

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting –February 20, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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

Regrets: Moira McGuire

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Fire Department report

The new Jaws of Life was purchased. It is a battery- operated demo device and works very well. An instructor from the NS Fire School provided the training to the firefighters and will do this training once every year.

Other fundraising activities held to fund the Jaws of Life are the Boot Drive and a request to the Wellington Legion. The question was raised if the fundraiser sign meter included the grant received from the PEI government and the response was yes.

The tablet communication program has begun. All trucks have been outfitted with the tablets and the training to use these devices is ongoing.

The Mayor brought forward the concern that in the news reports, it was not mentioned that the WFD received a government grant. This is a requirement in the conditions when receiving such a grant. This was noted by the WFD rep and will follow-up to add this to any new communications.

Training for Level I firefighter program is nearing completion. The test will be done in two weeks.

The Annual Meeting was held and the same members makeup the executive of the WFD.

We now have the 3rd group of Junior Firefighters so it provides a good succession plan.

The past year has been a very busy one. The calls are up from last year.

The Fire Dues will be increased by 2% for the 2020-2021 year.

3. Presentation on the Community Immigration Project

Angie Cormier and Diane Arsenault were present to provide information on the Evangeline Community Immigration Project. The main objective of the program is to support communities who are interested in adopting strategies within the Welcoming Communities

Framework. Funding is in place for 2020-2021 and will provide one full-time position to the organization who will support the community with the framework.

The main characteristics of the funding framework are: Inclusive Leadership, Employment and Economic Opportunities. The communities who present strategies to address this may receive funding and there is no lack of funds for Immigration. Direct services are essential and some examples of the activities are:

- Cultural Training
- Identify welcoming places
- Employment
- Recruitment of nurses
- Support to help integrate immigrants in the community

The organization is looking to hire a Project Coordinator for the next three years. The final strategic plan for the 2020-2021 year is not yet finalized and will be shared with Council when it is completed.

The lack of Housing and limited health services was discussed as these are main concerns if we want to welcome new residents.

The role of the Advisory Committee is to advise la CIF on how to spend the funding dollars. The partners will ensure that implementation of the project is followed through.

Council is asked to reflect on possible strategies for the Municipality and more information will be shared when the details are confirmed.

Approval of agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of a closed meeting.

Motion carried 5/5-(2020-05)

4. Approval of meeting minutes – January 23, 2020

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

Motion carried.5/5-(2020-06)

5. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Jaws of Life – Fire Department

The Wellington Fire Department purchased the device and 50% of the cost is paid by a funding grant through the Community Revitalization Program.

b. Annexation Application for extension of municipal boundary:

The final approval is complete. A letter from the Minister was received at the office confirming this.

c. Insurance Follow-Up

No new information on the Junior Firefighter Program.

d. Streetlights

The streetlight on Mill Road is repaired. The other light on the corner of Wellington Rd and Mill Road is still not changed. The Mayor called Maritime Electric and the company stated that a surveyor had to visit the site before the work could be done.

e. Buffer Zone

No issues with this on Ellis Drive.

f. Solar Panels

CAO communicated with other similar municipalities and there is no mention of solar panels within Building Permits. The existing BP would cover any structure away from homes on existing property.

g. Transportation and Infrastructure Program - no suggestions were made at this time.

h. Fire Rated Storage Room

The storage room on the 2nd floor is already fire rated which was done during the construction of the Vanier renovations.

7. Financials YTD

The financial reports were presented. CAO discussed the Wellington Sewer Utility invoices and the late payments on the accounts. Disconnection letters will be sent advising May 1 as the disconnection date.

8. Committee Reports

Sewer& Municipal services:

The office has not received any written proposal for a rate increase from the operator. It is important to know if the operator is monitoring the generator which is self- tested every Saturday. Albert will contact the operator to see if this has been done. CBCL was asked to

assure digital communication of the start-up and failure of generator. The warranty on the Lift Station begins on October 23 and is good for 1 or 2 years.

Finance – No report.

Tourism and Recreation – A resident called to report the noise caused by skidoos. A request was made to the PEI Snowmobile Association for signage to be installed at entrances to the Municipality via the Confederation trail informing skidoosers to keep the noise low in this area. Signs were immediately installed by local SkiDoo Club members.

Bingo, Club and Social Services – Bingo is going well. We received ALC tickets which are the \$1.00 and would prefer the .50 cent batch. The unopened box will be returned for new batches.

EMO, Fire and Security – Councillor attended the WFD Annual Meeting. A new executive of the WFD was elected.

A meeting of the EMO Committee was held and the communication notice was discussed. It was decided to send the memo by the end of March.

It was moved and seconded that James Ryan and Leon Perry be appointed as Chief and **Deputy-Chief** of the WFD.

Motion carried (5/6) – 2020 -07

Technology and Communication: The website continues to be updated. There are issues with the French/English setup. It would be great to add some information on immigration and information which is related to welcoming communities.

Planning Board:The December 8 Planning Board report was approved by Council.

Welcome/Bienvenue – The committee is working on Inclusive Leadership and Economics. The budget is not completed and more information will be communicated when it is confirmed.

Asset Management – No new information to report.

Health Services – A meeting was held with the Réseau des services en français. The Coordinator at East Prince Health cannot attend any meetings before the doctor is hired. It was discussed into hiring a Nurse Practitioner for the long-term plan. The construction within the Health Services office to accommodate new doctor is ongoing and expected to be completed at the end of April.

9. New Business

a) Budget 2020-2021

The budget was presented and one change was suggested – Bingo to be \$ 8000, thus reducing the surplus by \$ 1000.00.

The sewer budget is lower for next year as a result of less apartments. There is a minor increase with the new fourplexes being built.

Capital Budget- the capital budget was approved as presented for 2020-2024 – the surplus funding will be transferred to fund the Sidewalk extension on Sunset Drive, Lamp Post at the Vanier and sidewalk extension on Mill Road up to the park. This project will be done during 2022-2023 as the Gas Tax Funds have been used to fund the Lift Station and the Storm Sewers.

These budgets will be approved during the March meeting. Municipal Affairs signs off the final version which is due before April 15.

b) Credit Union Signage

The Credit Union wants to install an electronic sign in front of the institution. There are concerns regarding the height of the sign to avoid any sightline issue with the neighbor and the brightness that could be a nuisance for the residents across the street. CAO will check with other municipalities to see what exists regarding electronic signs.

It was moved and seconded that the Municipality prefers to have the sign installed on Pondsider Drive due to potential nuisances to residents. If it is not considered, the Municipality would appreciate being advised by the Credit Union to discuss this matter with the residents.

Motion carried. 5/5 (2020-08)

c) Correspondance

La Fromagerie – request to setup a Food Truck/Trailer to sell products two days a week in front of the Welcome Center. It is suggested that the trailer use the parking space on the right of the parking lot. If any issues arise after a brief trial period, the truck will be setup behind the Vanier.

It is moved and seconded La Fromagerie be allowed to setup his trailer using one space in the Welcome Center parking area.

Motion carried 5/5 (2020-09)

d) Le Festival Acadien Request

A request for sponsorship was received from Le Festival Acadien and Agricultural Exhibition.

It is moved and seconded that a contribution of \$250.00 be provided due to the 50th anniversary of le Festival Acadien.

Motion carried 5/5 (2020-10)

e) Bylaws: Access to information and Protection of Personal Information

Deferred to next meeting.

10. Other items

11. Next meeting: March 19, 2020.

12. In-camera meeting

The Mayor discussed the matters related to CAO responsibilities for the 2019-20 year and plans for the 2020-2021 upcoming year. Mayor will discuss with CAO.