

# **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - DEC. 18, 2014**

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Present: Mayor Stanley MacDonald; Councillors Blake Adams, Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Carol Ferguson and Joey Dumville; Reporters Eric McCarthy, and Connor Doucette; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Darren MacKinnon

### 1. MEETING TO ORDER:

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

The agenda was approved with following additions: Transportation West request, Jeff's leave request, New Year's Levee. Moved by B Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.

### 2. MINUTES

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

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Town sign quotes not available.
- The Department of Transportation has agreed to review the crosswalk situation in O'Leary.
- A thank you note to be sent to the O'Leary Drama Club for successful dinner theatre.

### 4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

November 2014 revenue: general \$83,399.26; sewer \$3,600.97. November 2014 expenses: general \$59,427.42; sewer \$11,239.21; Bank balances at the end of November - general \$34,761.92; sewer \$29,103.65. Copies of budget update to November 30/14 circulated to Council. It was moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried that financial report for November, 2014 be approved.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Chairperson's report

Stanley written report circulated to Council. Stanley appointed Carol Ferguson as Deputy Mayor and she accepted.

### 2. Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. Building permit issued to Marlene Warren, \$4,000 for private storage building.

### 3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported speaking to owner of land beside MacLean's Automotive but he's not interested in trading for the land we inherited from Ellis Estate. The farmers' markets did well this fall and the drive through ATM at the Credit Union will be beneficial.

Recreation - Written report from Jeff circulated to Council. Joey commented that the Hockey Classic was a huge success and the walking club at the arena has been opened. Joey and Jeff met with the Curling Club to determine if there was anything the Recreation Department could do to help.

Streets, Sidewalks, Sanitation - Eric reported that during the heavy rain a few culverts had to be unplugged by Highways crew but no real damage done. The new sander has arrived and working great. During the rain storm no damage occurred at the lagoon either.

Fire Department - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council and Marvin stated it was a quiet month for the members. The Department's Christmas party went well.

4. Holland College request - Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried that Holland College's request for scholarship funding be declined at this time. (Vote held - 4 in favour, 1 not in favour.)

5. Town advertising - Council agreed to invite Jonathon Locke from Image Works to our January meeting and to request information from other municipalities on usage of this advertising.

6. O'Leary Area Development Corporation request - In camera session.

7. Rural Development Conference - Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that funding be approved for Blake and Darren, Development Committee, to attend the Local Prosperity Conference to be held in April, 2015 in Anapolis Valley, NS.

#### 8. Other Business and Correspondence

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried that Council provide a letter of support to Transportation West in their application for funding to purchase a new vehicle.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that New Year's Levee be organized by and held at the Maple Leaf Curling Club again this year with the Town providing \$1000. If changes to this structure is considered for next year then plans should be made earlier.

Messages were received from Dr. Herb Dickieson, Candidate for Egmont New Democrats, O'Leary Legion Branch, and Community Inclusions.

#### 6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 7:15 pm.

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that regular meeting resume at 8:30 pm.

Business from committee of the whole session:

Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that Jeff, Recreation Director, be granted a six week leave of absence from July 7 to August 18, 2015; to pay out any vacation time and overtime owing at that time and that a competent replacement be hired through a Skills PEI project.

Council to take ownership of the washer toss boxes supplied by Castle Building Supplies and used during the festival. These will not be lent out to various organizations but held for festival use only.

Stanley excused himself from the meeting while Council discussed the O'Leary Area Development Corporation's request for financial assistance and for the Town to take ownership of the property.

Council agreed that they were not prepared to make any financial contribution to OADC at this time and requested current financial statements. Council also offered to assist in lobbying the Provincial Government for loan forgiveness.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.