

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting – January 23, 2020

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

There was no representative available due to another meeting commitment.

Approval of agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried 6/6-(2020-01)

3. Approval of meeting minutes –December 19, 2020

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

Motion carried. 6/6-(2020-02)

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared

5. Business arising from the minutes

a. Jaws of Life – Fire Department

The Wellington Fire Department needs to purchase new Jaws of Life equipment and access to a provincial funding program is available.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality make an application for \$ 20 000 through the PEI Community Revitalization Program.

Motion carried.

(6/6 -2020-03)

b. Annexation Application for extension of municipal boundary:

IRAC approved the request and has been sent to the Minister's office for final approval. There were no comments from the community throughout the consultation period.

c. Doctor's Office

Minister Aylward met with the Mayor and Sonny Gallant today to announce that a Doctor will provide bilingual services for 1 day per week in Wellington and will be located in the existing health office. More details will be provided at a later date as to who the new doctor will be. At the present time, a regional committee is looking into a long-term plan for health services for the Evangeline region.

d. Insurance -Sewer Backup Bylaw

CAO communicated with IRAC to get clarification on the process. Since the Wellington Sewer Utility is obligated to follow the IRAC Rules and Regulations, a bylaw is not required and it is suggested that a letter be sent to the residents of Wellington advising them that a check valve should be installed, otherwise, the Municipality would not cover any costs caused by sewer backup. This letter will be sent with the new invoices in early April.

e. Bike Park Sale

A contractor is interested in purchasing the land. They are not certain as to the design of what to build. More information will be available later when more information is available. In light of the existing work on the Official Plan, it is suggested to wait until this process be completed to avoid any rezoning request.

It is moved and seconded that a selling price of \$ 37 500 be offered to the buyer.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2020-04)

f. Diversité Festival

No new information to report.

6. Financials YTD

The financial reports were presented. There will be a surplus again this year. The Mayor asked for suggestions on purchases that are needed that could be purchased before the end of the fiscal year. Some suggestions were:

Teetherball for the playground, Swing for special needs, electric car charging station, new printer, making the second floor storage room fire proof. Council members are asked to reflect on this for further considerations.

7. Committee Reports

Sewer& Municipal services:

Following the last situation with the generator that did not work during the last outage, a meeting was held with Albert, Eric and the operator. It is suggested that the monitoring for this be the responsibility of the operator. At the present time, the generator should start every Saturday morning to test it but there is no monitoring to check if it does or not. It is important that this be done on a regular basis. CBCL was consulted to discuss this and they were in the area to check it out. The warranty on the Lift Station begins on October 23 and is good for 1 or 2 years.

The operator is requesting an increase on his contract of \$ 1500.00 and he is asked to make a proposal in writing to the Municipality.

Street Lights: Albert and Alcide did a tour to see which lights need updating or where to add new ones. A list is provided with the needs identified. CAO will call Maritime Electric to report the repair on pole # 12246 and to discuss the change for pole # 191723 The new lights for the other areas will be requested later.

The right of way on Commercial St will now be taken over by government.

Finance – The MCEG request for 2017-2018 for the purchase of the fire truck has been approved and the 2018-2019 application is in the final approval process.

Tourism and Recreation – Due to the issue of the packed ice following the last storm, there will be no pond ice this winter.

Bingo, Club and Social Services – nothing to report, still no breakopen tickets. CAO will make a call to ALC.

EMO, Fire and Security – No report.

Technology and Communication: The website has been updated.

Planning Board:The January 6 and 23 Planning Board reports were discussed and approved by Council.

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

Asset Management – No new information to report.

8. New Business

a) Budget Meeting

The budget public consultation meeting will be held on February 25 to present the financial plan. The notice will be prepared according to the regulations in the MGA.

b) FPEIM Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on April 27, 2020 in Summerside. Council members are asked to add this date to their calendar and let CAO know if they will attend. Registration needs to be done before April 16.

c) Procurement Program

CAO requested a registration to the program. More information to come later.

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

CAO shared a quick view of the bylaw and will send to Council members to review for first reading.

Record Retention Bylaw

The bylaw was read a first time

It was moved and seconded that the bylaw be read a first time.

It was moved and seconded that the first reading be approved.

Motion carried 6/6 (2020-04)

e) Buffer zone near waterways

The mayor explained that the existing Official Plan states that the buffer zone is 100 feet.

The provincial regulations states 50 feet. Council members agree to follow the provincial requirements in the new Official Plan.

f) Correspondance

- Mayor presented a new program available for Immigration that are targeted for Municipalities.
- Mayor shared highlights of the FPEIM Bulletin.
- Flag day is Feb 15 so it is important to put the flag up at the park. CAO will discuss with maintenance.
- Funding possibilities for a Sustainable Transportation Plan which could address new walkways that would connect to bike paths. It could address the needed work on the trail.

9. Other items

10. Next meeting: February 20, 2020.

11. Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 pm.