

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2012

Present: Chairperson Nancy Wallace; Vice Chair Dana Harris; Councillors Frances Dewar, Eric Gavin, Adrienne MacDonald, Blake Adams and Linda Stetson; Administrator Bev Shaw; Media - Zach Metcalfe (Graphic); Guest Paulette Solomon from PEI 2014 Inc.

Regrets:

Chairperson Wallace welcomed Paulette Solomon, CEO of the PEI 2014 committee and introduced council members. Paulette explained the purpose of her committee being to celebrate the creation of our nation. A short video was shown and she explained how funding was going to be available to groups to hold special events. Nancy, Cletus Dunn and Charlie Sark are West Prince members of the committee and they also plan to include youth members. To sign up for newsletter to keep advised.

Chairperson Wallace called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved on a *motion by B. Adams, seconded by F. Dewar and carried.*

Minutes

The June 7, 2012 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a *motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. Harris and carried* the minutes were approved.

Business arising from minutes:

-No response from Future Tech West re Wendi's funding.

- The surveillance cameras are operational and have been beneficial already.

- The wooden train at Centennial Park to be repaired by Dale, will be finished this fall. Dale has the base prepared for it.

- Blake advised that the website created by Wendi and hosted by him is fine. It's the old website that needs to be removed. He suggested Bev contact the previous host.

Financial Business:

Financial report for June - August, 2012 was supplied to council members. In order for Council members to have time to review, approval was postponed to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from departments

Police

Dana read the June, July and August reports from RCMP. In June they spent 199 hours on O'Leary business and responded to 22 calls. Charges were laid under the Off-highway Vehicle Act following a single vehicle collision on the Confederation Trail. The following is a breakdown of the Provincial Statutes for June: 2 non-moving traffic violations, 1 Liquor Control Act violation, 1 Off-highway Vehicle Act violations and 10 written warnings. Six criminal background checks were completed. In July members spent 195 hours and responded to 26 calls for service. Provincial Statutes for July: 1 moving traffic violation, 1 non-moving traffic violation, 1 speeding violation and 4 written warnings. Five criminal background checks were conducted. In August RCMP spent 191 hours and responded to 28 calls. Statutes for August: 1 seatbelt violation, 1 speeding violation and 3 written warnings. Five

criminal background checks were completed. Staff Sgt. Jamie George advised by email that he will be away on duty for a week then will begin a new temporary deployment in Charlottetown. Sgt. MacKay will take George's place until he returns on June 15, 2013.

Cst. Matt LeFurgey attended our meeting and agreed that more complaints are being phone in by the public.

Sanitation/Buildings

Eric and Blake reported everything is fine with the sewer system. The lagoon fence needs the brush and weeds cut and Dale was given permission to hire someone to help for approximately a week. To have Dale check on the condensation problem in the daycare as well as have bulbs changed at ADIC and daycare.

Potato Blossom Festival

Adrienne reported that attendance increased for the festival and the weather was great. Financial reports won't be available until October or November.

ADIC

Frances and Linda reported meeting with Stacie recently. There's been an increase in youth numbers so far this fall and the seniors are back with their various activities. Stacie says the centre needs 3 sets of blinds and an inside light bulb replaced, computer speakers, new Wii games and the big TV is not working. Stacie was given permission to rent the facility to "The Biggest Loser" group for \$30 with condition that she provides her hours for free to open and close the centre for them. (Stacie is a member of this group.) Summer student Nikkie Arsenault did very well.

Recreation

Tylan's monthly report was circulated to Council. Summer students Samantha Sweet, Lukas Dymont and part-timer Dustin Quinn finished last week. Tylan and Dana's trip to Brantford for the Under 16 National Girls Softball Championship for 2012 was very informative and will be helpful for our community's planning for the 2013 event. The event committee is gathering quotes on field upgrades and will be submitting a funding application. A batting cage and pitching machine has been given to O'Leary by the Canada Games. The Terry Fox Run is this Sunday. Tylan was given approval to commit to the West Prince Winter Carnival (\$500) if Alberton and Tignish commit as well - ***Moved by D. Harris, seconded by B. Adams and carried.***

Fire Protection

Nancy provided Fire Chief Phillips' reports for June, July and August. In June members responded to an industrial loader fire, a brush fire and 4 medical calls. Training involved rope rescue. Visits were made to the kindergarten and grade 1 classes at O'Leary Elementary. The annual Father's Day Draw and Dance was again a success. In July the firefighters responded to two mutual aid calls, one structure fire, one barn fire, six medical calls and a motor vehicle accident. The fire department assisted in direction of the festival parade and the fireworks. During the festival the fire department held an open house with approximately 250 people visiting the hall. In August they responded to 3 medical calls, 1 mutual aid, 1 false alarm, 1 car accident, and 1 nuisance call. Training included a simulated fire attack, ladder and BA training and the proper use of power equipment.

Building/Business permits

Building:

Permit # 04-2012 to David and Lesa Bernard, single family dwelling extension and private garage at 17 Kent Street, valued at \$40,000.

Permit # 05-2012 to Dewar and Esther Oulton, 4 unit apartment complex at 79 Barclay Road, valued at \$380,000.

Permit # 06-2012 to Eric and Carol Gavin, private garage at 6 Park Avenue, valued at \$15,000.

Permit # 07-2012 to O'Leary Farmers Co-op, commercial operation (liquor store) at 4 Royal Avenue, valued at \$400,200.

Permit # 08-2012 to Harvey MacNevin, extension to residence at 13 Willow Avenue, valued at \$4000.

Business:

Permit # 2012-1 to Patricia Perry and Tracy Perry for café and bakery at 495 Main Street.

Permit # 2012-2 to Sarah MacDonald for hair salon at 46 Gaspé Road.

Permit # 2012-3 to Shirley Beamish for in home bookkeeping services at 18 Kent Street.

Chair report

Nancy reported attending the fire department meeting, FPEIM meeting and other summer events including the festival.

Federal Job Cuts resolution

Impact of Federal Job Cuts in PEI

As suggested by the Federation of PEI Municipalities, the following resolution was adopted by Council on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. Harris and carried:***

Whereas, job cuts announced in the 2012 federal budget represent 4.8% of the permanent work force;

Whereas, a recent study prepared by McInnes Cooper for the Province of PEI, the City of Charlottetown, PSAC and PIPSC estimates federal job cuts will represent approximately 10% to 12% of the current permanent federal workforce in Prince Edward Island;

Whereas, the direct and indirect impact of these cuts are expected to result in an economic loss of between \$50.46 and \$61.02 million, or about 1.01 to 1.22% of the provincial GDP;

Whereas, the proposed federal workforce reduction will disproportionately impact the economy of Prince Edward Island as compared to the balance of Canada;

Whereas, Prince Edward Island has historically had one of the highest rates of unemployment in the country with an economy unable to absorb further negative impacts on employment; and

Whereas, the projected negative economic impact of the Federal budget has and will be felt province-wide, from our largest city to our smallest communities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community of O'Leary call on the Government of Canada to ensure that the proposed reduction in the federal workforce does not have a disproportionate negative impact on the economy of Prince Edward Island;

That the O'Leary Community Council take the necessary action to voice opposition to the Prime Minister, their Member of Parliament and their Member of the Legislative Assembly on the negative impact the Federal Budget has within their community and the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Support for Island wide dialysis services

It was *moved by D. Harris, seconded by L. Stetson and carried* that the Community of O'Leary support the PEI Island wide Dialysis Patient Support Group in their efforts to retain dialysis services Island wide. Letters to this effect to be sent to Premier Ghiz, Minister of Health, Health PEI CEO and our local MLA.

Returning officer for upcoming election

It was *moved by D. Harris, seconded by B. Adams and carried* that Administrator Bev Shaw be appointed as Returning Officer for the municipal election on November 5, 2012.

Streets & Sidewalks (report from councillor)

Frances reported that Blair Gray complained about the sidewalk in front of his property on Barclay Road but councillors and Bev looked at it and couldn't find anything. Streetlight out again on Centennial by Carol Palmer's and also light out at walking track.

Pancake Breakfast

Bev to make arrangements for annual pancake breakfast for mid October.

Complex windows

Council agreed that windows in boardroom and firefighters room need to be replaced due to broken hinges, broken glass, and leakage. Bev to prepare tender and advertise. To also have Dale follow up on the condensation issues downstairs.

Correspondence and other business:

Letter from Warren Ellis re Terry Fox Run. It was *moved by A. MacDonald* to not donate to this cause. Motion died due to no seconder. It was *moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Harris and carried* that \$200 be donated. (Vote: 4 For/2 Against).

Letter from Maple Leaf Curling Club reminding Council that they agreed to match their fund raising proceeds up to \$1000. The Club's lobster dinner netted \$3,603.95. A cheque for \$1000 will be forwarded.

At the suggestion of FPEIM the following resolution regarding water conservation was passed.

Water Conservation Resolution

WHEREAS, the Community of O'Leary recognizes the importance of protecting our supply of fresh water and urges the Province to work in consultation and partnership with municipalities toward our common goal of protecting this vital resource;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community of O'Leary endorse the position taken by the Board of Directors of the Federation of PEI Municipalities respecting water conservation, which calls on the Government of Prince Edward Island to make water efficiency and conservation a central part of its mandate and to exercise this mandate through amendments to codes, policies and regulations.

Approved on a *motion by D. Harris, seconded by F. Dewar and carried.*

Thank you notes received from Dr. Charles Dewar, Seniors Sunshine Club, Alberton Clubhouse, Westisle Composite High School Prize Committee and the Shaw family. Linda also expressed her thanks to Council for support during her husband's illness.

Letter received from Department of Transportation in response to our request for street maintenance.

Note received from Provincial Library saying the hours will remain the same plus an assistive workstation will be installed at every branch.

The Municipal Forum circulated to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm on a *motion by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried.*