

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - NOV. 20, 2014

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Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Deputy Mayor Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Darren MacKinnon, Carol Ferguson and Joey Dumville; Reporters Eric McCarthy, Connor Doucette and CBC; CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets:

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

The agenda was approved with following change: Number 7 under New Business to read "Resolution re termination of boundary extension proposal". Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.

2. MINUTES

The October 9, 2014 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by E. Gavin, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Manhole at CN and asphalt curbing on Barclay Road did not get completed before the plant shut down for the season.

- Replacement globes for street lights have been installed and are working. Still waiting on invoice from electrician before billing party responsible for damage.

- Town sign quotes not available.

- Bev is keeping in contact with Probation Officer for community service work by local youth.

- No letters were sent to property owners on Kent Street but advice was received that culverts and ditches were modified by Department of Transportation and hopefully that will correct the drainage problem.

- Information from Transportation on crosswalks for Main Street was not positive. Apparently crosswalks not only have to be at intersections but main throughways without stop signs are not usually eligible either. Waiting on more information from Dawn Moase.

- Jeff, Recreation Director, is researching other methods of renovating the ADIC to use as his ball training facility, due to the high cost of ceiling tracks. It was suggested that the pool table and shuffleboard be advertised on FaceBook for free.

- Bev reminded Council of the Christmas Dinner theatre on November 29th.

- Letters have been sent to Warren Ellis, O'Leary Regional Business Association and to the Province on the Employment Resource Centre. Maps adjacent to the Confederation Trail have been removed, trees trimmed by CN and since the kiosk was removed the shrubbery will be trimmed in the spring.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

October 2014 revenue: general \$86,788.72; sewer \$2,366.23. October 2014 expenses: general \$129,464.39; sewer \$5,520.69; Bank balances at the end of October - general \$8,756.84; sewer \$37,020.41. Copies of budget update to October 31/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that financial report for October, 2014 be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Police - RCMP Cst. J.P. Cote reviewed the monthly report.

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley reported attending the Newcomers Association and UpWest Winterfest meetings.

2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. Building permit issued to Arlene and Robert Roberts, \$20,000 for renovations to single family dwelling.

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake had nothing new to report.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council and Marvin suggested a special letter of commendation be sent to the fire department in regards to the purchase of the new rescue gator using Fireman's Club funds.

Recreation - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council.

Sanitation - Eric mentioned the study that is proposed for the lagoon.

Streets, Sidewalk & Properties - nil

Joey commended Davis Gallant on his past service on Council.

4. FPEIM semi annual meeting - To register Stanley for this meeting on November 29th.

5. Tax Incentive Policy - Council to table this item for January 2015 meeting.

6. Resolution re Gas Tax Direct Allocation funds for Lagoon Study - Moved by Marvin MacDonald, seconded by Eric Gavin. Motion carried.

WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary wastewater treatment lagoon has been showing signs of deficiencies such as discolouration and elevated levels in microbiology reports;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Prince Edward Island Department of Environment, Labour and Justice, Environment Division that due to recent findings, a study or review should be conducted to determine the cause of the above mentioned items;

WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary Council is interested in determining capacity of the lagoon in regards to future development planning;

AND WHEREAS the Permanent Gas Tax - Direct Allocation allows 100% funding of such studies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council complete the required Capital Investment Plan Application to obtain approval to conduct a review of the Town's wastewater treatment system to identify current deficiencies in comparison to regulatory and construction standards with respect to current and future usages.

7. Resolution re termination of Boundary Extension Proposal - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by J. Dumville. Motion carried.

WHEREAS it has always been the intention of the Town Council of O'Leary to focus collaboration and cooperation with all adjacent communities in a transparent, consultative process to ensure that any and all related issues of annexation be communicated and discussed;

WHEREAS public feedback has been received outlining concerns of delivery and implementation of this annexation process;

WHEREAS the economy of our Town and surrounding areas be considered an important function to the residents of our Town,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the process of annexation being considered by the Town Council of O'Leary, of the described 3516 properties proposed to form a new municipality be terminated immediately.

8. Resolution re New Building Community Funds for Gaspe Road sewer project - Moved by Eric Gavin, seconded by Marvin MacDonald. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary Sewer Utility is experiencing difficulties with wastewater flow on Gaspe Road which appears to be caused by concrete piping in poor condition and a manhole blocking the jetting and videotaping of the system;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the WSP Consultants that the piping and manhole be replaced;

AND WHEREAS the New Building Community Fund, Infrastructure Secretariat Small Communities Fund provides upon approval two-thirds funding of such projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that O'Leary Town Council apply to Infrastructure Secretariat under the New Building Community Fund to replace piping and manholes as described by attached quote from WSP Consultants. Total project cost of approximately \$116,000.00 provided by WSP but project will have to be publicly tendered therefore actual project cost to be determined. The Town of O'Leary Sewer Utility to be responsible for one-third of project cost.

9. Appointment of Deputy Mayor and Departments - Mayor MacDonald appointed Carol Ferguson to Finance Department, Joey Dumville to Recreation Department, Marvin MacDonald to Fire Protection, Eric Gavin to Sanitation, Streets, Sidewalks & Properties, Blake Adams (as Chair) and Darren MacKinnon to Development and Tourism, Darren MacKinnon to Police Protection. No Deputy was appointed at this time.

10. Fire Department Christmas party - The Fire Department party is scheduled for December 13th at the G & E. RSVP requested by December 8th.

11. Accommodations for stray dogs - As O'Leary doesn't currently have any housing for stray dogs and an issue may be pending, Bev approached Tamara Currie about using her boarding facility if the need arose. Council agreed with this arrangement.

12. Letter from O'Leary Area Development Corporation - Dealt with during in camera per meeting with Denton Ellis and Jackson Platts.

12. Other Business and Correspondence

Hockeytown PEI book launch scheduled for November 24th and Council is invited.

Letter received from UpWest Winterfest Committee requesting that O'Leary's Recreation Director serve on their planning committee to assist with scaled down events this year. Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that Jeff be directed to participate on the Winterfest Committee in a non executive capacity.

Resident Adrienne MacDonald addressed Council and thanked them for their efforts in the boundary expansion proposal, acknowledged the stress that was endured and encouraged Council to readdress the issue in the future.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:05 pm.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that regular meeting resume at 8:25 pm.

Business from committee of the whole session:

Council agreed to purchase plaques for retired firefighter Donnie Ellis and flowers for Mrs. Ellis. Also to purchase a plaque for Davis Gallant in appreciation for his service on Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm on a motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.

