

**Rural Municipality of Wellington
Council Meeting– July 15, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

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

Resident Gerald Arsenault

Absent: Shawn Bernard

Fire Department: Desmond Arsenault and Jason Maddix

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Fire Department Report

Desmond Arsenault, president of the Fire Department presented the information to Council.

Calls: 1 structure fire, 3 medical calls, 1 Mutual Aid in Miscouche.

Desmond presented the equipment list to be requested through the Community Revitalization Grant for a total of \$ 50 000. He also asked the question as to solar panels on the fire hall. Mayor Bernard said that the matter will be discussed further as there are potential future projects for the municipality.

Metalfab sent in a few different proposals for the new tanker. There are still a few details to confirm before accepting the final specs.

The Communication Tower is in a bad condition as it is not stable and will need to be replaced. Spence Communications can install a new one for \$ 5000.00. There is also a possibility of getting a free tower from a community resident who does not use a new tower and it would require a receipt from The Fire Department for \$ 2000.00. More details will be shared later.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried (5/6)-(2021-38)

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

Irene MacCaull will reclude herself from item 6d.

5. **Approval of meeting minutes –June 17, 2021**

It is moved and seconded that the June 17 minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried (5/6)-(2021-39)

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

a. **Age Friendly Communities (AFC)**

No new information.

b. **Sewer expansion project on Barlow Road**

The project is complete and the line was tested. Everything is working smoothly. Stewart Enterprises is working on installing the laterals on the other side of Barlow Road to have it prepared if the developer is interested in selling this land.

c. **Speeding controls**

No news on this yet, not certain if the sensors are installed. The traffic is still very fast on Sunset Drive and a lot of noisy vehicles as well. There is no RCMP visible in the community since we were informed that more services would be available.

d. **Logo**

We will not proceed with the work. The contractor will be paid for the hours worked.

e. **Covid – 19 Status** – the new regulations allow for higher numbers within cohorts.

This does not change the situation for the Vanier because of the number of entrances and the washrooms available so still only good for 1 cohort of 50.

f. **Official Plan Update** – no update.

g. **Sidewalk Extension on Sunset Drive** – The Municipality received one proposal from WSP.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality proceed with the proposal from WSP if all the requirements of the RFP are met.

Motion carried 5/6 (2021-40)

h. Trails Planning – A Committee meeting was held July 15. CAO communicated with the affected landowners to inform them and get their support on the matter. One piece of land is owned by an estate and there could be legal issues before we can proceed. It is recommended to seek legal advice before proceeding. A discussion was held with possible consultants who could do this work. CAO will communicate with Don Maynard from Granville Ridge to see if he has time to do this work.

i. **Pondside Drive – right of way**

Mayor wrote to the Minister but has not received any response to his first letter.

j. Subdivision updates

No new information to report.

k. Solar Energy Project

There are numerous projects in line and Efficiency PEI told us it could take a few weeks before getting the assessment done. After the audit is done, it would take 2-4 weeks before getting the final report.

l. Covid Warrior Medals

Nominations are ready to be sent.

m. Full-time CAO Update

An expression of interest for an interested organization to join the Municipalities CAO responsibilities will be advertised in August.

Resident matter:

Gerald Arsenault brought two concerns:

- He is asking if there are any manholes on Spring Street. Council member Arsenault confirmed that there are and would help locate them for him.
- Empty home – RCMP house on Spring Street
He is concerned on the condition of the home and it should be put on the market. He thought the Wellington Legion may have been interested in buying it. Mayor discussed the matter of looking at selling the existing lots on Spring Street and more information would be available soon.
- There are noisy dogs at one home on Spring Street. According to bylaws, there is no rules on dogs barking on an existing property.

7. Financials – Year to date report

The Year-to-date reports were presented, no concerns raised.

8. Committee Reports

1. Sewer & Municipal services:

a) Generator: The new generator for the lift station is not installed yet.

b) Sewer Rate – Chez Nous – Following a discussion on the Chez Nous situation regarding the possible move in date and the issues at hand, it is decided to proceed with an adjusted sewer dues for 2021. CAO will send the invoice

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality adjust the Chez Nous 2021 sewer dues to 50% of the regular sewer dues for 7 months of usage + regular dues for the remainder of the year.

Motion carried 5/6 (2021-41)

c) Platform – Mayor will talk to Wellington Construction to get it lifted. There are wasp nests that need to be removed. CAO to communicate with Ernest.

d) Fence and bike racks –The Municipality received one quote for the fence.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality proceed with the proposal from Dion Gallant Welding at a cost of \$ 2179.00.

Motion carried 5/6 (2021-42)

- a) **Trail upgrade** –Two quotes were received: Curran Briggs and AJL. Mayor will talk to Stephen to clarify the cost to make sure we are comparing the same information in the proposals and send an email to confirm the final quote and follow-up by email for a final decision.

Email approval

It is moved and seconded that Council accept the quote from AJL at a cost of \$ 9 425.00 for work needed to complete the trail upgrade.

Motion carried 5/6 (2021-43)

- b) **Playground** – Albert proposed a drainage system to address the water issue in the ground under the slide portion of the playground. A drainage pipe could be put in to flow in the pond. CAO will contact Chris MacNeill for a quote.

2. Finance

3. Tourism and Recreation – summer employees

Work is progressing with the work. CAO brought up a situation regarding a visitor to the center. Updates will be provided if needed.

4. Bingo and Social Services – no new information

5. EMO, Fire and Police

Nothing to report. A meeting was rescheduled but cancelled.

6. Technology and Communication

No new information.

7. Welcome/Bienvenue

There are many personnel changes over the past few months. The Director is on sick leave at the present time and no other employees at this time. Covid 19 has certainly affected the program so the funding will continue for the future. The priority for the fall is to support families who have moved to this area. Aubrey Cormier was hired to do some work on the immigration housing issue and is interested to meet with Council later. No new developments on the welcome baskets.

8. Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws – Sewer and Fire Dues collection policies

CAO asked to look into present policies or bylaws and report back with a draft at the next meeting.

9. Asset Management – FCM Asset Management Project Report

A meeting was held June 9. The wastewater system map is complete and most of the facilities are mapped. It is a good tool for municipalities to use to manage their assets and provides key information for decision making. The project is nearing completion and we

anticipate a final report after the next meeting in July. Wellington is included in the pilot project which is considered a model for Canada.

10. Health Services;

There is no doctor yet. Mayor emailed the Minister to inquire on the status.

Crescent Court Situation

There has been another complaint with the involved resident. The residents are calling the government office but there is no follow-up. Mayor Bernard wrote another letter regarding this matter. It is suggested to meet Minister Jamie Fox to discuss.

9. New Business

a. Project Impact Aïnés

Mayor attended a meeting on this project. He was surprised that not many seniors were there, it was mostly employees of organizations. Participants were asked to approve a plan very quickly with no previous knowledge that the group would be required to make decisions as the group was invited for consultation purposes. The project focuses on Transportation, Housing and Employability for seniors. Another meeting is planned for October.

b. Proposed National Park - Birds Island area/Lennox Island

Mayor attended a presentation on this project. Since 2006, Parks Canada has been working to advance this new park. There does not seem to be any land appropriation through this new park. Government will be working with land owners to discuss the work moving forward.

CAO to send the video and survey to Council members.

10. Correspondence – MP Bill C- 313

Referred to next meeting

11. Next meeting: September 16, 2021

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:50