made and accepted by M. Labbe for the land next to the Wellington Fire Department.

**h) Wellington and area Boys and Girls club**

As requested by council, the Wellington and area Boys and girls club provided additional information on their programming.

It was moved and seconded to donate \$500 as programming funds for the club as well as a credit for the sewage taxes for this fiscal and the use of the Vanier Center for club activities when required throughout the year.

Motion carried (2018-34)

**i) House on Spring Street**

As discussed at the council meeting on April 9, the Rural Municipality of Wellington received a letter from the federal government offering the surplus house on Spring

Street at fair market value. Council decided not to purchase the house as public usage would have been required.

**j) House on corner of Barlow Road**

Council discussed the abandoned house on the corner of Barlow Road and decided on the following actions; Have the province evaluate the property, contact owner to encourage him to take action to rectify issue, to encourage local licensed trapper to relocate animals and to get legal advice on community

**6. Financial reports – YTD March 31,2018**

Mayor Bernard presented the following YTD financial reports for the Wellington Fire Department, the Sewer Utility, the Community Club (plus daily sales)

**7. Committee reports**

**a. Sewer**

No updates to be presented at this time.

**b. Club**

No updates to be presented at this time.

**c. Recreation**

No updates to be reported at this time

**d. Bingo**

No updates to be reported at this time

**e. Regional incorporation**

No updates since the last meeting. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Village office.

**8. New business**

**a. Municipal elections**

Mayor Bernard participated at a municipal election training session hosted by Federation of PEI Municipalities. During this session, all rural municipalities were told that they needed to appoint a “Municipal Electoral Officer”, a “Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer” and a “Returning Officer”. Bylaws on Elections for the Rural Municipality of Wellington need to be developed. There is a list of rules and regulations for candidates during the election that will be shared at a later date.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Pierre Arsenault as the Municipal Electoral Officer and ask Gilles Painchaud as Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer.

Motion carried (2018-35)

**b. Social media Policy**

Mayor Bernard share an issue that was brought up in regards to the type of posts created and shared on the rural municipal Facebook page. It was decided to develop a policy in regards to all social media and until that was completed, no new information would be posted on the municipal Facebook page unless directly organised by the rural municipality.

**c. Climate change staff grant**

Mayor Bernard shared that this new Climate Change program can assist a rural municipality to hire a person to review the needs and plan environment friendly projects. Council decides not to move forward at this time.

**9. Correspondences**

**a. Exposition agricole et Festival acadien de la région Évangéline**

Council received a request to sponsor the Exposition agricole et Festival acadien event. It was moved and seconded to donate \$100 to the organisation as a sponsor.

Motion carried(2018-36)

**b. FPEIM bulletin (Asset management)**

Mayor Bernard wanted to confirm that everyone had received the FPEIM newsletter. He also shared that he would be participating at the asset management training session as this will become mandatory for all rural municipalities.

**10. Next meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Monday May 21st at 7pm at the Village Office.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. once all the items of the agenda were discussed.

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Alcide Bernard, Mayor

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Dated

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Giselle Bernard, Administrator

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Date