

**Meeting minutes**  
**Rural Municipality of Wellington**  
**September 17, 2018**  
**Village Office, Wellington**

**In Attendances**

Alcide Bernard, Mayor

Marcia Enman, Deputy Mayor

Raymond Arsenault

Irene MacCaul

Michel Gagnon

Giselle Bernard, Administrator

**Absent:** Pierre Bernard and Jamie Cormier

**Guests:**

Desmond Arsenault, Fire department

James Ryan, Fire department

Pat McSweeney, Prince County Hospital Foundation

**1. Call meeting to Order**

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

**2. Wellington Fire Department**

Desmond Arsenault and James Ryan from the Wellington Fire Department were present to share their report with council. Here are the main points presented;

- The new rescue ATV trailer was used successfully last week. The department received great media coverage
- Overall there have been less calls this year to date: approximately 70 calls this year in comparison of 100 calls last year at this time
- Fire prevention week is planned for October 7 to 13 with an open house at the fire hall on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>
- The next round of the chase the ace will be organised by the fire department alone and they are requesting the use of the Vanier for ticket sales and also to absorb the costs related to having entertainment every Friday night during the ticket sales. Council will discuss and get back to the fire department.
- The purchases are being made for the new equipment project with Rural Development. The total project cost is \$48,793
- Junior firemen membership drive will be launched again this year, hoping to encourage new recruits
- The Fire Department Christmas Event is planned for Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at the Centre Expo and a representative from the Village will be needed to give out metals and awards
- The Fire Department requested a credit card to be able to do small purchases on behalf of the fire department. Council will follow up.
- Fire Department services have been requested for the August 10<sup>th</sup> CMA activity in Wellington in 2019

**3. Presentation by the Prince County Hospital Foundation by Mr. Pat McSweeney, chair of the Foundation**

Mr McSweeney presented to council the results of last year's Prince County Hospital Foundation funding campaign. They are very proud to have met their goal of 2, 4 million to purchase the equipment identified as priorities for the hospital.

He also presented the current year's financial goal of 1, 5 million with the list of equipment priorities decided by the staff of the Prince County Hospital.

He shared information on the equipment needed and also on how the Rural Municipality of Wellington could donate with a 3 to 5 year pledge. These pledges assist the Foundation with a more guaranteed source of funds each year and make for less work for the Foundation volunteers.

Council decides to review the information and make a decision at the next meeting.

**4. Approval of agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with two points added under correspondence; 1) Donation request from fire department and 2) Tourism PEI – Visitor Guide

Motion carried (4/4) (2018-62)

**5. Approval of meeting minutes – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented.

Motion carried (4/4) (2018-63)

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

**a. Gas tax projects**

**i. Lift station replacement**

This project is on-going; the planning stage is being developed. Site plan is completed and estimate of the costs to be presented soon.

**ii. Sewer extension**

The project to extend the sewage system on Barlow Road has been completed and has been completed under budget by approximately \$10,000.

**iii. Mill Road Storm sewer**

There is nothing to update at this time. A letter has been sent to the representatives of the province for confirmation of completion of this work within next year's budget.

**b. House at corner of Barlow Road and future zoning**

Mayor Bernard shared that the unsightly house on Barlow Road is on the AJL Contractor's list for demolition in the fall. Also that he had a discussion with two of the closes residents to have the zoning of the left side of Barlow Road as RM1 (mini homes and pre fab homes).

The administrator was asked to confirm the potential change with the two other residents in that area.

**c. Social Media Policy**

Council reviewed the Social Media Policy and made changes to the draft. Councillors are asked to review the policy before the next meeting where it will be brought forward for final approval.

**d. Municipal elections Bylaw – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption**

Council reviewed the Election Bylaw and made certain updates and changes to the Bylaw. It was moved and seconded to adopt the second reading of the Bylaw.

Motion carried (4/4) (2018-64)

It was moved and seconded to approve the Municipal Election Bylaw~~s~~ as presented.

Motion carried (4/4) (2018/65)

**e. Drainage issue**

The work will be completed as per the plan presented at the last meeting by AJL Contractor's in the fall of 2018.

**f. Sidewalks**

A quote is shared with Council to replace 12 pieces of sidewalk that have been determined as a liability for pedestrians. Mayor Bernard is going to discuss the issue with representatives from the province before a final decision is made. The work will be proposed to the spring as more damage could be made during the winter months. Council decides to ask the municipal maintenance person to add cement to the cracks on the sidewalk for this winter.

**g. Planning act consultation : Planning Board for permits and revise official plan**

Until the new council is elected, council will continue with Councillor Jamie Cormier as the person to review applications for building permits before being officially approved. As to the question regarding Council acting as Planning Board it is possible for Council members to also act as the Planning Board however the Planning Board would hold separate meetings and then report to Municipal Council for final decisions.

**h. Vanier's booking report to council**

A new reporting system has been developed and shared with council who seemed pleased with the information.

**i. Jeux d'Acadie 50+**

The Jeux d'Acadie 50+ were held in the municipalities of Wellington and Abram Village this past month and were a success. The organizing committee did a wonderful job. Donald Arsenault was the representative of the municipality of Wellington on the committee.

**j. Asset management Project – Correspondences**

Council has not yet received any official news on the application sent to hire a resource person to assist with the asset management plan for Wellington and Abram Village. But in the meantime, Municipal Affaires have been developing tools to assist municipalities. Municipal officers will be invited to the next meeting to present their tools to Council.

## **7. Financial report – YTD September 15, 2018**

Council reviewed all the YTD reports presented including operational, Sewer, Vanier Club and Fire department. They requested further information if the 2<sup>nd</sup> contribution to the Jeux d'Acadie 50+ had been made and also if the RCMP house was up to date with their sewer payments. They also asked for inventory of the bar supplies to be completed regularly. Council discussed the cost related to the entertainment on Friday nights at the Wellington Club once the fire department takes over the Chase the ace. This will be decided at the next meeting.

## **8. Committee reports**

### **a. Sewer**

There were no updates to be presented

### **b. Club**

#### **i. Open levee day 2019**

Council decided not to have any activities on levee day as there is already a big event at the Wellington Legion and an event at the Village musical New Year's Eve.

#### **ii. Dance**

Council decided to go ahead with a dance in the fall, they mentioned maybe around Halloween.

### **c. Recreation**

#### **i. Repairs to tennis court**

The repairs have been completed and the court was ready for the Jeux d'Acadie 50+

#### **ii. Pickle ball equipment**

Council was reminded that the tennis court can also be used for pickle ball. It was suggested to work with GoPEI to promote the sport during the summer.

#### **iii. Bricks from Bel age pathway**

The 1,400 bricks were removed from the Bel âge Park. Council decided to tender the sale of the bricks with a reserved bin of \$600.

### **d. BINGO**

There were no updates to be presented

### **e. EMO Team and Flood plan**

The EMO team will be meeting next week. Mayor Bernard shared information he received on creating a flood plan for a community. Councillor Irene MacCaull and Raymond Arsenault showed an interest on reviewing the information.

### **f. Regional incorporation**

Mayor Bernard explained that there has been a delay in the processes as the RFP for the Municipal Growth Management Plan needed to be reviewed and approved by Municipal Affaires. He indicated this should be ready in the next few weeks. The committee will be meeting soon.

### **g. CMA 2019 and 60e anniversary activities**

The CMA and 60e anniversary committee will be meeting next week. The planning is going well to date. Mayor Bernard explains that there are issues around the possibility of having signs put

up in the community to promote the event one year ahead. He will be following up with the responsible authority for the Province.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Administrator**

Mayor Bernard shared that council received Giselle Bernard's resignation notice as administrator for the Village. Council decide to post the opening to see if there was any interest in the part time employment.

### **b. Municipal election**

Municipal elections will be held on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Councillors are reminded that they need to put their name forward from October 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> if they are interested in reoffering. Pierre Arsenault is the Chief Election Officer for both Wellington and Abram Village. Promotion to the community on the election and the possibility of nominating will be shared within a few weeks.

### **c. Permits**

#### **i. House on Mill Road**

The building permit has been granted for the new construction on Mill Road.

#### **ii. Subdivision for Mathieu Richard**

The subdivision request to accommodate for the sale of the existing homestead is being evaluated but from the bylaws, there does not seem to be any issues.

### **d. PEI Energy Efficiency Project**

Council discuss the potential rebates in regards to making changes to the lighting system in the Vanier. Once all the information is collected, council will make a decision.

### **e. Capital investment Program ( Gas tax component)**

The municipality is in the last year of a 5 year capital investment plan for Wellington. The new council will need to review the plan and develop a new plan. Council wanted to be certain that the application made to Municipal Affairs for the storm sewage on Mill Road is still in the system.

### **f. Housing Plan**

Mayor Bernard shared with council that a new Housing Programs is in place to assist community group in the planning and the construction of housing for low/medium income. He will follow up with the representative of the Chez nous/ Bel âge to better understand their intentions.

### **g. Sommet immigration francophone**

Mayor Bernard shared with council that he participated at a meeting of francophone community leaders of the Maritime Provinces to discuss potential pilot project within the francophone communities of Atlantic Canada on attracting and maintaining French speaking immigration within our Acadian/francophone communities. There is a potential for a 3 year project for the Evangeline area. He will keep council updated on this project.

### **h. Logo**

Council decided as they are researching options for a regional municipality at this time, that they would hold off developing or revising the municipal logo until further notice.

**i. Mosquitoes control**

Council received information from a local company on the costs related to mosquitoes control in Wellington. To complete the complete community, the cost could be up to \$20,000 and to complete the park only would be approximately \$2,500. This would include the 5 cycles of the mosquito's growth. They will make a decision in the spring

**10. Correspondence**

**a. FCM – Climate change and GHG reduction**

Mayor Bernard shared information on the tools being developed from FCM on Climate Change and GHG reduction. There is a video that could be shared at the next meeting.

**b. Montague municipal office fire – recommendations**

Mayor Bernard shared a list of recommendations from the CAO in the Municipality of Montague after the fire that destroyed their village office.

**c. Rally Age-friendly communities**

Mayor Bernard shared an invitation to a Rally on Age-friendly communities to be held later this week. He encourages the councillors to participate if they had interest.

**d. UPEI Chancellor**

Mayor Bernard shared that the municipality had received an invitation from UPEI for the inauguration of Mrs. Callbeck as Chancellor.

**e. Tourism PEI**

Council decided to continue promoting the interpretation center at the Old Mills Park in the PEI Tourism Guide for 2019. Deputy Mayor Enman will assist in the preparation of the information.

**f. Funding request from the fire department**

Council decided to donate \$50 to the fire department to help fund activities during the Fire Prevention Week activities.

**11. Next meeting**

The next meeting for the council of the Rural Municipality of Wellington will be held on Monday October 15 at 7 p.m. in the Vanier boardroom.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30