

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– January 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order and welcomed all members via zoom held because of the Covid-10 restrictions. In consideration of the zoom meeting, the agenda was prepared with that in mind and to address the more urgent matters.

2. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried (6/6)-(2022-01)

3. Conflict of interest declaration

None declared.

4. Approval of meeting minutes –December 16, 2021

It is moved and seconded that the December 16, 2021minutes be approved as presented with the following changes:

Addition of the details on the Pondsides Drive matter:

Motion carried (6/6)-(2022-02)

5. Business arising from the minutes

a. Official Plan

The municipality received feedback from Municipal Affairs stating that a public consultation will be needed to adopt the changes to the plan which are minor. The changes were discussed with Minister Fox and DirectorMacKinnon and it appears that it would be an simple change for the document to move forward.

The required changes are related to the Building Permits and the National Building Code which are items 1.4, 1.6 and 1.7 in the Zoning and Development Bylaw document.

Remove from the plan a need for a development permit to add a driveway to a property.

Mayor will contact C MacKinnon to clarify what is needed regarding the public consultation and if it is possible to post the information on the municipality's website to receive comments from the public. As for the other matter which is to address the need for a Development Permit to add a driveway, this item would be removed.

Another issue that is concerning is that within the new Building Code, the municipality has no control on which construction materials are used on a building and no details on the construction details. The only thing we see in our official plan is the height of the building. This will be discussed with the Planning Board to be addressed later.

b. Full-time CAO update

The interview committee, Shawn, Alcide and Roger conducted interviews. There was only one candidate qualified as bilingual, with the qualifications required and she would be a good fit with the municipalities. She would be available in early July. She has some experience working with a municipality and events management in Beresford, NB.

No contract has been discussed yet and the committee is waiting for more information on the benefits from FPEIM or other providers. The proposed salary would be approximately \$ 60 000 which is close to the hourly rate presently provided for the CAO position at \$ 30.00 per hour. The annual salary will be divided between Wellington, Abram-Village and the new organization based on 15 hours weekly for Wellington, 10 hours for Abram-Village and 15 hours for the community organization.

It is suggested to move as quickly as possible to adopt the contract at the next Council meeting.

It was moved and seconded that an offer be made to Jasmine Doucette to be hired as the new full-time CAO for the Rural Municipality of Wellington with the position being shared with Abram-Village and the new community organization.

Motion carried (6/6)-(2022-03)

c. Shared services bylaw

CAO shared a rough draft of a bylaw. The following points were discussed:

- It is not shared services but a shared position
- The hours provided to the three organizations need to be clear
- Travellers expense to be identified,
- Location where the work will be done – Abram-Village has agreed that the work could be performed in Wellington while providing the hours served for the community in Abram-Village
- Ownership – who does the person report to and the legalities for the employer

- Amount of funds and how they are provided by the two other groups for the new CAO position
- The appendix would cover duties of the employee

d. Collège de l'île

Mayor received a letter from the College on January 5. The decision seems to be clear that the move to Summerside is preferred. It is mentioned in the letter that there are needs for an Action Plan for Wellington – not certain what this signifies. It is disappointing that the location choice is Summerside.

A meeting was held on December 20 with MLA S. Gallant, MP B Morrissey, Mayor Bernard, Mayor Roger Gallant and CSCÉ Nick Arsénault. It was agreed to call a meeting with the College board and la CSLF. MP Morrissey indicated that he would talk to the Premier. An invitation from the Premier, at the request of MLA Sonny G. to participate in a meeting with College and CSLF, was received on January 10th. The meeting is set for January 26. This may be postponed with the news of Sonny's medical issues. In previous conversations with the Premier and other ministers, it is stated that rural development is an important matter for government.

It was also mentioned as to why the SDBA was not invited to this meeting as they are the landlord of the property. D Desroches offered to meet with the SDBA at their next board meeting.

e. CSLF

Following the school board October meeting decision to move the CSLF offices out of École Évangéline, Mayor received a call from the Superintendent on January 12 who communicated that the plans for the consultations are put on hold and CSLF wants to stay in Abram-Village. There are discussions with government on the need for the extra space. The CSLF would need 4000 sq ft for the extra space and they will request that from government in the new renovations. The existing space is not sufficient and they will present a new plan for their space.

f. Computer Equipment Purchase

CAO presented two quotes, one from Dell at \$ 1349 + GST and one from Staples for \$1249 + GST.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality purchase a new computer for the office at a cost of \$1349 + GST.

Motion carried 6/6 (2022-04)

g. Pollinator's Park

Irene met with Tracy from the Central Environmental Development Corp and went through all the plants to be planted and areas to be developed. She presented all the items that need to be addressed and brought numerous prices on these.

- A shed would be added and prices to be requested.
- AJL will quote on the groundwork
- Roger Bernard will be approached to discuss how to work the ground before the park is setup.
- Coop service jeunesse has benches they can provide at a cost.
- Industrial Arts program at the school could do bird houses or other wooded structures
- Council will need other avenues to fund this.
- Requested to make room for cars to park.

6. Financials – Year to date report

The Year-to-date reports were presented.

- Check on the amount for the operator, provincial fire dues income and the equipment for the fire department

7. Committee Reports

Welcome/Bienvenue Évangéline

Moira reported on the situation with their committee.

A meeting of the Committee was held via zoom and items in the list below were discussed:

It is hoped that the new year will see concrete actions with the items listed below:

- New hires – Britney Arsenault for 3 days per week and looking for names to work on the Bienvenue Évangéline project.
- There is a human resources issue in finding employees for the Bienvenue Évangéline project as the existing employees have resigned.
- SDBA is doing a renovation at Place du Village to accommodate office spaces for the Bienvenue Évangéline employees and they are investing \$ 30 000 to make the area more welcoming which will serve as a new Immigration Center for new immigrants arriving in the region.
- Natalie Arsenault, consultant, was hired to assist with the transition from la CIF to le CSCE.
- Activities planned for la Semaine de la francophonie, International Women's Day, Mardi Gras, a meeting with employers
- Swag bags will be prepared

8. New Business

a. Meeting dates for 2022

The monthly Council meetings will be held on Thursday of the 3rd week of every month for the 2022 calendar year except August.

It is moved and seconded that the Council Meeting for 2022 will be held on the third Thursday of every month except August.

Motion carried 6/6 (2022-04)

b. Budget Consultation

It is required by the Municipal Government Act for municipalities to have a public budget consultation meeting. It is discussed if the budget consultation meeting should be held during the March regular meeting or have this meeting on a different date. It is suggested to hold the meeting on March 3, 2022.

c. Development Permit issued – no new permits issued since last Council meeting. There is work being done on 18 Barlow Road without a permit. CAO communicated with the owner and the Development permit was submitted.

9. Correspondence – Young at Heart Theatre

Discussion was held on the event to hold a public concert by the Young at Heart and the organization is looking for venue and location to support the event. As well, they are looking for a letter of support from the Municipality to submit in their application for funding. Various questions were brought forward such as parking space during the event, security, health services, etc. The information known on the company is positive. CAO will confirm Wellington's interest for August 5 or 6, 2022.

10. Next meeting: February 17, 2022

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.