

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2013

Present: Chairperson Stanley MacDonald; Vice Chair Blake Adams; Councillors Darren MacKinnon, Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, and Davis Gallant. Administrator Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillors Carol Ferguson.

Meeting to order:

Chairperson MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The agenda was approved with following additions: PEI Family Violence Prevention request, Maintenance truck winter tires, Keir MacDonald letter, Photocopier motion, Broken street light. ***Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried.***

Minutes

The October 10, 2013 regular council meeting minutes and October 29, 2013 Committee of the Whole notes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a ***motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** the minutes were approved.

Business arising from minutes:

- The new sign for the ADIC should be delivered soon. Cost of sign, \$1792.34 does not cover installation. Additional costs will include electrical connection to building, poles and light timer.
- The drainage issue on Kent Street discussed. Contact has been made with MLA Rob Henderson and engineers with the Department of Transportation to have this matter corrected during our sewer project. This is a provincial jurisdiction but Council agreed that support to be provided to property owners and follow up letters will be sent to Province.
- No reply received regarding the picnic table in the cenotaph area.

Financial Business:

On behalf of Carol, Bev reported that the sewer customers in minor arrears have received another letter urging payment, two customers are making monthly payments but interest is so high that in one case, the payment doesn't cover the monthly interest charge. One customer is obviously not going to make payments and IRAC has advised that environmental problems would be created if service disconnected. This property is up for tax sale so its possible we may get some payment but probably will be a write off. Another property is also up for tax sale and we probably will get sewer charges from this sale. Finally two properties owned by the same person who has failed to respond to all correspondence has been sent a final disconnect notice. Disconnection to occur November 18th.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that we apply to IRAC for interest relief for two accounts and that this be continued as long as a minimum monthly payment of \$25 be received from the customers.

It was agreed that the customer who is potentially an environmental risk and whose property is up for tax sale that no action be taken.

Financial report for October 2013 was reviewed by Council. October revenue: general \$106,077.09; sewer \$1,572.03. October expenses: general \$87,006.71; sewer \$5,594.87; Bank balances at the end of October - general \$35,283.31; sewer \$53,982.29. Copies of budget report to October 31/13 circulated to Council. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried*** that financial report be

approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report was circulated and he added that the \$5000 donation was presented to the Hospital Foundation equipment fund and they are holding a fund raising banquet on November 30th. It was mentioned that Donna and Irwin Campbell deserve recognition for their volunteer efforts in patrolling the Confederation Trail. A letter of appreciation to be forwarded. Also to have Tylan do some promotion of the mountain bike trail adjacent to the Confederation Trail.

Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. It was noted that Pauline hasn't been able to work for the past month but hopefully will be back next week. Building permit application for Evangeline Central Credit Union approved for a fence enclosure at approximately \$8000.

Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported the Planning Board is still meeting regularly and Planner has prepared a draft of the plan and bylaw for committee to review. A public meeting will be held soon as well. Next board meeting is scheduled for November 21st. Copies of drafts to be made available for Council members.

Fire Protection - Chief Blair Perry submitted a written report saying that in October 18 calls were answered with 6 nuisance calls related to Halloween. Other calls: 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 mutual aid calls, 3 medical, 1 fire alarm, 1 vehicle fire and 1 flue fire. The Fire Department invited Council, staff and spouses to their Christmas party on December 14th.

Sanitation/Streets/Properties - Davis reported that the Co-op lateral line has been installed and as well the sidewalk repaired in front of the Co-op. Quotes are being obtained to adjust the snow blower to hopefully lessen the damage being done to the sidewalks. To forward estimates to Council. To check walking track light timers.

Heat pumps have been installed at CN and quotes received from two more contractors for the remainder of work. One quote appears lower but needs clarification.

Concern was expressed re lack of process for these types of projects as the potential to be seriously over budget is apparent. The ballfield project is over budget and this CN one could be as well. Work specifications seem to be the problem with areas being missed - professional should probably be hired to prepare specs.

Police Report - Written RCMP report for October submitted by Cpl. John McBride. The RCMP members spent 161 hours on O'Leary policing business with 21 calls for service. Provincial statutes - 1 speeding violation, 1 non-moving traffic violation, 1 seatbelt violation, 1 Liquor Control Act violation and 6 written warnings. Five criminal background checks completed. Halloween night was uneventful except for a vehicle collision early in the evening. Davis added that a vehicle did damage to the infield of the rink ballfield and this has been reported to the RCMP.

Audit Tenders

Audit requirements were advertised and two weeks allowed for response and only one submission. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that BDO Canada LLP be awarded the auditing services for a three year contract (2013-2015) at \$7900.

CN renovation

It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** CN Renovations motion passed at October 10, 2013 Council meeting be reconsidered due to additional and pertinent information collected regarding the heat pumps and inverters.

It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried*** that heat pumps to be installed at CN Station be three separate compressors and three inverters.

Sewer Utility rate review

It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that the Community of O'Leary Sewer Utility apply to Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission for a utility rate review.

Fire Department Water Softener extra charges

The fire department members decided to try a used water softener which didn't work even though Council had approved installation of a new one. As a result extra plumbing charges were incurred. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that extra charges be billed to the Fireman's Club. Davis and Eric did not participate in discussion or voting. (Vote 2 for, 1 against)

Pollution Insurance

Information and application form received from Cooke Insurance but Bev didn't have time to get it completed and submitted to Cookes for cost. To be presented at next meeting.

Co-op Surveillance Camera

This camera has been out of service for about two weeks. Stanley had asked Blake to look at it but he didn't have time. Darren advised that he had his project electricians look but they couldn't see any wiring problems. It was agreed that Blake would have a look and would charge his usual service and labour charge.

ATV issues

Stanley reported complaints about ATV use on the Confederation Trail. A short discussion followed about conservation officers and RCMP trying to enforce the law regarding Trail use. Darren to speak to RCMP.

Council honorarium bylaw

The current bylaw is very outdated and amounts of honorarium need to be updated. First reading of Community of O'Leary Honorarium Bylaw # 11 with changes as follows: Chairperson \$5000, Vice Chair \$3500 and Councillors \$1800 each and also mileage rate to read "at Provincial rate", was ***moved by Blake Adams, seconded by Eric Gavin and carried***.

Other business and correspondence:

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that request for donation from West Prince Family Violence Prevention Services be denied due to a grant of \$100 to be applied for from Province then turned over to the WPFVPS.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried that new studded snow tires for maintenance truck be purchased from O'Leary Tire Centre for \$766.08. (Two quotes reviewed with lowest chosen).

Due to vandalism a street light was damaged. A quote was received from Nedco for \$1890 to replace the globe and frame. It was agreed that Bev to check on price for entire light standard and to also check locally on availability.

The current photocopier company had to be notified by November 1st as to what we planned to do regarding purchase or trade in and service agreement. This matter was discussed with Council through emails and agreed that the following motion be tabled at tonight's council meeting: : ***Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that current Konica copier be purchased for \$1035, to end lease and service agreement and in future hire service technician and purchase toner as required.

Request from Keir and Rose MacDonald for Community to pay for new sewer lateral line was denied due to IRAC regulations. Response to include these regulations.

Recreation report (Missed earlier in meeting) - Tylan's written report circulated to Council. Plans for Up West Winter Fest underway. Council stressed that marketing for this event is very important and to advise Tylan to relay Council's opinion that this should begin immediately. Softball Canada has advised that Under 14 Nationals may not be available for O'Leary to host but Senior Women's could be. New Year's Levee to be held at Curling Club again if they agree to host.

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:25 pm.

Meeting returned to regular open status at 9:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.***