

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2012

Present: Chairperson Nancy Wallace; Vice Chair Dana Harris; Councillors Frances Dewar, Eric Gavin, Blake Adams, Adrienne MacDonald and Linda Stetson; Newly elected councillors Stanley MacDonald, Davis Gallant, Darren MacKinnon and Carol Ferguson; and Administrator Bev Shaw.

Regrets:

Chairperson Wallace called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved on a ***motion by E. Gavin, seconded by L. Stetson and carried.***

Minutes

The October 11, 2012 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by F. Dewar and carried*** the minutes were approved.

Business arising from minutes:

- Denton Ellis, Future Tech West responded saying that OADC would be quite willing to meet to discuss *Wendi Kim's funding*. The new council to arrange.

- Clean up orders were placed on *unsightly premises, 504 Main Street and 5 Willow Avenue*, on October 22, 2012. It appears that action is being taken at 504 Main but nothing at 5 Willow. Quotes were received from Preston Murphy for demolition - 504 Main, \$30,000 and 5 Willow, \$3000. It was suggested that residents would have to approve the \$30,000 expenditure if necessary. This issue to be carried over to new council.

- Estimates for the *Recreation funding application, Ballfield Upgrades*, have come in higher than expected due to labour costs therefore the motion passed at the October 11, 2012 meeting was rescinded. It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by D. Harris and carried*** that the Community of O'Leary (Recreation Department) make application to the Island Community Fund and Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to upgrade the Ellis Field and Rink Field and that the project be designated as priority number one. The O'Leary Community Council understands and commits that it will be responsible for its' designated share of the total eligible costs of the project and will assume responsibility for any and all operating and maintenance costs resulting from the project. Total project cost approximately \$40,000.00.

- The Fire Department honorarium request will be dealt with by new council.

- The amendment to official plan and development bylaw required by the Province due to a change in their statute regarding lot sizes and regulations, to be carried forward to new council.

Financial Business:

Financial report for October, 2012 was approved on a motion by ***L. Stetson, seconded by F. Dewar and carried.*** October revenue: general \$88,245.60; sewer \$1,522.79. October expenses: general \$75,960.98; sewer \$11,834.28. Bank balances at the end of October: general (\$37,625.34); sewer \$22,268.75. Budget up to end of October was circulated to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from departments

Chairperson's report

Nil.

Demolition of unsightly premises

Next meeting.

Christmas party

Chairperson Wallace recommended that the new council plan this event.

Official Plan review

Bev reported that Phil Wood has accepted the project and will be setting up meetings in the near future.

Cleaning floors @ ADIC and complex

To discuss further at next meeting.

Remembrance Day

Nancy has arranged for a council member to lay the wreath.

Museum board re signage committee

Next meeting.

Donation request

It was moved by **E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried** that \$200 be donated to the Western Bantam AAA hockey team.

Transportation West support

WHEREAS Transportation West is the local provider of public transportation in western Prince Edward Island, and

WHEREAS the present ridership of the busses owned and operated by Transportation West are impacted by the cancellations and delays caused by increased maintenance and service demands,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Community of O'Leary support the efforts of Transportation West to secure services provided to the citizens of western Prince Edward Island with the purchase of vehicles with funding from the Canada - Prince Edward Island Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues.

Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by F. Dewar. Motion carried.

Fire Department bylaw

Next meeting.

Reports from departments:

Recreation

Tylan's monthly report was circulated to Council. Preparations and planning are underway for the Under 16 Nationals and the ballfield upgrades funding application. Christmas and New Year's events are being planned and call for nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Good Neighbour awards will soon be advertised. Community School is starting again in January and the curling program in December.

Police

Dana read the October report from RCMP. In October they spent 165 hours on O'Leary business and responded to 32 calls. The following is a breakdown of the Provincial Statutes for October: 2 speeding violations and 4 written warnings. Five criminal background checks were completed.

ADIC

Frances and Linda met with Stacie and she is still waiting for electrician to fix the light ballast. The seniors are back with knitting sessions and bingo. About 15 youth members are attending after school program. Dances are still very popular and they are planning to learn to square dance.

Sanitation/Buildings

Eric and Blake reported that everything is good with the sewer system. The lagoon fence work has been completed. SJG Construction to have the new windows installed by the end of November and the little train at the park was vandalized but Dale has since moved it to his building for repair this winter.

Potato Blossom Festival

Adrienne reported that no meetings have been held and that the books are still at the accountants. The festival committee welcomes any volunteers.

Fire Department

Nancy presented the fire department report. Members attended to 12 calls in October - 3 medicals, 3 vehicle accidents, 1 house fire, 2 tire fires, 1 false alarm and 2 mutual aid calls. Training included heavy water hose deployment, water shuttle practice and a review of attack plans for large structure fires. An open house was held during Fire Prevention Week and visits to O'Leary and Bloomfield Elementary and Hernewood schools were made. December 15th is the date of the fire department's annual Christmas meal at the G & E with present and newly elected councillors and spouses invited. Chief Phillips commended Nancy and outgoing Council members for their years of service to the Community and wished them the best.

Note: Cst Michaels, RCMP, joined the meeting for a few minutes.

Building/Business permits

nil

Correspondence and other business:

Nancy read a letter received from Hon. Janice Sherry, Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice and Attorney General, in response to our concerns on water efficiency and conservation.

Nancy read a letter received from Premier Robert Ghiz in response to our letter in support of rural dialysis services.

A thank you note received from Warren Ellis and family for the donation to the Terry Fox Run.

Nancy wished the new council members well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm on a *motion by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried.*