

COMMUNITY OF O'LEARY
ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING
MARCH 27, 2012
7:15 PM

Present: Chairperson Nancy Wallace; Vice Chair Dana Harris; Councillors Linda Stetson, Frances Dewar, Eric Gavin, Adrienne MacDonald and Blake Adams; Residents Alden Weeks, Irene Ramsay, Donnie Ellis, Barbara Harris, Davis Gallant, Mary Scales, Clair Sweet, Stanley MacDonald, Orville Willis, Denton Ellis, Darrin MacKinnon, Ben Bremner, Heather Willis, Carol Palmer, Jaron Harris, Margaret Howard, Rodney MacWilliam, Claine Campbell, Monica Rodgerson, Darrel Wood, Marvin MacDonald, Brian Willis, and Watson Silliker; Non-residents Dale Harris, Fairley Phillips, Eric Phillips, Frank Sweet, Blair Perry, Jason Greenan, Tylan Robinson, Jim Brown, Stacie Gallant, Blain Buchanan, Eric McCarthy and Hon. Robert Henderson; and Administrator Bev Shaw.

The annual meeting of residents of the Community of O'Leary was held on March 27, 2012 at the O'Leary Community Complex boardroom with approximately 30 residents present. Chairperson Nancy Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and welcomed everyone to the 61st annual meeting of O'Leary residents.

The circulated agenda was adopted on a motion by Linda Stetson, seconded by Frances Dewar and carried. Stanley MacDonald requested that a discussion on the ADIC be included on the agenda.

The minutes of March 29, 2011 annual meeting were approved on a motion by Eric Gavin, seconded by Blake Adams and carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Denton Ellis asked for Council's findings regarding the parking on Barclay Road which was mentioned at last year's meeting. Council responded that the roadway was found to be wide enough to accommodate parking and that parking during winter months was advertised as restricted.

Financial Business:

The 2011 financial statement was presented by Patrick McSweeney, BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants. Mr. McSweeney reviewed the consolidated statements for the Sewer Utility and General accounts. The 2011 financial statement was approved on a motion by Blake Adams, seconded by Frances Dewar and carried. Chairperson Wallace thanked Mr. McSweeney.

Presentation of 2012 Proposed Budget:

The 2012 proposed budget was presented by Vice Chair Dana Harris as follows:

- The Administration budget for \$124,771.50 was approved by residents.
- The Streets and Sidewalks budget for \$54,800.00 was approved by residents. It was noted that sidewalk at the corner of Community St. and Barclay Rd. may need repair.
- The Park budget for \$37,000.00 was approved by residents. It was noted that lights at walking track and tennis court need to be checked.
- The Recreation budget for \$52,885.00 was approved by residents.
- The Police budget for \$105,781.25 was approved by residents.

- The Fire Protection budget for \$136,700.00 was approved by residents.
- The CN Station budget for \$13,700.00 was approved by residents.
- The ADIC budget for \$37,670.00 was approved by residents.
- The Other Expenses budget for \$91,750.00 was approved by residents.

It was moved by Adrienne MacDonald, seconded by Blake Adams that Council wait until next year to consider installation of the surveillance cameras. Motion defeated.

It was moved by Dana Harris, seconded by Eric Gavin that the 2012 budget estimates be approved. Residents voted in favour; motion carried.

It was moved by Linda Stetson, seconded by Dana Harris and carried that the 2012 tax rate be set as follows: Non-commercial rate - \$0.81 per \$100.00 real property valuation; commercial rate - \$1.20 per \$100.00 real property valuation.

Reports from Departments:

The department annual reports were circulated to the meeting and adopted on a motion by Eric Gavin, seconded by Blake Adams. Motion carried.

New Business:

Stanley MacDonald expressed concern regarding the ADIC and its lack of revenue. It was recommended that Council find methods to increase revenues. Mary Scales stated that she felt the ADIC was very important and should never be closed.

Marvin MacDonald and Orville Willis expressed dissatisfaction that residents are no longer allowed to make motions.

Darren MacKinnon stated that the Stedmans building is still a major concern in the community but is pleased that improvements are being made to the municipal bylaw. Chairperson Wallace assured the meeting that conversation with the owner indicates he intends to demolish the building this spring. Mr. MacKinnon thought that the new Provincial Fire Marshal may have a different opinion of the building. Denton Ellis suggested that perhaps the fire chief could write to the owner expressing concern of the condition of the building.

Clair Sweet requested that the financial statements and reports be made available earlier.

Hon. Robert Henderson addressed the meeting thanking Chair Wallace and Council members for diligence in managing the community. He spoke about accomplishments for this area including the Potato Museum expansion and improvements, the new long term care addition and the bio mass heating system at the facility, the Community Inclusions housing, improvements at the O'Leary Legion, the new six unit seniors housing on Stewart Lane, and WiFi at the Library. Chair Wallace thanked him.

Chair Wallace thanked all volunteers in our community especially the fire department members and thanked the residents at tonight's meeting for the debate and their concerns.

Carol Palmer thanked Council for their time and effort volunteering for the community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 on a motion by Eric Gavin, seconded by Blake Adams. Motion carried.