

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2019

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon; Councillors Darrel Wood, Kevin Maynard, Joey Dumville, Judy MacIsaac and Valene Gallant; Reporters from West Prince Graphic and Journal; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets:

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved with addition of 2019/20 Budget and related special meetings.
Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

nil

3. MINUTES

The February 14, 2019 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. *Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried* that council meeting minutes be approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Bev provided information on the professional fees and insurance expenses as requested at last meeting.

Eric not prepared to appoint Planning Board member this evening.

Brief discussion on soccer field parking for the rink events - extra parking appeared to alleviate the issue on Main Street. With mild weather coming, this may end sooner than the hockey playoffs.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Financial reports circulated to Council. Darren reported the Town in fine shape financially and expect a substantial surplus at year end. Bank balances as follows: February 28/2019 for general account - \$103,457.50 and for sewer - \$125,731.72. Expenses for February, 2019 for general totaled \$66,865.56 and for sewer \$4,108.62. Revenue for February 2019 for general - \$63,519.12 plus generator loan proceeds of \$13,275.00; for sewer \$30,154.21. *Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried* that financial reports and paid bills for February 2019 be approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's report - Eric reported that he and Darrel attended the West Prince Chamber of Commerce awards gala.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported the tractor being back in service and John Deere is absorbing some of the costs for the repairs. Also Kevin and Bev met with Tim Andrews of CMHC on March 6th regarding housing programs available. This information was also relayed to the Community Care Facility board. Bev attended the financial seminar in Alberton and advised that Warren Ellis accepted the offer of \$7500 for his land on Willow Avenue. Bev's overtime at 30.5 hours, less than a week of 2018 vacation left; Dale's not available.

C. Reports from Departments

Properties (Kevin) - Kevin reported that the MADD organization still wishes to erect a sign at the entrance to Town and wished to have his memory refreshed on Council's conditions. Also spoke on the derelict house on Kent ST. It was stated that the owner has been contacted numerous times and Sandra Keough, Department of Environment has been approached both by Eric and Bev. To follow up with Sandra. Contractor's opinion on maintenance shed is that the amount of concrete to level the floor would be as much as building a new building. Prices obtained from Castle on building supplies for same is approximately \$18,000. Concrete, electrical and land preparation is extra. Kevin also provided information of upcoming events with FPEIM.

Streets & Sidewalks (Valene) - Valene reported several areas of sidewalk that require repair this spring, that water is collecting in certain street areas and that snowmobile crossings on roadways is causing some concern with snow build up. Valene to evaluate street conditions in preparation for a letter to the Department of Transportation for annual wish list.

Recreation (Joey) - No written report. Joey reported that Andrew Avery has accepted the Recreation Director position and starts April 1st. Joey has been maintaining the FaceBook page since Jessica left. Winter Carnival events went well.

Newcomers/Recruitment (Judy) - Judy attended the Community Partnership meeting at Alberton Hospital on Feb. 14th and talks were on doctor recruitment and retention. Vacant nursing positions on the Island number 186 but other health care worker positions are at full complement. A Navigator has been hired by the Newcomers Association to assist newcomers from the time they land until their destination. Judy also attended the Curling Club's closing for the newcomers' curling event.

Police/Fire Department (Darrel) - Darrel highlighted the Fire Chief's monthly report saying they attended 10 calls for service this month and training included a simulated snowmobile accident. Two members are currently enrolled in the Level I Firefighter's course. Darrel reviewed the February RCMP report and noted they only spent 87 hours on O'Leary business this month. It was mentioned that Tignish Council may be looking for support in their letter to the Province regarding the lack of member services of the RCMP to provide the required hours of service. Borden - Carleton is also looking for this support. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried** that the Town of O'Leary support Tignish Council in their efforts to resolve this policing issue.

RCMP member Darrel Gill joined the meeting and confirmed that they are struggling with 50% of their members being out on sick leave or injured in Prince County alone. He mentioned that the average of hours spent in each contracted municipality is still at 130 to 140 hours per month and he felt that letters to the Province regarding this matter certainly wouldn't hurt.

Community Development & Sanitation (Eric) - Eric reported the issues at the lagoon UV

system are not settled, the system isn't working and the supplier hasn't confirmed if warranty is still in effect. To continue keeping consultant aware of the situation and try to get warranty status. Eric reported on the 12 housing units mandated for O'Leary - 6 family housing to Joey Carragher and 6 seniors units to Stuart MacDonald. He also mentioned keeping in contact with the Community Care Facility board.

D. Pate Subdivision covenants/restrictions - Council previously received the declaration of protective covenants for development at the Pate Garden Subdivision and had an opportunity to review it. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried** that Pate Garden Subdivision protective covenants be adopted as presented except for the following: Section I. 3.1 regarding minimum size of dwelling to be 1200 square feet instead of 1500 square feet; and Section I. to add 19. Metal fences shall not be permitted on the Lands.

E. Confirm approval of Carragher proposal - **Moved by J. MacIsaac, seconded by D. Wood and carried** that Joey Carragher, J.C. Handyman be preliminarily approved for his proposed housing project under the Affordable and Accessible Housing Program with the Province and this motion includes preliminary approval for boundary extension and rezoning of property located at PID # 40253.

F. Hernewood History & Travel donation request - **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by Valene Gallant and carried** that the Town of O'Leary donate \$250 to the Hernewood History & Travel Club.

G. 1st reading of Emergency Management Bylaw - Proposed Bylaw # 2019-01, Town of O'Leary Municipal Emergency Management Program Bylaw was previously circulated to Council.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act requires a bylaw to enable the Council of the Town of O'Leary to provide emergency management planning for all areas of the municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED that Town of O'Leary Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw # 2019-01 be hereby read a first time.

Moved by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Joey Dumville and carried.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act requires a bylaw to enable the Council of the Town of O'Leary to provide emergency management planning for all areas of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw # 2019-01 was read a first time at this council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of O'Leary Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw # 2019-01 be hereby approved.

Moved by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Joey Dumville and carried.

H. Council photo for Municipal Affairs - photo taken.

I. Other business & correspondence - nil

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 7:05 pm.

Moved by D. Wood, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 9:10 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole:

Moved by K. Maynard, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried pay increases be awarded effective April 1, 2019 as follows: Dale 4% increase; Bev 2% increase and Tom \$1.00 per hour increase.

Public meeting for residents' input on 2019-2020 budget scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2019 at 5 pm. with special council meeting to adopt the budget scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm on a *motion by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried.*