

TOWN OF O'LEARY
ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING
MARCH 25, 2014
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Deputy Mayor Blake Adams; Councillors Darren MacKinnon, Carol Ferguson, Marvin MacDonald, and Eric Gavin; Residents Ron Phillips, Jodi Phillips, Claine Campbell, Chris MacIsaac, Rodney MacWilliam, Donnie Ellis, Valene Gallant, Tashia Maynard, Alden Weeks, Florence Harris, Florence Turner, Audrey Thomson, Carol Palmer, Adrienne MacDonald, Kevin Maynard, Harvey MacNevin, Doug Smith and Brian Willis; Non residents Dale Harris, Blair Perry and Eric Phillips; Press Eric McCarthy and Zack Metcalfe; Auditors Pat McSweeney and Mitchell Murphy from BDO; and CAO Bev Shaw.

The annual meeting of residents of the Town of O'Leary was held on March 25, 2014 at the O'Leary Community Complex boardroom with approximately 24 residents present. Mayor Stanley MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the 63rd annual meeting of O'Leary residents.

The circulated agenda was adopted on a motion by Deputy Mayor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Marvin MacDonald and carried.

The minutes of March 25, 2013 annual meeting were approved on a motion by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blake Adams and carried.

Business arising from minutes:

nil

Financial Business:

The 2013 financial statement was presented by Patrick McSweeney, BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants. Mr. McSweeney reviewed the consolidated statements for the Sewer Utility and General accounts. The 2013 financial statements were approved on a motion by Councillor Carol Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Darren MacKinnon and carried.

Presentation of 2014 Proposed Budget:

The 2014 proposed budget was presented by Councillor Carol Ferguson as follows:

Administration budget \$135,940.00, Streets and Sidewalks budget \$57,000; Park budget \$30,100.00; Recreation budget \$56,650.00; Police budget \$115,717.00; Fire Protection budget \$155,200.00; CN Station budget \$21,610.00; ADIC budget \$15,635.00 and Other Expenses budget \$126,200.00 for a total of \$714,052.00.

It was moved by Councillor Carol Ferguson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blake Adams and carried that the 2014 proposed budget be adopted which results in the tax rates remaining the same as last year at \$0.81 per \$100 valuation for non-commercial properties and \$1.20 per \$100 valuation for commercial properties.

Reports from Departments:

The Fire Department 2013 report was circulated to the meeting and Fire Chief Blair Perry reviewed the highlights. Councillor Marvin MacDonald commended the fire department members for the exceptional job they do. Mayor MacDonald also thanked the fire department members.

Deputy Mayor Adams reported on Development and Tourism saying the O'Leary Planning Board has

been very busy drafting the new Official Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws. He also mentioned the new businesses in town - car wash and food service plus the renovations and expansion of the O'Leary Farmers Co-op.

Mayor MacDonald's annual report was circulated to the meeting. The Mayor read the official letter from Provincial Minister Wes Sheridan confirming our new town status. A letter of congratulation was received from the Town of Alberton.

New Business:

nil

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 on a motion by Deputy Mayor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Darren MacKinnon. Motion carried.