

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2014

Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Deputy Mayor Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Davis Gallant and Carol Ferguson.

Regrets: Councillors Darren MacKinnon and Eric Gavin.

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Growth Study RFPs - Three quotes received in response to request for proposal. WSP - \$14,780.00 plus taxes and costs related to meeting room rentals, application fees, printing and mailing; P. Wood & Associates - \$29,800.00 plus taxes, printing and mailing, rentals, sound and recording equipment; and Stantec - \$36,559 plus taxes, advertising, mailings and rentals. Council reviewed the proposals and agreed that it would be beneficial to meet the representatives from each firm. To arrange meeting for August 13th commencing at 6 with an hour scheduled for each presenter.

2. Sidewalk project - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried that PEI Provincial Infrastructure Fund 2014 Sidewalk Project be awarded to Owen MacDonald Construction for 150 meters of 4' x 4' concrete blocks of sidewalk at a cost of \$17,500 taxes included (if fill required, cost will be extra) and a separate section of 9.1 meters at \$1550.00 and to Preston Murphy for supply and installation of asphalt where needed in lieu of concrete (driveways) at a cost of \$560.00 taxes included.

3. Overtime and vacation time update - Report emailed to Council.

4. 2015 Beautification Project - Darren stated he felt a beautification program was very important and that plans should be made this fall in order to be prepared for spring. It was mentioned that someone could be hired to draft a plan.

5. PEI Potato Blossom Festival Update - At Stanley's request, Carol reported her event, the Adult Singing Contest, went very well but she didn't attend the latest meeting therefore couldn't speak on the other events. Stanley reported that financially everything seemed to have been successful. Financial reports should be available by the end of October. Attendance to most events were up. Council requested copies of financial statements.

6. Employee handbook - Council asked for update on usefulness of this new handbook. Bev reported that the handbook hasn't been retyped with numbered items and hasn't been handed to staff members as yet.

7. Town sign - Carol circulated pictures of granite sign with a price of \$7850 including taxes. To hold off on decision till September meeting. Council mentioned that sign on Route 2 has been erected but could use a few more tree limbs trimmed.

8. Complex soffit and fascia replacement - The white trim on complex including the windows needs paint or replacement with metal trimmings. An estimate for painting was received verbally at approximately \$5000 which would last about 4 - 5 years. The metal trim costs \$9929 according to quote from Arsenault's Eavetroughing and will last 25 years. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that additional quotes be obtained for the metal trim and to proceed with the best deal. (To include soffit repair at ADIC.

9. Gaspe Road sewer issue - Due to a buried manhole that is blocking flow it was moved by D. Gallant, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that the manhole be removed immediately and that Bev contact consultant to prepare an expression of interest to the Infrastructure Program for replacement of the remainder of the Gaspe Road line (from buried manhole to Main Street).

10. Lagoon Study - Due to higher than acceptable counts in outflow samples at lagoon the Department of Environment has recommended that we conduct a study on what is causing this problem and a fix for it. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that gas tax funds or Infrastructure dollars be used to conduct this study.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm on a motion by D. Gallant, seconded by B. Adams and carried.