

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2014

Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Deputy Mayor Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Darren MacKinnon and Carol Ferguson; Reporter Eric McCarthy; CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Davis Gallant.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

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

The agenda was approved with following additions: Christmas dinner theatre, Graphic ad, Warren Ellis donation request, ORBA letter, Employment Resource Centre, Trees and map at CN, and Website. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.

2. MINUTES

The September 11, 2014 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Manhole at CN is to be repaired by Preston Murphy in very near future.
- Second quote for buried manhole on Gaspé Road was higher than the first. To have contractor jet the line in hopes that it will be good for the winter. This project to be included in infrastructure funding application.
- Replacement globes for street lights have arrived and should be installed shortly.
- Farmers market business quote from David Gamble to be put on hold for now as the legion site seems to be working well.
- Town sign quotes not available.

- Bid from the Town on Pate property was not accepted.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

September 2014 revenue: general \$73,713.81; sewer \$8,785.49. September 2014 expenses: general \$77,418.36; sewer \$3,133.68; Bank balances at the end of September - general \$32,628.23; sewer \$33,604.06. Copies of budget update to September 30/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that financial report for September, 2014 be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley reported speaking with John Chisholm a number of times, attending North Cape Coastal Drive meetings, Potato Museum AGM, and ORBA meetings. The Fall Flavours event at the museum, Toe Taps and Taters was very successful. The Newcomers Association is working on an information pamphlet.

2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. To follow up on Wallace community service work and to advise host of RCMP musical ride that Council supports this event. Building permit issued to Brady Clements, \$20,000 for private storage building and Evangeline Central Credit Union, \$563,000 for drivethrough ATM, fencing and alterations to parking lot. Business permit issued to Kilmeny Boates, Ye Old Willow Studio at 63 Barclay Road and Starlene Harris, Wholistic Fitness and Health at 17 Park Avenue.

3. Reports from Departments

Police - RCMP Cpl. Scott Lundrigan reviewed the monthly report and a discussion followed on ATV use on Confederation Trail.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council and Marvin mentioned that the Fireman's Club intends to purchase a gator for use in off road rescue. It was moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that Council supports this purchase and will be responsible for insurance and costs related to operating the vehicle.

Recreation (Eric) - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council. Carol to speak to Jeff about coordinating Christmas celebrations and Bev to advise of decision to leave banners up until mid-November and replace with Christmas decorations.

Sanitation - Eric reported that lagoon has been checked by Department of Environment and samples will be taken. Bev to check with a few larger businesses on whether any changes have occurred in cleaning supplies or chemicals which may have affected the lagoon.

Streets, Sidewalk & Properties - Davis' report was circulated to Council. As Darren joined the meeting late, the town sign was again discussed. Darren hopes to have quotes in the near future. To check with Davis on status of speed radar. Blake mentioned complaints about water/culverts on Kent Street - to look into and provide a response to property owners.

Development & Tourism - Blake to discuss some issues during in camera session.

4.. Crosswalk at post office - Concern was expressed regarding the amount of pedestrian traffic trying to cross the street and in the past the Department of Transportation could not install a crosswalk as it wasn't at an intersection. To reapply since Royal Avenue was relocated and hopefully will qualify as the intersection required. To request other crosswalks to be repainted as well.

5. Jeff Ellsworth's proposal for ADIC - Jeff has proposed installing his private business, Ball Training Facility, at the ADIC. Council liked the idea of a new use for the centre and an opportunity to generate some revenue. It was moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that the Town provide funding to a maximum of \$1300 to install ceiling tracks, webbing and electrical work which would remain the property of the Town. Rent to be set at \$7 per hour for a 6 month period and reviewed at that time.

11. Other Business and Correspondence

Christmas Dinner Theatre - Council agreed that council and staff to attend the local dinner theatre this year at the Legion on November 29th.

Graphic ad - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that Council support the Remembrance Day section at the West Prince Graphic with an ad valued at \$75.00.

Request for donation from Warren Ellis for Terry Fox Run - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that donation be denied as residents of O'Leary can donate privately to the Canadian Cancer Society.

ORBA Letter - A letter from O'Leary Region Business Association, asking for Council's interest and support in coordinating a beautification project was discussed. A letter expressing approval to be forwarded.

Employment Resource Centre - Blake advised that he would like to see Council lobby for this Centre to be located in O'Leary as it once was. Tignish and Alberton both have these services and we currently have to send people out of town to obtain the help they need. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning to make this request.

Trees & Map at CN - Stanley reported that he had a quote on the tree trimming at the CN but Dale is able to do this job. Dale to also remove the outdated map located there and to trim the shrubs around the kiosk.

Community website - It was suggested that a new website design be considered at budget time.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:00 pm.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that regular meeting resume at 8:40 pm.

Business from committee of the whole session:

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm on a motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.