

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2013

Present: Chairperson Stanley MacDonald; Vice Chair Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, and Carol Ferguson. Administrator Bev Shaw; and Guest Adrienne MacDonald.

Regrets: Councillors Darren MacKinnon and Davis Gallant.

Meeting to order:

Chairperson MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The agenda was approved with following additions: New copier, ADIC sign, ADIC minutes and donation to hospital. *Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.*

Minutes

The September 12, 2013 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a *motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried* the minutes were approved.

Business arising from minutes:

- No response from Warren Ellis re his property on Willow Avenue but the Department of Environment did take some photos of the site.
- Department of Environment was advised of Council's opinions on the Ellis recycling depot but no further information available.
- Council agreed that the Province (Confederation Trail) be contacted again about the picnic table near the CN and request that it be moved closer to the lighted area near the cenotaph instead of being removed.
- Eric and Dale inspected the snow clearing machine which was to be purchased as directed by Council at the September 2013 meeting. The machine wasn't suitable for our needs as its wider than the sidewalks. *Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried* sidewalk clearing machine not be purchased.
- The old maintenance truck has been sold for \$550.00.
- Eric obtained a quote from Preston Murphy for \$10,700 to repair the raised culvert in CN driveway. It was agreed that project to be deferred to the spring.

Financial Business:

Comparative financial report for the ADIC was reviewed and Blake stated he thought it looked promising. There's been a reduction in expenses and an increase in revenues.

Under 16 Nationals expense and income statement reviewed as well and a small profit was realized even with including the overtime wages paid out.

Carol reported speaking to daycare operator and payment arrangements of rent arrears has been made. Also stated that she's been added as signing authority and that a plan is being drawn up to deal with the sewer account arrears.

Financial report for September 2013 was reviewed by Council. September revenue: general \$75,636.04; sewer \$4,179.63. September expenses: general \$114,065.72; sewer \$9,314.83; Bank balances at the end of September - general <\$37,784.97> which was due to sewer loan payment of

\$35,442.40 being withdrawn on September 30th but on October 1st, \$30,000 was transferred to general from sewer plus a deposit of \$18,992.33 was made to make a balance of \$11,207.36; sewer \$96,377.37. Copies of budget report to September 30/13 circulated to Council. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that financial report be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Police report

RCMP Constable in attendance and the September police report was reviewed saying members spent 188 hours on O'Leary business with 25 calls for service. Provincial statutes breakdown for September - 4 speeding violations, 4 non-moving traffic violations, 3 seatbelt violations, 2 Liquor Control Act violations and 6 written warnings. Two criminal background checks were completed.

Chairperson's report

In Stanley's written report he reported attending the Georgetown Conference which was very interesting. He also attended several meetings regarding the CN station. Stanley attended fundraising committee meetings for the Hospital Foundation and the Potato Museum hosted the Fall Flavours Culinary Event. A business association has been revitalized in O'Leary and the next scheduled meeting is Oct 21st.

Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. Bev noted that it might be beneficial for Council to lobby the Province about rebooting the Municipalities Act upgrade. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that letters be written to the Provincial Minister responsible for the Municipalities Act as well as to the Federation of PEI Municipalities. Business/ building permits - nil.

Also mentioned in the Administrator's report was the need to set priorities for the sidewalk project due to the reduced funding. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that Main Street sidewalks be given priority and Bev to have Davis outline the most urgent areas. It was noted that the Province should be lobbied to have Centennial Avenue widened.

Development & Tourism - Blake reported the Planning Board has met twice and talks are about zoning of certain areas, street expansions, and commercial developments. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 21st. The tax concession policy amendment has been deferred to November meeting. Eric suggested that government be lobbied to support new businesses wishing to get established in West Prince - this was as a result of the sandwich factory closing announcement.

Fire Protection - Chief Blair Perry submitted a written report saying that in September 7 emergency calls were answered with 6 being motor vehicle accidents and 1 false alarm. Curtis Gray has decided to resign from the department due to education reasons. The department is preparing for Halloween. ***Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried*** that Council agree with the Fire Department executive to share one firefighting position between Jonathon MacNeil and Derek Smallman. (Eric abstained from discussion and voting.)

Recreation - Tylan's written report circulated to Council reporting Up West Winter Fest committee has been meeting on a weekly basis and event is scheduled for Jan. 10 - 19. After school activities has

begun on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, a co-ed provincial softball tournament is tentatively planned for O'Leary on October 19th and 20th and the Recreation fall flyer will be released on Oct. 17th. Tylan has been approached about hosting the 2014 Under 14 Girls Fast Pitch Nationals. It was ***moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that the Recreation Department proceed with offer to host the Under 14 Nationals but to get preliminary confirmation of government sponsorship and volunteer support.

Sanitation/Streets/Properties - Eric reported that the Co-op requires a new lateral line and a quote for underground drilling from JC Drilling was received for \$3400.

FPEIM Semi Annual meeting

Bev advised that deadline for registration is tomorrow and it was suggested that Davis may be interested. To email him.

CN Renovations

After much discussion about proposed renovations, it was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin*** that prospective tenant, Curtis Ellis, be advised that a second bathroom wasn't feasible at this time but may be reconsidered if proven required and satisfactory arrangements can be made with current tenants. Renovations beyond the ones already approved the Island Community Fund and ACOA were approved as follows: Replacement of 3 exterior doors with new steel doors swinging out instead of in, construction of 4 foot hallway to make private access to washroom with changes to doorways, relocation of two electrical panels, relocation of alarm keypad, new heat pumps to be installed with 1 compressor and 3 inverters and wall in north end to be removed. ***Motion carried.***

Newcomers Association

Bev reported that this group is being formed in O'Leary with Eva Rodgerson spearheading. They will be welcoming a doctor doing a site visit on October 15th and Council is invited to attend a meet and greet on that day at the O'Leary Community Complex.

Daycare cabinets

Three quotes were reviewed and it was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin*** that new cabinets be purchased for the daycare from Money's Worth at \$1896 plus taxes. To check out used counter top for \$100. ***Motion carried.***

Tax Concession Policy

To be tabled to December meeting.

Terry Fox Run request

It was agreed by council that no donation be made due to the contribution that the O'Leary Recreation Department makes during their Terry Fox Run.

Other business and correspondence:

(Carol left meeting about 8:25 pm.)

Photocopier quotes were tabled to November meeting.

Quotes and diagram of lighted sign for the ADIC were reviewed. ***Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams*** that quote from Sign Station for \$1572.23 plus taxes be accepted. ***Motion carried.***

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams that donation to CARES, O’Leary Hospital Foundation, in the amount of \$5000 as allocated in the municipal budget, be forwarded immediately.
Motion carried.

Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:30 pm.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that the meeting return to regular open status at 9:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.***