## TOWN OF O'LEARY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 2019

- PRESENT: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon; Councillors Kevin Maynard, Darrel Wood and Joey Dumville; BDO Patrick McSweeney; and CAO Bev Shaw.
- REGRETS: Councillors Valene Gallant and Judy MacIsaac.

Mayor Gavin called this special meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed Patrick McSweeney from BDO. Patrick reviewed the January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 financial report stating that the Town of O'Leary is in stable financial condition. He reminded Council that the report is for a 15 month period therefore comparisons from previous years are off. Additional information for Bev to be requested via email.

January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 financial report approved on a *motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by Darrel Wood and carried.* 

The following Fire Pits and Camp Fires bylaw was considered for second reading:

## Fire Pits and Camp Fires Bylaw, Bylaw # 2019-03

WHEREAS several complaints have been received from residents regarding open fires and the O'Leary Volunteer Fire Department have requested direction on how to handle calls regarding such fires;

AND WHEREAS Division 2, Section 180 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1 provides the authority for O'Leary Town Council to pass bylaws and provide services for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS Fire Pits and Camp Fires Bylaw, Bylaw # 2019-03, was read and approved a first time at the June 12, 2019 Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of O'Leary "Fire Pits and Camp Fires Bylaw, Bylaw # 2019-03, be hereby read a second time.

## Moved by Darren MacKinnon, seconded by Kevin Maynard and carried.

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AND WHEREAS the Town of O'Leary Fire Pits and Camp Fires Bylaw, Bylaw # 2019-

03, was read and approved at two separate meetings of Council held on different days;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of O'Leary Fire Pits and Camp Fires Bylaw, Bylaw # 2019-03 be hereby formally adopted.

## Moved by Darrel Wood, seconded by Kevin Maynard and carried.

Council discussed concerns regarding unsupervised pools and recommended that letters be sent to the O'Leary Housing Authority and the tenant.

A letter from Dr. Herb Dickieson regarding support for resolution for existing and growing problem of physician shortages on PEI was reviewed. The following Council resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, more than 13,000 Islanders have no family physician;

**AND WHEREAS**, the shortage of family physicians increases wait times, delayed diagnosis and treatment with potential further patient suffering and health risk;

**AND WHEREAS,** physician shortage and associated extended wait times result in a measurable loss of income and productivity adversely affecting the Island economy;

**AND WHEREAS,** a recent survey by the Medical Society of Prince Edward Island indicated that 56% of practising Island physicians are planning to reduce or leave their practise over the coming five years;

**AND WHEREAS**, the University of Prince Edward Island has a proven record of success in the development of the Faculties of Nursing, Engineering and the Atlantic Veterinary College;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the town of O'Leary appeal to the Government of Prince Edward Island to initiate:

1. A facilitated Physician Recruitment and Retention program;

2. Immediate doubling, and later tripling of Family Physician Residency Positions;

3. Planning and negotiations for a Medical Faculty at the University of Prince Edward Island. *Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried.* 

Council discussed the current Sewer Treatment Plant 2019 project (lagoon issues with sludge, corrosion, blue green algae). To obtain prices on purchasing our own composite sampler as Provincially owned machine doesn't appear to be available to us on a consistent basis. *Moved by K. Maynard, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried* that if new sampler is \$5000 before taxes or less to purchase. To have WSP specify what is required.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on a *motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried.*