

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting –December 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alcide Bernard, Mayor, Council Members: Albert Arsenault, Shawn Bernard, Jeannette Gallant, Irene MacCaull, Moira McGuire, Kelly Richard and Imelda Arsenault, CAO

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Fire Department report

The Department appreciated the invitation to the Christmas supper. Level 1 training program starts on January 7 with three firefighters taking the program which is held 3 nights a week for the next three months.

A Curling Bonspiel will be held in Charlottetown from January 17-19.

The Firefighters Ball went well with a lot of support from the businesses and residents of the area and more tickets could have been sold. Eighteen businesses were in attendance and 6 of these have pre-booked for next year.

Council brought a concern forward which has already been addressed.

As discussed at the previous meeting, a new Jaws of Life is required. The Department is requesting that the funds to be deposited on the Fire Truck Loan be used to buy the Jaws of Life. These funds were received from the sales of Chase the Ace. The cost is \$ 47 000 for a demo vs \$ 52 000 for a new device. A request will be made to a provincial funding program which may have supplementary funds up to \$ 30 000.

Calls: 17calls:6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 7 medical, 2 Mutual Aid, , 2 Flu Fires. There are more calls on Drug overdose situations which is concerning.

It is moved and seconded that the Funds identified by the WFD which were to be added as an extra payment to the Fire Truck Loan be used for the purchase of the Jaws of Life device.

Motion carried 5/5(2019-65)

Approval of agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried 6/6-(2019-66)

3. Approval of meeting minutes – November 21, 2019

It was moved and seconded that the meeting minutes be approved.

Motion carried. 6/6-(2019-67)

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared

5. Business arising from the minutes

a. Gas Tax Projects

i. Mill Road Storm Sewer

A few issues arose following the completion of the work on Mill Road. A tree is leaning on one property and the owners would prefer to have it cut as it touches the electric lines. The Municipality will cover the cost.

b. Application for extension of municipal boundary:

The ad is out and comments from the public are to be submitted by December 30.

c. Official Plan RFP

The Contractor would like to meet with Council and have the consultation meeting during the same week. The proposed date is January 22 for the consultation and January 23 for the Council Meeting.

It is moved and seconded that the Council meetings be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except for the January 2020 Council meeting which will be held on January 23.

d. Doctor's Office

Dr. McNeill's medical practice is now closed in Wellington. According to Coordinator of East Prince Health, the matter is in the Minister's hands.

The Mayor met with the Centre Scolaire Communautaire Évangéline which agrees that it would be their role to lobby to get some medical services in the Evangeline area.

There is inconsistent information regarding who pays for what for the office rental. If no results come out of the efforts, a letter will be drafted and sent to the Minister.

e. Wellington Boys and Girls Club

The Mayor met with the Director to discuss the status of the merger with Summerside. A Management Agreement is signed and seems to work well. The Director can now focus on the program and not be responsible for the overall operation. There will be some information shared with the public later in February. The major work that is being done at the present time is a follow-up to the Dorian storm. There are 2 staff members with many children present and many after school program children.

The accounting is still done separately with two different accounts, 1 for Wellington and 1 for Summerside. They are still looking for a donation from the Municipality and it will be determined later as to what is the best scenario for the donation. It is preferred not to affect the sewer dues and look at other ways to donate. The funds from the donation will stay for the Wellington club.

It is moved and seconded that a \$500.00 donation be made to the Wellington Boys and Girls Club.

Motion carried 6/6 (2019-68)

f. Street Lights

A request was made by the SDBA requesting the possibility of adding a light in the parking lot of the College de l'île. Since it is not the Municipality's responsibility to add streetlights to private parking, no light will be added there. The Municipality will look at a plan and working with Maritime Electric.

The new light on Mill Road is too bright. Maritime Electric stated that is was the lowest LED light available.

6. Financials YTD

The financial reports were presented

7. Committee Reports

Sewer& Municipal services:

The sewer generator on Ellis Drive Drive did not work during the last power outage and we were fortunate that the Mayor noticed this. There was no anti-freeze in the pipe providing heat in the enclosed area. It is a top priority to make sure Ron's Plumbing on standby when the power goes out. It is important to know who is responsible of looking after the generator. CAO will review the contract with the operator to see what the document states. Another concern is how the assessment of the lines is done.

Finance – request an update on the MCEG claim as no updates have been provided so far.

Tourism and Recreation –It was a low turnout for the lighting ceremony. This will have to be considered before another event is planned next year. It may be that when nothing new is added that the need to do a lighting ceremony is not necessary.

Bingo, Club and Social Services – nothing to report, still no breakopen tickets. There is a low turnout over the past few weeks. The Municipality will provide \$250.00 to help with the needy families. This was passed at Council last year.

EMO, Fire and Security – A meeting with the Conseil Consultatif Communautaire was rescheduled.

Technology and Communication: The website has been updated. There is work being done on the dropdown menus and there is a challenge with the French and English because it is not programmed in the same way.

Planning Board: The Planning Board report was discussed and approved by Council.

Welcome/Bienvenue –No meetings were held since the last meeting. More information will be available after the next meeting in January. The financing is not finalized for the Immigration project and the criteria is yet to be determined. No more information on the baskets. Annette R. at le CSCE will take the names for a potential list. A question was raised if we only give baskets to the Francophone families that are new or will be provide those to the Anglophone families as well. Cap Pelé seems to have succeeded is recruiting and retaining these families as they work with a major business to plan around the needs in the area.

Asset Management – Alcide and Imelda attended the last workshop in the AIM program. Work is being done with Canada-PEI Infrastructure to make sure the sewer line maps are accurate and the information available will be up to date to make decisions on these assets.

8. New Business

a) Building Permit

A Building Permit was approved to build fourplexes on Léonce Bernard Street. The work is well on its way.

b) **Diversity Festival:** The Diversity Festival is held every year and Abram-Village and Wellington were asked if they wanted to host it this year. PEIAMC coordinates this event with the help of the Municipalities. A few questions are raised: where does the money come from? Is it in-kind contributions? It could highlight the local cultural flavor. It is late to advertise as the tourism documents are all done for 2020.

c) Le Chez Nous Funding Campaign

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality contribute to the campaign by providing a relief on municipal property taxes on the new addition for the next four years: 0% increase in 2019-2020, 0% in 2020-2021, 33% for 2021-2022 and 66% increase for 2022-2023.

b) Correspondance

- Letter from Richmond Bay Watershed requesting funding
 - A breakdown of where the \$ 1500 will be spent was presented. This amount is part of the existing budget.

9. Other

10. Next meeting: January 23, 2020.

11. Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 pm.