

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2019

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

Regrets: Councillor Kevin Maynard.

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 1. Recreation Director's 6 month evaluation; 2. EMO preparedness; and 3. Lawn tractor. *Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried.*

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

Councillor V. Gallant will excuse herself from the meeting during discussions of Agenda Item # H - Thermal Imager for Fire Department.

3. MINUTES

The June 12, 2019 regular council meeting minutes and July 11, 2019 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. *Moved by D. Wood, seconded by V. Gallant and carried* that council meeting minutes be approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Contact with Department of Transportation regarding speed bumps and radar wasn't made yet.

Gravel for walking track has been delivered and Dale will soon have it levelled.

Mosquito spray was applied at the ballfields this summer but unsure where authorization came from.

Planner/surveyor has been working on the evaluation of Gospel Hall land.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Financial reports circulated to Council. Darren stated finances are in good standing and noted that Sewer receivables are up but due to recent billing. Bank balances as follows: August 31/2019 for general account - \$64,673.29 and for sewer - \$84,268.79. Expenses for June - August, 2019 for general totaled \$957,664.43 and for sewer \$166,342.86. Revenue for June - August, 2019 for general - \$72,110.13 plus firetruck loan proceeds of \$489,037.00 and transfer from sewer account of \$150,000.00; for sewer \$72,110.13. *Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried* that financial reports, paid bills for June - August 2019 and bank balances be approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's report - Eric reporting meeting with Ernie Hudson and attended the Building Code seminar at Mill River (Darrel also attended the evening session), and the funding announcement at the Sports Centre.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported that landscaping at Retail Centre (cannabis store) is completed except for the concrete curbs and clean up beside the rear driveway. Summary of summer students and EDA workers presented. Building permit appeal to IRAC by Sean Brace has been withdrawn. Complex opened on Sunday to provide to those without power. Building/business permits - Eric and Carol Gavin for extension to dwelling, valued at \$5000 and approval of subdivision application from Charles Adams for former CN land. Bev's overtime at 30 hours and 1 week left of vacation time; Dale's hours at 59 and 4 weeks of vacation which he plans to take in October and Andrew's at 124.5 hours and he submitted plans for time off.

Streets & Sidewalks (Valene) - Valene expressed great concern regarding the speed of vehicles at corner of Parkview and Community. To request speed bumps or 4 way stop at this intersection and also on Centennial. Still researching Christmas decorations for street lights.

Newcomers/Recruitment/Community Endorsements (Judy) - Judy reported attending numerous meetings with Community Partnerships, Navigator Project committee, Community Seniors Housing Co-operative and Community Endorsement applicants. Efforts are still continuing in improvements to health care with the hemodialysis unit in Alberton and recruitment of doctors and nurses. Issues for newcomers are being addressed - transportation, housing, banking and education. Progress is slow with the Seniors Cooperative but they've recently hired a firm to draft a new business plan. They are reconsidering their choice in building location. The Community Endorsement applications are time consuming and Judy felt Council should have more input on who is chosen for O'Leary's endorsement. Suggested that review of resumes and business plans be done before applicant appears before interview committee. Judy and Darren to review applications currently on hand.

Recreation (Joey) - Joey summarized Andrew's report saying minor sports wrapped up recently with O'Leary hosting a 6 team tournament for soccer. Eastern Canadians, women's fastpitch, went well and thanks to sponsors - Evangeline Central Credit Union, Vinny's, O'Leary PharmaChoice, O'Leary Kwikway, O'Leary Co-op and Canadian Potato Museum. Under 14 Softball provincials were hosted here with 11 teams. Run for Light, Canada Day, after school programming and festival all went well. Summer students, Sarah and Cole, were terrific.

Police/Fire Department (Darrel) - Darrel highlighted the RCMP monthly report noting that patrol hours for June at 105 and 25 calls, July - 153 hours and 16 calls and August - 171 hours and 23 calls. Over the summer the fire department responded to 28 calls plus held their annual draw/dance fundraiser, helped with the festival parade and fireworks. The new pumper arrived in August. The fire department membership is considering presenting a bylaw amendment to allow potential firefighters to live further from the hall than current. Council requested more information on this from Fire Marshal's office and other department.

Sanitation & Community Development (Eric) - Eric reminded Council of the meeting with WSP to discuss the de-sludging project at the lagoon - September 18th at 5:30. The flow meter is working again and the sampler hasn't arrived yet. Eric is still looking for ideas from Council on enhancement projects for our town. To brainstorm at the end of meeting.

Properties (Kevin) - Kevin supplied a report saying he's noticed damage at the orchard and the dugouts and both matters have been tended to. Also attended the FPEIM meeting with RCMP and Hon. Bloyce Thompson regarding common municipal concerns and was advised that 4 new officers were hired, 2 of which went to Cornwall.

D. Confirm over budget amount for sidewalk project - Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried that authorization be granted for approximately \$16,000 over the allocated budget for Streets and Sidewalks new/repairs to sidewalks. This was an opportunity to have much needed sidewalk work done while the company was available.

E. Confirm \$250 + HST donation to 3 Arenas golf tournament - Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that \$250 + HST donation be made towards the fundraiser for Alberton, Tignish and O'Leary arenas.

F. Confirm approval of Charles Adams subdivision application - Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried subdivision application from Charles Adams, owner of former CN land, PID # 1103332 be approved. Mr. Adams is proposing to sell or give land to O'Leary Farmers Co-op.

G. Confirm approval of the quote from WSP for Gospel Hall land - Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that the Town accept the quote of \$460 to have surveyor/planner evaluate the former Gospel Hall land giving the Town information on it's potential use.

H. Thermal Imager for Fire Department - Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that Fire Department be authorized to purchase refurbished thermal imager to assist with their fire fighting duties. This item was not included in the department's budget proposals.

I. Confirm decision on Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Maritime Electric and FPEIM offered to include O'Leary in a funding proposal to supply EV charging stations across PEI. As the Province is already installing two charging stations at Tim Horton's, O'Leary Corner, Council agreed that it wouldn't be feasible at this time to participate. Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried.

J. Confirm donation of \$150 + HST to Chamber of Commerce golf tournament - Moved by D. Wood, seconded by V. Gallant and carried that \$150 + HST be donated to West Prince Chamber of Commerce golf fundraiser.

K. Insurance coverage and costs for Potato Blossom Festival - Due to change in insurance company for the Town, the Festival was not included in several of the coverages,

therefore the festival committee negotiated their own coverage and submitted the premium costs to the Town for consideration of financial assistance. Council to revisit this once financial statement from PEI Potato Blossom Festival is available.

L. Confirm decision on Hockey Classic event - Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that O'Leary Recreation Department hand the Hockey Classic event slated for early December to the O'Leary Community Sports Centre to manage and offer assistance during the event.

M. Reminder of WSP meeting Sept 18th - Eric mentioned this earlier in his report.

N. Office space for Community Seniors Co-operative - Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried that this group be offered use of the spare complex office for a period of six months. To be reevaluated in fifth month. Can supply use of internet, phone, fax, copying within reason.

O. Other business & correspondence:

- Recreation Director's six month evaluation due by October 1st. Joey, Judy and Bev to conduct evaluation late September.

- Darren recommended that signage be made to advertise when complex is being offered as a warming/reception centre during emergencies. Council agreed to spend \$240 on 4' x 3' signs attached to sandwich boards to be placed at O'Leary Corner, Barclay Road corner, etc. when needed.

-Current status of our emergency preparedness committee includes needing appointments of manager/coordinator and the committee. Council has approached a couple of persons for the manager position but no takers. Council has agreed to advertise the position and offer an honorarium. Bev to talk to EMO on wording of sign and advertisement for manager.

- The small lawn tractor is out of commission due to a broken axle. Options were discussed but Council agreed it is not urgent to purchase this fall. More prices to be obtained.

-Thank you note from Potato Blossom Festival and also report on their 2019 event.

- Invitation to Seniors Secretariat award ceremony in which Isabel Yuill is a recipient.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 8:05 pm.

Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 8:40 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole:

After discussing the surplus pumper truck and realizing the benefits, it was **moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried** that the truck be offered to West Point Fire Department if they have a use for it, that they insure, register and maintain it and that it be available for mutual aid use when required. (Valene abstained from discussion and vote.)

Council created a wish list for our town as previously discussed during Eric's report on Development. Funding opportunities to be researched on the following: splash pad, skate park, playground equipment, soccer pitch, lights for soccer facility, indoor facility with walking track, baseball facility, outdoor rink, dog park, tennis court uses, clean technology - solar power and maintenance shop. Information on splash pad could be available from Tignish.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm on a *motion by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried.*