

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2014

Present: Chairperson Stanley MacDonald; Vice Chair Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Carol Ferguson, and Darren MacKinnon; CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Davis Gallant.

1. Meeting to order:

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

The agenda was approved with following additions: Volunteer Night agenda. ***Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.***

2. Minutes

The January 9, 2014 regular council meeting minutes and February 6, 2014 Informal Council session notes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a ***motion by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** the minutes were approved.

3. Business arising from minutes:

4. Financial Business:

Carol noted that an updated budget was circulated but basically the same as last month. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that financial report be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report was circulated saying he attended several events and meetings during the month. **Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried** that a strongly worded letter be sent to the Summerside City Council and Lobster Carnival coordinator regarding their plans to move the Carnival to the same dates as our Potato Blossom Festival.

2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. Business permit issued to Blair and Linda Gray for Homeland Treasures. As a result of complex water tests showing low levels of bacteria it was **moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by E. Gavin and carried** that Bev obtain 3 or 4 prices on new ultraviolet system and have the most economical one installed as soon as possible.

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported the Planning Board met on February 3rd and the Official Plan draft is completed. A public meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 6:30.

Fire Protection - Chief Blair Perry submitted a written report saying that in January, 4 calls were answered - 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 tractor fire, 1 snowmobile accident and 1 false alarm.

Sanitation/Streets/Properties - Eric reported everything is good with the sewer system and the CN project is winding up. Darren mentioned that our street light at the end of Gaspe has been acting up - Bev to call the complainant and have Stetson's repair if possible.

Recreation report - Resignation of Recreation Director Tylan Robinson as of February 7, 2014 was accepted. Advertisements have been placed. No Winterfest report received but is expected from Mitchell Rennie.

Police Report - Written RCMP report for January circulated. The RCMP members spent 168 hours on O'Leary policing business with 9 calls for service. Provincial statutes - 3 speeding violations, 1 seatbelt violation and 4 written warnings.. Three criminal background checks completed.

4. Tax Concession Policy - Discussions have begun but nothing to present tonight. To place on agenda

for March meeting.

5. **Concessions to CN tenants** - moved to committee of the whole session.

6. **Fire Department curling bonspiel** - Moved by **D. MacKinnon**, seconded by **B. Adams** and carried that Council sponsor trophies as in past years.

7. **Human Resources Policy** - Carol circulated the proposed policy for Council to review and highlighted areas that changes were made. Adoption of the policy to be placed on next month's agenda and Carol asked for input before that.

8. **Fire Department Proposed Budget** - This budget needs council approval now as it has to be submitted to the Fire District committee. Moved by **D. MacKinnon**, seconded by **M. MacDonald** and carried that fire department's 2014 proposed budget in approved in principle. (Subject to approval at annual residents meeting.)

(RCMP Cst. joined our meeting and Council mentioned early morning speeders to him.)

9. **PEI Minor Hockey Association** - Letter to be drafted in support of O'Leary Minor Hockey's protest against the rezoning of the Bantam AAA Island League teams. To copy to other minor hockey associations in West Prince requesting their support and indicating that similar action in the future could affect their associations. To also copy to MLA's, Summerside, Pownal and Charlottetown minor hockey associations.

10. **Support requested from Margaret Sweet** - Mrs. Sweet is researching funding to provide a training program to help local youth facing numerous employability barriers, educational, social and technological problems. Moved by **M. MacDonald**, seconded by **C. Ferguson** and carried that a letter of support be granted.

11. **Donation request from O'Leary Elementary School Home & School Association** - Moved by **B. Adams**, seconded by **D. MacKinnon** and carried that Council reserve \$4000 from the 2013 surplus for this cause.

12. **Support letter request re Blood Donor Clinic in O'Leary** - Darren stated that he's received inquiries as to having a blood donor clinic in town. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the appropriate organization requesting this clinic.

Stanley presented a donation request letter from the Maple Leaf Curling Club and asked that it be considered during our budget process.

13. ***Community Inclusions employee for complex cleaning*** - Council agreed that this arrangement be continued.

Other business and correspondence

Agenda for Volunteer Appreciation Night - Council suggested a couple of names to contact for MC for the evening plus provided suggestions on door prizes. To also include presentation to Tylan that evening.

6. ***Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by B. Adams and carried*** that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:20 pm. Bev was asked to leave the meeting.

Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that regular meeting resume at 9:00 pm.

It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that CN tenants be granted free rent for January 2014 due to the inconveniences during construction and that Shear Design rent be adjusted according to the square footage lost in the hall construction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.***