

TOWN OF O'LEARY
ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING
MARCH 15, 2017
6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Councillors Darren MacKinnon, Blake Adams, and Marvin MacDonald; Residents Alden Weeks, Audrey Weeks, Carol Palmer, Doug Smith, and Ellen Campbell; Non resident Jason Greenan; Hon. Robert Henderson; Press Journal Pioneer and West Prince Graphic; Auditor Pat McSweeney from BDO; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson; Councillors Tashia Maynard and Joey Dumville.

Call to order - approval of agenda

The annual meeting of residents of the Town of O'Leary was held on March 15, 2017 at the O'Leary Community Complex boardroom with nine residents present. Mayor Eric Gavin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone to the 66th annual meeting of O'Leary residents.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of March 9, 2016 annual meeting were approved on a motion by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Blake Adams and carried.

Business arising from minutes

Meeting asked for a progress report on boundary extension and maintenance of Memorial Orchard. The extension has been approved and town maintenance staff is looking after the orchard.

Financial Business

The 2016 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 2016 financial statements were approved on a motion by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Marvin MacDonald and carried.

Presentation of 2017 Proposed Budget

The 2017 proposed budget was presented by Councillor Marvin MacDonald as follows:
Administration budget \$148,729.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Councillor Darren MacKinnon and carried;
CN Station budget \$12,275.00 - Approved a motion by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Blake Adams and carried;
Streets and Sidewalks budget \$54,500 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried;
Park budget \$19,400.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Blake Adams and carried;
Recreation budget \$68,850.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by

Darren MacKinnon and carried;

Police budget \$130,378.00 - Approved on a motion by Blake Adams, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried;

Fire Protection budget \$168,950.00 - Approved on a motion by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Blake Adams and carried;

Other Expenses budget \$403,350.00 - Approved on a motion by Councillor Blake Adams, seconded by Darren MacKinnon and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Marvin MacDonald and carried that the 2017 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 2016 report, the Recreation Department 2016 report and 2016 report from the Public Library Service was circulated to the meeting.

New Business

Mayor Gavin called upon Hon. Rob Henderson to speak to the meeting. He summarized the highlights over the past year and congratulated the town on its successful Kraft Hockeyville campaign. Noted that Main Street is scheduled for paving this summer and that the Province is hosting the Canada Games 2023.

Carol Palmer commended the Council for their volunteer efforts and suggested that some emphasis be placed on the town being senior friendly.

Mayor Gavin thanked the meeting for their input and commended the staff for jobs well done.

Councillor Blake Adams provided details on the Pate property development, proposed strip mall and plans for a senior care facility.

Carol Palmer inquired of the status on the fuel spill on Centennial Avenue. Mayor Gavin and Councillor MacKinnon advised they were aware of a clean up operation and the Department of Environment was involved.

Alden Weeks provided a report on the history of O'Leary that he's been working on saying there is now 75 years of history on record.

Adjournment

Mayor Gavin thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Blake Adams and carried.