

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– January 21, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to

2. Fire Department Report

No report for this meeting due to a debriefing session.

3. Approval of agenda

It is moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried (6/6) – 2021-01)

4. Approval of meeting minutes – December 17, 2020

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

Motion carried. 6/6-(2021-02)

5. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Sewer expansion project on Barlow Road

No information to report.

b. Speeding controls

The temporary sign installed on Sunset Drive was removed because of the snowploughs. There is not enough of a shoulder so it will remain temporary for the future. It may address the issue in this area but not other speeding situations in the community.

c. Logo Contest

CAO is communicating with the contractor to get changes made to the previous option.

d. Sale of bike park

The surveyor needed to change a number on the plan and a copy of the revised version was brought to buyer and the lawyer.

e. Official Plan Update – no information

f. Covid – 19 Status

No new information.

g. Active Transportation Fund Application and Challenge Adaptation Fund

No word on the applications.

h. Solar Energy

Mayor Bernard spoke with Kim Griffin at Maritime Electric and they are waiting to see how many municipalities are interested in the project and they will invite all interested groups to attend the presentation at the same time. Gilles Labonté will be invited to this presentation and he has a keen interest in this area. Residents would not benefit as a group, it would only be a savings to the individual municipality electricity account.

i. Donations for needy families

A total of \$ 200.00 in gift cards was distributed and the other \$500.00 is available when needs are identified. Sr Norma mentioned that needs arise many times in January and February. Mayor discussed with her and the manager at the Coop and it was suggested to create a committee to assist in distributing the funds on a yearly basis.

7. Financials YTD

CAO will check with the WFD on the Air tanks, Equipment Repair and Irving Energy accounts. An update to budgets adopted was also presented indicating that the Municipality will end the fiscal year in a surplus situation.

8. Committee Reports

Sewer& Municipal services:

J- Leonce Bernard Street : Eric Montgomery was hired to do the elevation measurements. The elevation shots came out ok and per the original construction plans. He reported a low volume of flow on manhole 5 and 6. So the situation seems to have cleared and is good for now.

Generator on Mont-Carmel Rd:

We received a revised quote from AJ Repair which is lower following a discussion with the provider regarding the service contract. Albert was also in contact with Chandler concerning the maintenance that is part of their quote. CAO will call AJ Repairs to advise him of the decision but the installation indicating that the work will not be done until we are informed of the funding. The decision to move forward on the work will be discussed at the next meeting.

It is moved and seconded that the municipality accept the bid from AJ Repairs at a total cost of \$ 45,310.000 which includes a 2- year service contract.

Leak in roof issue at Vanier Centre Update: no update on this matter

Operator's contract: Albert and Alcide will work with the operator for the new contract which is \$ 1500 more yearly for a total of \$ 12 000 per year.

Street Lights – The two new lights have been installed however the HPS lights have not yet been replaced with LED fixtures.

Financial – A meeting will be scheduled to make budget preparations. The public meeting for the budget consultation will be held March 4, 2021.

Tourism and Recreation –The Municipality received two quotes from 8365601 Canada Inc and Backwood Tree Cutting to perform clearance of dead and fallen trees in the park

It is moved and seconded that the contract be awarded to 8365601 Canada Inc for a total of \$ 2000.00 + HST.

Motion carried 6/6 (2021-04)

The pond rink has been cleaned for the first time providing a size of 95 X 110. Albert will get a list of volunteers and provide this to Raymond. The sign for skating at your own risk is posted near the ice rink.

Ski-doo

A few snowmobilers use private property to get through the village and go through front lawns and back yards of private residences. This was discussed with Mike Gallant from the Ski Doo Club and to find solutions since the access to the Confederation Trail no longer exists on Barlow Road. The ski-doo club will look into this since it is not the municipality's responsibility to provide the trails but may help in finding solutions.

Bingo, Club and Social Services– no new information to report.

EMO, Fire and Security – Jeannette reported the highlights that are taking place: The Community Legal Information did a presentation to the public and highlighted areas they could provide assistance. There is a video for seniors on wills, power of attorney and other subjects. Support is also available for grandparents who take care of their grandchildren. The RCMP have added two members to their staff to address speeding and other highway issues. Mayor has written a memo of appreciation and support to address speeding issues in the community.

A discussion was held on the Chez Nous fire. The EMO committee was called to provide help at the Legion when the residents were transported there. The Mayor was pleased to see so many family members who came to assist their family members during this ordeal. He spoke to the Chez-Nous Board President to offer any assistance they may need. Meetings are ongoing to discuss the progress needed to move residents to more permanent housing until they are to move back to le Chez Nous which could be a few months.

The Municipality will post a message to acknowledge the excellent work from firefighters, staff, EMS, and other groups who have assisted during this fire. Message will also include words of compassion for the residents. CAO to prepare message.

Technology and Communication: no new information. Council members have all received new I-Pads and a contract will be prepared as these I-Pads are the property of the Municipality and will need to be returned when Council member are no longer on Council.

Planning Board:A building permit was approved to install a mini home on 12 Barlow Road and will be posted for 21 days.

Welcome/Bienvenue: A meeting will be held shortly with employers to get information on their needs and discuss strategies for further developments with the immigration population. There is also a public meeting to discuss housing needs in the area; those interested to attend need to register in advance.

Asset Management: The work is progressing with the data collections on the sewer system, the facilities, sidewalks and trails. Land Info is integrating this data into the GIS system. Meetings are held on a monthly basis with basic team and will invite other councillors during the second phase of the project.

Health Services – A meeting was held with S. Gallant, MLA. He indicated there was no new information as to when the doctor might come to Wellington. As for the mention, by the Health Minister, that efforts would be taken to have a nurse practitioner come to Wellington while waiting for the doctor, MLA Gallant had not done any follow-up on this question.

The security situation at Crescent Court is still a concern. The Covid 19 matter seems to affect the situation. MLA Gallant suggests that residents keep calling the housing officer and keep a record of all the calls. Mayor would like to see more action for this situation. It was also suggested that it may be better to discuss with the Minister of Social Development as the unruly resident would be handled by this department. Mayor Bernard will write to the Minister if things do not improve in the coming weeks.

9. New Business

a) Official Plan Bylaws Workplan

Sidewalk – A discussion was held as to Council's preference to install cement or asphalt sidewalk. The price will dictate what will be installed however councilors prefer to continue the cement sidewalk if the price is in line with the plan. CAO will look at prices for both options. The plan is to install the new sidewalk in 2023 but we should start the planning for costs.

Sewer – A discussion was held on widening the road on Mill Road. It is too late to request this for 2021 so will look for 2022. It would be great to have a crosswalk in front of Boys and Girls Club. We will wait to improve trails following the response for the Active

Transportation Project Funding. CAO will start looking for parks and recreation operating and maintenance plans in other municipalities.

b) Chase the Ace – There was a possibility that the WFD would use the club for the Chase the Ace event but have since chosen another venue.

c) WFD Badges

The Municipality has paid for the badges in the past.

It is moved and seconded to pay \$ 650.00 for the badges through a donation to the Wellington Fire Department.

Motion carried 6/6 (2021-05)

10. Correspondence

a) The Municipality received a letter from MP Julian Peter regarding Bill C-213 regarding the Pharmacare Act. This is to establish a universal pharmacare program for the country. The request was to sign a petition supporting this bill. There is no interest from Council to sign the petition.

b) 2021 Census – the Municipality is asked to promote the Census 2021. The information will be posted on the Municipality website when the time approaches to fill the census survey.

It is moved and seconded that the information on the Census 2021 be posted on the Municipality website at the appropriate time and a reply indicating our support will be sent to Census-Recensement Canada.

Motion carried 6/6 (2021-06)

11. Other items

Right of Way on Pondsides Drive

Club and the Vanier have a right of way on Pondsides Drive. The Department of Transportation was in Wellington to look into the ownership of this street. MLA Gallant will look into this to see what is happening with this matter and discuss with the Dept of Highways. The owner, Aurelle Arsenault, was not aware that there may be any potential changes to the street.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.