

TOWN OF O'LEARY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2021

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Councillors Judy MacIsaac, Darrel Wood, Kevin Maynard, Valene Gallant and Joey Dumville; CAO Bev Shaw; Press - Graphic.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon

Prior to the meeting opening, PEI Ground Search and Rescue member, William Parker, met with Council to provide information regarding their organization. They have about 80 members with four mentioned that live in West Prince, much of their training is in the Charlottetown area and their incident command centre trailer is located in Charlottetown. All PEI municipalities were solicited for a donation but only O'Leary responded. PEIGSR recently received \$100,000 from the Province to be used for capital expenditures and this fundraising project is for operating costs of \$15,500 of which \$12,000 has been realized. Council thanked Mr. Parker for attending.

**1. MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm and declared a quorum present. The agenda was approved as circulated. ***Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by V. Gallant and carried.***

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: nil**

**3. MINUTES:**

The minutes of March 9, 2021 and April 1, 2021 special council meetings and March 10, 2021 regular council meeting were reviewed for errors and omissions. ***Moved by J. MacIsaac, seconded by V. Gallant and carried*** that minutes be approved as presented.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Bev reminded Council of the request for development ideas for the Town property off Centennial Avenue (Gospel Hall Land). A response has been received from Darrel and Darren. Eric asked that ideas be submitted by next meeting and that Planning Board be asked to provide input.

**5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

Council agreed to wait to see if Darren is able to attend.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Mayor's report - Eric met with Francois Caron, Active Transportation Fund, and signed the funding contract. He also had some conversations with Robert Henderson.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported a busy month with budgets, year end, sewer accounts and lots of calls and research on a subdivision application variance. The Work and Study Hub located at Future Tech West is operating without a supervisor as employee resigned recently. The banner project funding application was submitted and met with Minister Jamie Fox and Fire Department members regarding funding for their communications upgrade project. More information and a proposal to Council to follow later in the meeting. A questionnaire/expression of interest from Infrastructure Canada Green and Sustainable Buildings program was completed indicating our interest in funds for complex retrofit. Pater Audio started installation of AV system in boardroom yesterday and will return Thursday to complete and train. Annual lagoon sampling report to Federal Environment completed and policing priorities sent to S/Sgt. Troy MacLean, RCMP. Insurance company confirmed that the Town has no concerns regarding co-insurance and replacement value coverage - the Town has a blanket policy and policy holder performs assessments on buildings every couple of years. Information on the Group Purchasing Program through FPEIM was sent out to Council on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Joey asked about the Canada Games sponsorship agreement which is being drafted and then this year's payment can be made.

Building/business permits - Development permit issued to CHANCES, 22 Beechwood Avenue for change of use for the section of building once used by the vet clinic. CHANCES has purchased the property and they'll be doing interior renovations as well which don't require a permit, valued at \$40,000.

Overtime/vacation time - Bev 41.5 hours overtime and 4 vacation days left. Dale's hours at 124 and time off lately reduced his vacation time which is now zero. Andrew has 18 hours overtime and all vacation used.

C. Reports from departments -

**Properties** - Valene stated she was glad to see the front step repaired and asked if any more information available on the windows. Bev is working on obtaining information on funding from Infrastructure Canada and PEI Energy Efficiency.

**Police** - Valene reviewed the RCMP report for March stating 19 calls for service and 188 hours of service for O'Leary area. Five check stops held with over 150 vehicles stopped.

**Fire Protection** - Darrel reported 6 calls in March for the fire department. Training included gas detector use. The fire department is requesting approval to purchase 23 new PICS radios to complement the 8 on hand. Darrel attended a meeting with FD members Davis and Daniel as well as Minister Jamie Fox and Bev. Minister Fox agreed to support the \$48,000 communications project through 50% dollars from Rural Growth Initiatives Fund. The remaining 50% to funded by the Fireman's Club Fundraising account. Proposed to Council that annual maintenance/service fees and licensing be covered by Fire Department budget. Actual costs weren't clear as to whether Provincial and Federal fees will increase and by how much. Darrel to get clarification and send to Bev for an email survey of Council. **Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. Maclsaac and carried** that approval of communications project for the Fire

Department be tabled until more information and clarification is provided.

**Streets & Sidewalks** - Kevin to provide a list of maintenance for the streets. On behalf of MADD, he requested permission to erect a small sign pertaining to MADD at the east entrance to Town. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by V. Gallant and carried** that permission be granted to MADD for the sign placement as long as it doesn't interfere with other signage,

**Recreation** - Joey reviewed Andrew's recreation report for March highlighting after school programming starting the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>, seniors' rook parties to start April 16<sup>th</sup>, minor sport and summer programming registrations opening April 26<sup>th</sup>, introduction to Flag Football coming to O'Leary on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, looking at using tennis court area for ball hockey this spring, and Try Softball scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Playground funding applications have been submitted to Healthy Communities, FCC and Community Revitalization Fund. Planning is ongoing for softball tournaments, Canada Day and 100 km yard sale. Outfield advertising for businesses is being considered - Joey to discuss more with Andrew and to also mention Run for Light event, Active Sport and Rally Cap programs.

**Newcomers/Recruitment/Community Endorsements** - Judy showed Council the new pop up banners that Navigators are putting in various locations and noted they are looking for suggestions for new sites. Navigators regular meeting held this month. Funding application for the banner project has been submitted and includes new arms for the street light posts. A volunteer professional photographer has offered to take pictures for the banners. Community Seniors Co-operative Limited is progressing well with community care facility project. The mortgage application has been submitted to CMHC and fundraising is now about \$130,000.

**Sanitation** - Eric advised that samples are still being tested and recommissioning of the UV system is still held up due to travel and Covid.

**Community Development** - Eric suggested that Council continue to talk about future development ideas.

D. Donation request from PEI Ground Search & Rescue

**Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried** that a donation of \$200 be made to PEI Ground Search & Rescue with a recommendation that their organization recruit more West Prince members, do more training in West Prince and become more visible in our area.

E. Letter of support for West Prince Curling Club

**Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. Dumville and carried** that a letter of support for West Prince Curling Club's funding application to Infrastructure Canada to construct a new curling facility in central West Prince.

F. Resolution for Banner Project re funding application

The following resolution was passed on a **motion by K. Maynard, seconded by V. Gallant and carried**:

WHEREAS Town Council has indicated support for this banner project which will create interest and attraction by erecting banners depicting diversity in our community;

WHEREAS a funding application has been submitted to Rural Growth Initiative program for 50% dollars and quotes have been received for a total project cost of \$5658;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support this project by allocating 50% dollars if

funding is approved through the Rural Growth Initiative program.

G. Communications systems grant for Fire Department

This was covered earlier in Darrel's Fire Protection.

H. Self watering flower pots for next season

One dozen self watering flower pots, to be ordered and ready for use next season, were approved on a ***motion by K. Maynard, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried.***

I. Letter of support for liquor license for Potato Museum

***Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried*** that a letter of support be provided to the Canadian Potato Museum for their application to hold a liquor license to serve beer and wine at the Country Kitchen.

**5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

Financial reports circulated to Council. Bank balances as follows: March 31, 2021 for general account - \$453,290.74 and for sewer - \$200,399.23. Expenses for March, 2021 for general totalled \$74,090.16 and for sewer - \$17,436.93. Revenue for March, 2021 for general - \$83,609.66, for sewer - \$8,575.54. ***Moved by D. Wood, seconded by K. Maynard and carried*** that financial report be approved.

J. Other business

**7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

***Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by V. Gallant and carried*** that council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 7:25 pm.

***Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by V. Gallant and carried*** that regular meeting reconvene at 8:15 pm.

**Results from Committee of the Whole**

Bev advised that Robert Henderson has been acting as liaison between Minister Bloyce Thompson's office and the Town in regards to the subdivision application from Stanley MacDonald and the request for a variance in lot size. According to the PEI Planning Act and Province Wide Minimum Development Standards Regulations (PWMSDR), a soil assessment is required even though the Town offers central sewer service. At last Council meeting a motion was passed to approve the application on condition permission is granted by Minister Thompson to be non-compliant with PWMSDR and no effect to the Town's authority to issue development permits. Mr. Henderson suggested that a written message directly from Minister Thompson isn't necessary and that his Acting Manager of Provincial Planning, Mr. Eugene Lloyd, could provide the permission. ***Moved by K. Maynard, seconded by D. Wood and carried*** that Council accept written permission to be non-compliant with PWMSDR from Eugene Lloyd and then proceed with approval of subdivision for Stanley MacDonald.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a *motion by V. Gallant, seconded by K. Maynard and carried.*