

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– June 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Regrets: Kelly Richard

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Welcome to Jasmine Doucet

Mayor welcomes Jasmine Doucet who is doing her on the job training with the Municipalities of Abram-Village, Wellington and Acadie IPE (ATÉ). She will begin her new role as CAO on July 11.

3. Fire Department Report –

Call: 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 first responder call and 1 utility fire.

The training is going well. The WFD will participate in the Canada Day festivities. They will organize a hot dog BBQ. The spring get together was held on June 11. Two new members joined the department recently have a total of 30 members at the present time.

The Chase the Ace fundraiser is finished for this round. They raised a total of \$ 37,900 which is divided between the ATV club and the WFD. The event requires many volunteers mostly to sell the tickets and the weekly draw event and they will look into this for the future if it is worthwhile to continue.

Representatives of the FD will attend the equipment fair in Summerside next Friday. No new information on the medical call situation.

SBDA update

The parking lot will be paved in the coming days. They are requesting to park a 24 ft storage container without the wheels behind the coop. Council agrees to place this container which is a smaller one than the one owned by the organization which is quite larger. It is important to have a letter from the Coop indicating their approval.

The department will discuss the Operational Guidelines (SOG) as there is disagreement among the members on certain items.

4. Approval of agenda

It is moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of the following items: SBDA and Festival Divercity.

Motion carried (5/6)-(2022-24)

5. Declaration of conflict of interest

Jeannette Gallant and Imelda Arsenault have declared conflict with item 13.

6. Approval of meeting minutes –May 19, 2022

It is moved and seconded that the May 19 minutes be approved.

Motion carried (5/6)-(2022-25)

7. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Speed Controls** – The speed sign on Sunset Drive was damaged and has been replaced. Mayor met with RCMP, Nick Doyle to discuss the matter. He indicated that the speed report is very good information to have noting the excessive speed reported on Sunset Drive and the time of day these occur. He said that residents need to call when gatherings are going on in a public place and they will send a car down.

They also discussed the ATV Club request and mentioned that this would not be good for Wellington. There are issues with ATV's in many areas and opening the streets/roads to them will probably not help the situation in any way.

b. Requests to Minister Aylward

Response to Municipality's letter was received which includes to the following matters:

- Shoulder on Mill Road- this is non urgent and will be added to the list for later. A repeat request will be done this fall.
- Sunset Drive storm sewers – Provincial engineers will perform the design and planning required which will then provide the necessary information on the cost for next year's budget.
- Erosion on Ellis River – Provincial engineer will visit to assess the situation.
- Speed sign on Sunset Drive – has now been repaired
- Right of way on Pongside Drive –The Dept of Transportation is addressing this matter and will forward plan to Municipality.

c. Full-time CAO - agreement

The announcement was done on Friday, June 10 with the signing of the Shared Human Resources agreement and the presentation of the new CAO, Jasmine Doucet.

d. ATV Club Presentation

Mayor asked Council to give their opinions on the matter before responding to their request. Council member shares that it is not the municipality's authority since the roads are controlled by the province and it is unfair to expect us to make that decision. It feels as if they are passing the buck. It is also suggested to wait until another community on PEI has tried the project before we commit to it. At the present time, many of the ATV's are not plated, no insurance and is a cause for concern. We are trying to attract families to the community and having ATV's using our roads is not the best way to do this. Does the province see a need to do a study before letting communities move forward on this.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality refuse the request at this time, to allow ATV's to use the main street from Barlow Road to the end of Sunset Drive, and re-evaluate the request after other communities have done trials on the matter.

Motion carried (5\6- 2022-26)

e. Transportation Project

A meeting of newly established Working Committee was held, the terms of reference are completed and a call was made for proposals on the project. A comment was shared that a student wanting to attend the Wellington campus decided to stay in Charlottetown because there was no transportation. Although funding has been approved by Infrastructure Canada, the Municipality has not yet received the details of the funding contract. Consultants will not be able to start work before further information is received on the conditions of the funding.

f. Pollinator's Park

No new information on funding application. It is suggested to get the property tilled, but we will wait until the project is approved.

g. Mental Health Project - funding was rescinded as requested information had not been sent. Municipality will have the opportunity to resubmit its application in the next round of submissions which is expected shortly.

h. Green space on Barlow Road

No new information on the deeding of the lot since the last meeting.

i. Equalization Grant funding program

No new information on the details of the program and Mayor suggested we submit a formal request.

j. Official Plan– No approval yet

k. EV Charging Stations

CAO presented information received on the EV Charging Stations.

Cost: Single Station - \$10 000 Double station: \$ 15 000 to \$ 17 000

Using the Payment option is the decision of the municipality. There is an administrative charge \$ 150.00 per year and we receive 15% of the revenues. It is setup and monitored by the provider or the stations. There are three levels of charging: 1, 2 and 3. Level 2 is more universal and the Level 3 while it charges faster is used more for specialized cars. In light of the cost, it is suggested to install a double station. It is important to promote the use of electric vehicles for the population.

It is moved and seconded to recommend the purchase a Level 2 double station and request for quotes for the Level 2 and Level 3 as well as the electrical wiring necessary to accommodate the charging stations.

Motion carried (5\6-2022-27)

l. L. Arsenault request

Decision of Council has not been provided to Mr Arsenault yet and request to PEI's Environment Minister has not been sent yet.

m. Summer student workers

Three interviews were held, and CAO discussed the results of the interviews. Council accepts the report. Both projects are funding 8 weeks each at \$14.25 per hour (includes vacation pay)

n. Newsletter

The newsletter model was shared with Council and will be sent out before July 1.

8. Financials

CAO presented the Year- to- date report.

9. Committee Reports

a) Sewer& Municipal services:

Sewer on Maple Street – The funding was approved at 50% Municipal Strategic Component (MSC) and 50% Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Direct allocation. No updates from the engineers on the quote for the work on this project. Municipality will need to go public for the tender. CAO to prepare the ad on La Voix Acadienne and the village website.

It is moved and seconded to announce publicly on La Voix Acadienne and the Village website to get a quote for Maple Street Sewer Replacement.

Motion carried 5\6-2022-28

The lines need to be connected at 147 Mill Road. Drilling needs to be done carefully as the pipes are close to the road. It is suggested to contact Preston to check the area before digging and while they are digging.

It is mentioned that we should reconsider the connection costs for new homes.

Generator – The provider is waiting for a part to connect to the monitoring system. It is setup that AJ Repairs will come directly to start the generator if a power outage happens. Should contact AJ to discuss the deadline expected.

ACOA Energy Project – The revised quotes for the Vanier Centre heat pumps are in and will be analyzed to make the final decision.

Trail Upgrade – no update on the gravel yet.

b) New trail – No new information – CAO to contact Don Maynard to give an update.

c) Finances – no new information.

- d) Tourism and Recreation** –It is suggested to add a new swing. CAO to proceed with the purchase. Playground inspection to be done sometimes in July. They are quite busy with reduced staff so it could take a while. Sign on Mill Road needs to be replaced. CAO will talk to Ernest.
- e) Bingo and Social Services**– All good. Councillor asked if the municipality will contribute again this year to the Canada Day events which was budgeted. It is suggested to wait if le Conseil scolaire Communautaire needs the funds.
- f) EMO, Fire and Police** – Jeannette attended a meeting – Sr Norma gave the details of the work at hand on elderly abuse, intimidation, end of life matters, etc. Most of the cases are in the area but some are in other areas of the province.
It is noted that the Boys and Girls club consultation meeting was held since the management changeover with the Summerside center. The 50\50 from the Wellington Club should be local club's patrons.

g) Technology and Communication – no new information.

h) Welcome/Bienvenue Évangéline

A meeting was held on May 30. It was very similar to the last meeting updating on the plans. The National Council presented their plans. The Festival Divercity will be held in Abram-Village on July 10. It was noted by one member of the Evangeline Project board that the members are not active and the Director was asked to provide the terms of reference and work plan to better understand the work. The next meeting will be focused on the next three-year plan.

Mayor sent a letter to the president of Cooperative d'intégration francophone (CIF) but the letter was returned because of the name on the envelope was not recognized at the post office as the address was correct. CAO sent the letter via email and the president responded that she will look into the matter. Le CSCE is currently looking for staff for the project.

i) Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws –

- Sewer Utility – CAO will rework the document between the old and the new versions.

j) Asset Management — Mayor will connect with Land Info later in the fall.

k) Health Services& Government Health Homes:

Doctor's office – no new information on the availability of a doctor. There are complaints with Skip the Waiting room appointment process.

Crescent Court -Another incident took place at Crescent Court and issues are still present.

Government Health Homes – no new information.

l) Municipal Elections– no update – Election is on November 7, 2022. Deadline for nominations has not been communicated to the Municipal Election's Officer.

m) Canada Torch Relay Information – A press conference and launch celebration-was held in Borden yesterday. More information will be shared to explain the nomination process for the participants to the relay which will begin possibly at Ecole Évangéline and end in Wellington. Kelly and Moira are on the selection committee with other Canada Games committee members-

10. New Business

- a. **Development Permits** – no new permits.
- b. **Canada Day Celebrations** – July 1 – 2:00 pm – Old Mills Park
 - Need to place a fence between the park at 23 Mill Road.
 - It is suggested to ask Sr Norma to raise the flag at the ceremony.

11. Correspondence –

a) Sponsorship for le Festival acadien and Agricultural Exhibition

It is moved and seconded that the municipality donate \$ 250.00 for the event.

Motion carried – 5\6-2022-29

Acadian of the year - It is suggested to nominate an individual for the competition. CAO will submit the information.

b) MP Gourd Letter

Council suggested to communicate the following areas of concern to the MP

- Housing shortage
- Immigration
- Funding for municipalities on Infrastructure – Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)

12. Staffing matters: Council agreed to continue with the contractual work of Imelda Arsenault for 30 days after the start of the new CAO in order to assure a smooth transition. After this time period the request for paid services will need prior approval by Mayor. Irene will look after a gift of appreciation to be presented at next Council meeting.

13. Subdivision Application Updates–Imelda Arsenault and Jeannette Gallant left the meeting due to the declaration of conflict of interest. Mayor provided an update on the status of the three subdivision proposals. He also informed Council of the survey done by FPEIM to help them develop their funding program that would provide financial assistance to housing development projects in rural municipalities within the province.

10. Next meeting: July 18, 2022.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.