

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 14, 2015

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

Regrets: Councillors Darren MacKinnon and Joey Dumville.

**1. MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

The agenda was approved with the following additions: Support letter for O'Leary Area Development Corporation and bark park. *Moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried.*

**2. MINUTES**

The April 9, 2015 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a *motion by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried* the minutes were approved.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- No further information available regarding the Fire Department response to hazardous material incident last year.
- Meeting with Maritime Electric not arranged yet.
- Wifi for public use at complex not settled yet.

**4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

April 2015 revenue for general \$85,490.06, expenses for general \$87,174.36 plus \$72,000 to GIC and \$4050.50 transferred to sewer account; Bank balance at the end of April 2015 - general \$36,188.24. April 2015 revenue for sewer \$8,169.39; expenses \$2,705.61 plus \$40,000 transfer to general account and bank balance at the end of April 2015 \$31,218.50. It was *moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried* that financial report for April, 2015 be approved.

Budget update to April 30, 2015 was circulated to Council.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Mayor's report** - Acting Mayor Carol Ferguson reported attending the Potato Blossom Festival meetings.

**2. Administrator's report**

Bev reported completing the HST files, Capital Investment Plan, and Asset Management forms as well as other Provincial year end reports. Election update with 3 candidates and latest news from Municipal Affairs that Eric will not lose his council seat if he doesn't win mayoral race. WSP started lagoon study. Provincial Signage Compliance Officer, Hubert MacIsaac, to meet tomorrow to discuss Council's application to be responsible for signage within town. Overtime for Bev - 52 hours.

**3. Reports from Departments**

**Development & Tourism** - Blake reported that Purchase and Sale agreement has been signed with Warren Ellis and that a meeting was held with concerned citizens regarding this matter. Council discussed amending the Town's tax concession policy. It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that the Town of O'Leary Municipal Property Development Incentive Program be amended to add another level of rebate as follows: \$350,000 & over, rebate of 100% municipal tax for 6 years.

**Fire Department** - Chief Perry's report circulated to Council. He stated it was quiet in April with 8 emergencies. The new gator was used again. Training of rookies has been very successful.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Properties & Sanitation** - Eric reported that wish list for Department of Highways has not been prepared. Lagoon study to begin this week.

**Tashia Maynard re bark park** - Tashia advised Council that the Irvings are not interested in allowing their Main Street property to be used as a bark park. The Collicutt property near lagoon was suggested. Funding discussed - donations and cost to construct the fence. ***It was moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that Council agrees that the Collicutt property could be used as a bark park pending fund raising plan from the dog park committee.

**Orville Willis, Stanley MacDonald, Eric Phillips, Elton Ellis and Norman MacDougall** were in attendance and requested a question/answer period with Council. Items discussed included the financial position of the Town of O'Leary, gas tax funds and purchase of land from Warren Ellis.

**4. Gardening staff** - It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that 3 weeks (120 hours @ \$15) be permitted for clean up, mulching and weeding of Town flower beds. Extra time to be allowed for planting annuals and weeding throughout the summer.

**5. No appraisal on Pate property** - Council was surveyed via email regarding necessity of an appraisal on Pate property. It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried*** that the decision to not have appraisal conducted was approved.

**6. Update on website design** - Blake advised that he's asked Joey to tend to this project. Blake met with the firm and a deposit is required. Pictures and write ups to be obtained from

West Prince Arts Council students/summer staff.

**7. Update on Pate subdivision** - Council to borrow \$150,000, interest only for 1 year with no penalty on any lump sum payments from BNS. Blake plans to speak with developers, engineers and O'Leary Region Business Association. Bev to contact John Maynard for recommendation on survey of land. To obtain price on clean up of old buildings on property and to contact Warren Ellis re his property on Willow Avenue.

**8. FPEIM AGM** - Marvin agreed to attend the AGM on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Linkletter.

**9. Rezoning request re PID # 40337** - Springfield West Gospel Hall applied for rezoning of property # 40337 as they plan to purchase and construct a church/meeting facility. **Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by E. Gavin and carried** that Council accept the O'Leary Planning Board recommendation that rezoning from Residential 2 to Public Service and Institution be approved. A public meeting is required.

**10. Complex soffits**- Bev to obtain quotes and accept the best offer to replace the soffits on complex.

**11. Arts Council & website work/use of CN** - **Moved by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried** that the West Prince Arts Council be permitted to use the vacant space at the CN for June - August free of charge but in exchange for their summer staff providing pictures and written material for the Town's new website. Arts Council is responsible for Maritime Electric connection and monthly charges and Blake offered the loan of a camera.

**12. Permit from D. Oulton** - Development permit from Dewar and Esther Oulton to construct a 4 unit apartment building at 71 Barclay Road was approved on a **motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.**

**13. Cost of hanging banners** - Due to Provincial regulations, maintenance staff requires training for Fall Protection and Operating Platforms at a cost of \$800 plus certified equipment at \$30.00 per hour must be used in order to install the street light banners and any other banners, flags and netting. Council discussed recouping some of this cost from the businesses who own the street light banners. Bev to write the business association explaining the situation and advising that a cost of \$50 annually will apply for each banner.

**14. Alden Weeks request** - Alden advised that he has completed the "Threads of the Past - A History of O'Leary for Years 2008, 2009 and 2010" and is looking for assistance in having it printed. Bev to research New Horizons Grant for funds to print and help with the next edition, 2011-present and perhaps consolidate all editions by Alden.

**15. Other business:**

- A letter of support to O'Leary Area Development Corporation to be drafted to assist with

lobbying government regarding their financial situation.

- New EDA worker this year to be paid \$10.80 per hour.
- Replacement for Recreation Director was discussed - Bev to use judgement in determining salary in view of experience and education.
- *Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried* that a donation of \$100 be made to Westisle Composite High School.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm on a motion by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried.