

TOWN OF O'LEARY
ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING
MARCH 9, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Councillors Blake Adams, Darren MacKinnon, Marvin MacDonald, Tashia Maynard and Joey Dumville; Residents Alden Weeks, Audrey Weeks, Audrey Thomson, Carol Palmer and Clair Sweet; Non residents Dale Harris, Blair Perry, Ron MacWilliams, and Kevin Arsenault; Press Eric McCarthy and Melissa Heald; Auditor Pat McSweeney from BDO; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson

The annual meeting of residents of the Town of O'Leary was held on March 9, 2016 at the O'Leary Community Complex boardroom with approximately eleven residents present. Mayor Eric Gavin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the 65th annual meeting of O'Leary residents.

The circulated agenda was adopted on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Joey Dumville and carried.

The notes of March 25, 2015 public information meeting were approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried.

Business arising from minutes:

nil

Financial Business:

The 2015 financial statement was presented by Patrick McSweeney, BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants. Mr. McSweeney reviewed the consolidated statements for the Sewer Utility and General accounts. The 2015 financial statements were approved on a motion by Councillor Marvin MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Tashia Maynard and carried.

Presentation of 2016 Proposed Budget:

The 2016 proposed budget was presented by Councillor Marvin MacDonald as follows:

Administration budget \$148,148.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Joey Dumville and carried; Streets and Sidewalks budget \$52,000 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Tashia Maynard and carried;

Park budget \$18,000.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Tashia Maynard, seconded by Councillor Darren MacKinnon and carried; Recreation budget \$67,800.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried; Police budget \$126,861.00 - Approved on a motion by Tashia Maynard, seconded by Joey Dumville and carried; Fire Protection budget \$160,000.00 - Approved on a motion by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Joey Dumville and carried; CN Station budget \$12,970.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Tashia Maynard and carried; ADIC budget \$14,475.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Tashia Maynard and carried; and Other Expenses budget \$236,671.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Joey Dumville, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Darren MacKinnon and carried that the 2016 tax rates remain the same as last year at \$0 .79 per \$100 valuation for non-commercial properties and \$1.10 per \$100 valuation for commercial properties.

Reports from Departments:

The Fire Department 2015 report, the Recreation Department 2015 report and 2015 report from the Public Library Service was circulated to the meeting.

New Business:

Carol Palmer asked for an update on boundary extension application which hasn't been approved yet. Councillor Blake Adams responded that Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission have yet to schedule the required public meeting and that we are not expecting any issues with the application. Alden Weeks also asked about future plans for the Pate land and other development. Councillor Adams replied that an engineering report will be commissioned for the Pate subdivision and that a strip mall and community care facility are still in the discussion stage. It was also noted that the former Community Health Foundation land was purchased by Springfield West Gospel Hall and they intend to construct a church and meeting hall.

Adjournment

Mayor Gavin thanked everyone for attending and invited all to attend the regular monthly council meeting to follow immediately after the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Tashia Maynard. Motion carried.