

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2013

Present: Chairperson Stanley MacDonald; Vice Chair Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, Carol Ferguson, Darren MacKinnon and Davis Gallant; Administrator Bev Shaw; and Guest Adrienne MacDonald.

Regrets:

Meeting to order:

Chairperson MacDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The agenda was approved with following additions: Sidewalk snow removal; New truck items; Centennial Park flagpole. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Gallant and carried.**

Minutes

The June 13, 2013 regular council meeting, July 11, 2013 special council meeting, and July 25, 2013 special council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a **motion by B. Adams, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried** the minutes were approved.

### **Business arising from minutes:**

The Fire Department's water softener has been installed;

O'Leary Auto Parts parking lot has not been a problem with loiterers lately;

the Ellis Field backstop replacement did not include an overhang so Eric to check with local company about adding the overhang using left over materials;

Kent Street repaving still uncertain;

Stanley advised that he discussed the ADIC sign with Blain Buchanan and it will cost about \$2000 for one that is vandal proof - Bev to ask Blain for a picture and get quote on the sign being lit;

concern expressed about Warren Ellis property on Willow Avenue where Dallas Perry is living - to send a letter to property owner about condition;

Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by D. Gallant and carried that a letter be sent to Province re removal of picnic table on Confederation Trail property close to the CN. Hopefully this will reduce the loitering and vandalism;

Darren congratulated the Under 16 Nationals committee on the successful event;

Stanley mentioned the "tax concession policy" on community website - council to review policy before any changes are made and also mentioned keeping the Google Calendar updated;

the new maintenance truck has been purchased for \$11,600.

Financial Business:

Under 16 Nationals expenses, sewer arrears and tenant in arrears discussed by Council. Carol and Bev to meet to deal with these issues.

Financial report for June, July and August 2013 was reviewed by Council. June revenue: general \$61,341.60; sewer \$814.36. June expenses: general \$77,993.83; sewer \$3,780.12; Bank balances at the end of June - general \$14,521.69; sewer \$69,607.37. July & August, 2013 revenue: general \$203,229.35; sewer \$47,893.53; July & August, 2013 expenses: general \$206,144.99, sewer

\$12,387.77; Bank balances: general \$17,676.67, sewer \$103,399.33. Copies of budget report to August 31/13 circulated to Council. It was *moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried* that financial report be approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Police report

RCMP Constable in attendance and the August police report was reviewed saying members spent 191 hours on O'Leary business with 34 calls for service. Provincial statutes breakdown for August - 4 seatbelt violations, 2 speeding violations, 1 driving while license suspended, 1 Liquor Control Act violation and 7 written warnings. Four criminal background checks were completed. Council discussed concerns with loitering and vandalism near CN Station on Confederation Trail property as well as speeding on Park, Ellis and Main Street, ATV's still a problem but better than earlier this summer. A letter to be sent to Province requesting that the picnic table on Confederation Trail be removed and that a no loitering sign be erected.

### Chairperson's report

In Stanley's written report he provided information on the upcoming Georgetown Conference and expressed concern about the vandalism at CN Station.

### Reports from departments:

**Administrator's report** - Disposal of old maintenance truck discussed and Davis to advertise it for sale at \$950.00. Maintenance overtime to be worked off again as its now at 28 hours. Business/ building permits - nil.

**Fire Protection** - Chief Blair Perry submitted a written report saying that in August 12 emergency calls were answered - 8 medicals, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 mutual aid calls and 1 industrial accident. Tim Getson has just signed on as the newest firefighter. The Firemen's Club operated a canteen at the recent Under 16 Nationals and made about \$3500 which will be put towards a future purchase.

**Development & Tourism** - Blake reported the entrance to O'Leary project application has reached a roadblock. The Department of Environment will not allow any work on the wetland area around the brook. To look at this project again for the spring.

**Recreation** - Tylan's written report circulated to Council reporting that ADIC activities are resuming for the fall, minor sports have wrapped up in August, and planning is beginning for the 2014 Up West Winter Fest. Under separate reports Tylan provided information on the Under 16 Nationals and Bev provided a financial report on the tournament. The financial report is not final as there are still outstanding receivables and payables. Council directed that a letter be written to the O'Leary Sports Centre board of directors and offer to meet with them.

**Sanitation/Streets/Properties** - Eric reported that the lagoon recently turned red and they had

Environment up to look but no reason was found. Dale is still working on studying to become a certified operator for the sewer system. Council agreed that the new flag pole at Centennial Park be placed near the gazebo. Davis reported that some dead trees were cut down at the park as well. The Mothers Against Drunk Drivers donated a bench and shrubs which have been placed at the Ellis Ballfield. A raised culvert in CN driveway is a concern - Eric to get quotes to have it repaired.

#### Georgetown Conference

Stanley has been invited to attend this Oct 3 - 5 conference in Georgetown. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Gallant and carried** that Stanley's expenses for attending be approved for payment. (Registration \$199.00 plus 2 nights accommodations and travel.)

#### Bylaw Enforcement Workshop

**Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried** that Bev be approved to attend the Bylaw Enforcement Workshop on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Miltonvale and expenses to be reimbursed.

#### Sidewalk Project

Council agreed that the sidewalk project be deferred to the spring. A letter to be sent advising the funding partner. To also lobby Province about widening of Centennial Avenue.

#### Signing Authority

Moved by Eric Gavin, seconded by Blake Adams and carried that Finance Councillor Carol Ferguson be added as signing officer for the Community of O'Leary banking transactions and that Councillor Ferguson be the first contact by CAO for such transactions.

#### FPEIM Semi Annual meeting

Just a notice that the FPEIM semi annual meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> in Kinkora.

#### 2014 Up West Winter Fest

**Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried** that the Community of O'Leary support this event by contributing \$1500 and permitting Recreation Director to act as a committee member with Eric Gavin as an alternate member.

#### Community Lapel Pins

Bev to get quotes on new lapel pins.

#### Ellis Recycling Depot

The Department of Environment requested Council's opinion on the operation of the Robert Ellis recycling depot which is not located within the municipal boundaries but adjacent to the boundary which runs through the Ellis property. Council agreed that the depot be restricted from motorized vehicles due to environmentally hazardous fluids and that fencing be erected to block the site from the Confederation Trail. No complaints have been received regarding the site.

#### **Other business and correspondence:**

Sidewalk snow removal - Davis has researched equipment for snow removal from sidewalks due to opinion that the tractor is causing damage to the sidewalks. Corcoran's in Miscouche have a machine for sale for approximately \$16,000. After a lengthy discussion it was **moved by E. Gavin, seconded by D. MacKinnon** that Council purchase the snow removal equipment from Corcoran's and Council to consider housing for it. Vote: 3 for; 2 against. **Motion carried.**

Truck details - It was ***moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried*** that the new maintenance truck be taken to John MacLean's Automotive for undercoating at a cost of \$130.00. Municipal decals for doors were discussed

Centennial Park flag pole - It was ***moved by D. Gallant, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that the new flag pole in Centennial Park be placed nearer the gazebo for convenience during ceremonies such as Canada Day.

Photo copier - An offer to renew lease and obtain a new machine was received from current company. More information and other quotes to be available for next meeting.

Thank you advertisement - Bev to place an ad in paper thanking all persons connected with the Under 16 Nationals held recently.

Marvin advised that he received a concern from residents near Willow Avenue due to a property owner (old firehall) using large amounts of water for agricultural use. Council didn't consider it an issue as this property was previously the fire hall and large amounts of water was always used with no effects to the water table.

***Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:55 pm.

***Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Gallant and carried*** that the meeting return to regular open status at 9:50 pm.

It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that Council pay out to Tylan for 200 overtime hours and that balance of approximately 130 hours plus his vacation time be used before end of the year.

It was ***moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that Pauline Barlow be hired as a part time administrative assistant for one day per week (6 hours) at current hourly wage for casual administrative help.

It was ***moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that Community logo decals be ordered from Blain Buchanan at a cost of \$210.00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm on a ***motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Gallant and carried.***