

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2014

Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Deputy Mayor Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Davis Gallant, and Carol Ferguson; CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Darren MacKinnon

District Commander Ken Spenceley and Cst. Renee Michels of the RCMP joined our meeting at 6 pm to discuss the RCMP priorities and plans. Highlights of discussion included changing coverage to 24 hour shifts from call back and priorities still remain for impaired driving, dangerous driving, drugs especially prescription and drug abuse. Plan to continue checks for seat belts and cell phone use.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The agenda was approved with following additions: Ellis Field highway sign, EMO committee, Recreation cell phone and Go!PEI. Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.

2. MINUTES

The March 20, 2014 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a motion by D. Gallant, seconded by B. Adams and carried the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Several people have been calling to order a copy of Alden's book and once a total is obtained will check on prices. Bev has also checked on some funding through New Horizons and the Arts Council. Marvin agreed to sit on a committee if a group can be organized to work on Alden's books.

The UV light has been installed and waiting on a water test result.

Blake reported he's been talking to Carter Gallant and Carter is willing to do some updates to our website.

The broken streetlights are still under investigation by insurance company.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

March revenue: general \$64,824.85; sewer \$84,990.85. March expenses: general \$135,683.55; sewer \$80,089.35; Bank balances at the end of March - general \$61,501.80; sewer \$38,702.98. Copies of budget update to March 31/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that financial report be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's report

Stanley reported that he will be attending a meeting in Charlottetown regarding the 150th Confederation plan.

2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council.

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported the Planning Board hasn't met since the last time and we are waiting on the mapping to be finished to hold the public meeting.

Streets, sidewalks, sanitation & properties - Davis reported that street conditions are deteriorating due to the season conditions. He plans to draft the wish list to be forwarded to Department of Highways and also look at the sidewalk project priorities again. Davis has a message in to Minister Robert Vessey regarding the speed radar signs.

Fire Protection - Monthly report from Fire Chief Perry circulated. Chief Perry advised Marvin that the department purchased a small security camera system for the truck bay area and requested that the cost be paid from Fire Department budget. Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that the invoice from SOS Computer Solutions be approved for payment.

Sanitation report - Eric reported on the Gaspé Road sewer issues saying there is a buried manhole plus tree roots causing the trouble. The soil conditions are not conducive to digging right now but this will be seen to later in the spring. ADIC lateral froze a couple of times but antifreeze has been added and staff keeping watch.

Recreation report - Meeting agreed to have the recreation cell phone disconnected as Jeff wants to use his at no cost to the town and to have his number included in the ADIC voice mail message. The ADIC Advisory Board committee discussed and agreed that a combination ADIC board/Recreation committee be formed and to invite Kevin Maynard to participate as he was eager to be involved in the ADIC one.

Police Report - Written RCMP report for March circulated.

4.. HR policy - It was agreed that everyone take another opportunity to review the HR policy and the Recreation job description in preparation for next meeting.

5. Town Signage - Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that Bev obtain designs on welcome to town signs plus landscaping of Collicutt property at entrance to town.

6. Two meetings per month - Bev to get opinions from other towns who use the two meeting per month process. To determine why they like or dislike, advantages and disadvantages.

7. Honorarium bylaw - The bylaw needs amending due to change in council honorariums and municipal status change. The first reading of the Town of O'Leary Honorarium Bylaw approved on a motion by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.

8. Other business and correspondence

- Congratulations from Town of Alberton on town status.

- Department of Tourism advised that a space has become available for Ellis Ballfield directional sign on Route 2. Cost for 2014 is \$160 and following years \$60. Moved by E. Gavin seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that we accept the offer and have the sign installed.

- The Emergency Measures Organization contacted the Town regarding opening of complex during the power outage. To invite Cindy MacDougall of EMO to do another session with Council.

- go! PEI contacted Council re leadership for in increasing walking culture on PEI. Davis to check into this.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:45 pm.

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. Gallant and carried that regular meeting resume at 9:15 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm on a motion by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.

