

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2018**

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson; Councillors Darren MacKinnon, Tashia Maynard and Marvin MacDonald; Reporter from West Prince Graphic; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Blake Adams.

Recreation Director Jessica Gillis joined the meeting, introduced herself and outlined the happenings in the recreation office since she started in July. She also mentioned plans for the next few months.

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved as presented. *Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried.*

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

Nil

3. MINUTES

The September 20, 2018 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. *Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by T. Maynard and carried* that council meeting minutes be approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Budget updates circulated to Council. Carol presented the revenue, expenses and bank balances for the month of September. Noted that sewer receivables are reduced by approximately \$3500 from last month. Gas tax investments totaling \$257,000 of which \$178,100 will be retained to cover Pate Garden Subdivision costs and the balance to be reinvested. Bank balances as follows: September 30/2018 for general account - \$196,128.73 and for sewer - \$329,066.23. Expenses for September, 2018 for general totaled \$152,668.44 and for sewer \$4,682.65. *Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried* that financial reports and paid bills for September, 2018 be approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's report - Eric reported meeting with Minister of Justice regarding Fire Department and Coroner's Office, sat in on review with Recreation Director, did final walk through with contractor and engineer for the Pate Garden Subdivision and met with CHANCES.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported that daycare area looks great and they moved in on Oct. 5th; working on IRAC sewer rate review, election proceedings, and tax concessions. Sat in on Recreation Director's review and placed usual Halloween ad for 7:30 curfew. Newcomer's meeting being held tomorrow. CN release from the Province received and forwarded to lawyers. Bev's overtime at 5 hours, 2 weeks of 2018 vacation left; Dale's overtime not available and he is currently on holidays until first week of November.

C. Reports from Departments

Recreation - Jess's report was circulated.

Streets & Sidewalks - Tashia reported everything looks good except for water collecting on Water Street.

Properties - Darren mentioned the CN sale that the lawyers are working on.

Fire Department & Police - Marvin advised that there was no report from the Fire Chief and that RCMP report was circulated to Council. No officer present this evening.

Development - Everything looks good at the subdivision except for a few little clean up details which will be taken care of once the ground dries up. Concerns were expressed regarding the run off water at cannabis store parking lot. Letter to be sent to engineer outlining concerns.

Sanitation - Eric reported some issues with the pumps at the lift station. A new one may need to be purchased. Still having concerns at lagoon with blue green algae but working on solutions.

D. Fees Bylaw # 2018-08 - To collect more information from Alberton and Tignish.

E. Use of dump site - Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by T. Maynard and carried that Preston Murphy be permitted to use the site for demolition material for a one year period then reassessed.

F. Sewer Rate Review - Whereas the Town Sewer Utility has been experiencing deficits and low surpluses over the past few years; and Whereas approximately \$350,000 debt has been added for lagoon improvements and main line replacements in the past two years; Therefore be it resolved that the Town Sewer Utility submit an application to Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission for a rate review in hopes of obtaining an increase to help cover the aforementioned costs. Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.

G. Change grassed area at Retail Centre back to gravel - Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that decision to grass the area between the two parking lots of O'Leary Public Hall (Home Hardware) and O'Leary Retail Centre be reversed and gravel to be placed to help with run off water.

H. Other business & correspondence:

>Council gave directions for a letter to be sent to the O'Leary Housing Authority regarding swimming pool regulations and garbage littering the area on Centennial Dr.

>Report received from Potato Blossom Festival Committee.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 6:40 pm.

Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 6:55 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole

Recreation Director permanent position to be offered to Jessica Gillis with benefits and \$1000 increase to annual salary.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm on a *motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by T. Maynard and carried.*