

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2015

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Tashia Maynard, Darren MacKinnon, and Blake Adams; and CAO Bev Shaw. Press from Graphic and Journal.

Regrets: Councillor Joey Dumville

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

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

The agenda was approved with the following addition: Out door rink. *Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.*

2. MINUTES

The November 12, 2015 council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a *motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by B. Adams and carried* the minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Darren commended Tashia for her efforts in getting the flashing sign in Unionvale which warns drivers of radar surveillance. It seems to have made a difference.

4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

November 2015 revenue for general \$80,596.23, expenses for general \$121,561.27; Bank balance at the end of November 2015 - general \$49,425.52. November 2015 revenue for sewer \$3,665.07; expenses \$92,206.94 and bank balance at the end of November 2015 (\$56,442.93).

General and sewer budget update to November 30, 2015 also circulated.

It was *moved by B. Adam, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried* that financial report for November, 2015 be approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Donald MacDonald, President of the O'Leary Legion Development Corporation (Jubilee Home) joined our meeting and discussed with council the tax rebate policy for properties affected by boundary extension. As well a letter was received from the Corporation explaining that their financial agreement with CMHC expires in 2023 and could have a detrimental effect. Council offered to consider the 7 year rebate period and noted that further negotiations could be held once their CMHC agreement expires.

1. Mayor's report - Eric reported attending the wastewater workshop in Charlottetown and the FPEIM semi annual meeting in Tignish. Also mentioned that Dale attended a two day workshop in Moncton on wastewater operating systems.

2. Administrator's report - Bev reported also attending the wastewater workshop and the FPEIM meeting. Applied for Family Violence Prevention grant, had tree trimmed on Bev Makin's property due to interference with sidewalk snow removal, ADIC oil tank replaced, met with 55+ Games committee as we're hosting this year, and purchased a new phone for Dale. Overtime for Bev - 3 hours; Dale - 93 hours. Bev plans to take a week of holidays next week.

3. Reports from Departments

Development & Tourism - Blake reported that annexation process is ongoing and that he and Eric met with the committee that is researching the long term care facility for O'Leary.

Fire Protection - Chief's report for November circulated. The department responded to 3 emergency calls during the month, two being motor vehicle crashes. Also reminded Council of their Christmas party on Dec. 12th.

Police - RCMP for November circulated. No member attended the meeting.

Recreation - Jeff's report circulated to Council. Darren reported that the hockey tournament was a tremendous success as well as certain events during the Christmas Party Weekend. The volunteer appreciation evening went well even though numbers were low.

Darren and Jeff discussed an outdoor rink with locals offering to help maintain and the donation of tarp and boards. **Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried** that the Town proceed with the rink at the tennis court and depending on volunteer assistance from the Fire Department for flooding and donation of tarp and boards.

Darren presented a recommendation that Council mandate our Recreation Department to conduct a survey/research of the Town's recreational facilities and programs, looking at areas that support economic spin offs and make efficient use of our existing facilities and programs, to identify new opportunities/markets and discover funding programs. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by B. Adams and carried** that Council support the concept of having the Recreation Director create a vision plan for O'Leary's recreational programs as a whole in our Town.

Noted that council wants the Christmas trees re-lighted (trees are larger this year and not enough lights on).

Letter received from Dana Harris, Referee in Chief for O'Leary Minor Hockey and Director of Supervisions for Hockey PEI, congratulating the Recreation Department and Town on the successful hosting of recent 18 team hockey tournament.

Streets & Sidewalks - Tashia reported the repair of storm drain in front of 540 Main Street where a blockage was causing severe flooding in the area. Also she's still in contact with Dept. Of Highways regarding speed radar. Tashia obtained June 2015 statistics on speeding vehicles on Main Street - good information to have when discussing monitoring by RCMP.

Sanitation - Eric reported that sampling is still occurring at the lagoon and Dept of Environment and Ron's Plumbing are still trying to pinpoint the contaminant at the lagoon. Noted that asphalt on Gaspe Road is sinking where sewer main was replaced. To advise engineer.

4. **Dog Bylaw** - Council wished to add more information to the bylaw therefore will be presented again at the January 2016 meeting.

5. **Motion re boundary extension** - Resolution Regarding Boundary Extension
WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary owns land not within Town boundaries described as PID # 43562 and PID # 43661 and it is logical that property owned by the Town be included within municipal boundaries especially since PID # 43661 is designated for residential development by the Town and PID # 43562 being the location of the Town of O'Leary sewer lagoon;
WHEREAS properties described as PID # 474593, #42556, #672469, #727859, #43612, and #43505 are located adjacent to or between Town owned property and are included in this annexation proposal;
WHEREAS the O'Leary Town Council has adopted a policy effective immediately that any property owner financially affected by this annexation will receive a municipal tax rebate equal to the increased amount of property taxes as a result of this annexation;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a boundary extension application be submitted to the Province of PEI for aforementioned properties outlined in BLUE on attached map. **Moved by B. Adams, seconded by T. Maynard and carried.**

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried that Policy re tax rebates for annexed properties be amended to read "a period of 7 years" instead of 5.

6. **Honorarium policy** - Policy to set standards on meeting attendance and eligibility for honorarium effective January 1, 2016. Eight regular meetings must be attended to be eligible for full honorarium which allows for two missed meetings as we normally have 10 regular meetings per year. A minimum of five regular meetings must be attended to be eligible for prorated honorarium and to retain council seat. Policy approved on a **motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.**

7. **Design choice & site work for signs** - council described what they'd like to see on sign and Bev to contact Blain for a proof. Location of sign discussed with Council deciding to leave it where its currently located but with some site work. Bev to contact Environment and Transportation for permits if necessary. Council to look at other sites if improving current site is not workable. To send out information to Council by email.

8. **Welcome to PEI ads** - **Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried** that advertising with Welcome to PEI not be renewed this year.

9. **Battery charger for generator system** - **Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried** that charger be purchased.

10. **Other business & correspondence:** nil

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE nil

7.ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm on a *motion by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.*