

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2013

Present: Chairperson Stanley MacDonald; Vice Chair Blake Adams; Councillors Marvin MacDonald, Eric Gavin, and Davis Gallant. Administrator Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillors Carol Ferguson and Darren MacKinnon.

Meeting to order:

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

The agenda was approved with following additions: Newsletter to residents; CN tenant, ADIC. ***Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Adams and carried.***

Minutes

The November 14, 2013 regular council meeting minutes and December 2, 2013 Council Information session notes were reviewed for errors and omissions. On a ***motion by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** the minutes were approved.

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

- Bev reported that insurance company responded that alarm systems are not mandatory therefore ADIC is covered even though the intrusion alarm is not being used. Note that alarm for fire and smoke is operational.
- The ADIC sign has been installed but still waiting for electrician to connect power.
- Request for interest relief on sewer accounts has not been completed.
- Nedco quotes on new streetlight: globe \$1890, entire unit \$3680. Nedco would not deal with Castle when they were contacted and Castle hasn't responded with any other quotes. Council wasn't prepared to approve that amount of money but requested that insurance be contacted regarding vandalism coverage, to check with Alberton and Tignish on where there streetlights were purchased and Davis to

check on welder's opinion on having the standard welded again.

- Council discussed appreciation night for Under 16 Nationals volunteers and is considering expanding this to include all O'Leary volunteers. Perhaps will hold a reception at the legion. To have Tylan research costs, etc.

#### Financial Business:

Financial report for November 2013 was reviewed by Council. November revenue: general \$71,771.52; sewer \$3,373.94. November expenses: general \$53,352.33; sewer \$15,328.20; Bank balances at the end of November - general \$59,515.72; sewer \$11,333.51. Copies of budget report to November 30/13 circulated to Council. It was ***moved by D. Gallant, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that financial report be approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Chairperson's report

Stanley's written report was circulated and he added that he attended the Lions Club meal for seniors and thanked the Club members for their volunteer efforts. A letter to be sent to the Lions Club commending the members for all their efforts.

##### Administrator's report

Written report circulated to Council. Bev reiterated the huge undertaking by Dale to become certified in wastewater treatment and collection and felt it important that he attend any upcoming courses and job shadowing opportunities that come available. Also noted that permit for car wash was being researched.

## Reports from Departments

**Police Report** - Written RCMP report for October circulated and Cst. Lefurgey attended our meeting. The RCMP members spent 160 hours on O'Leary policing business with 12 calls for service. The detachment is currently down to 6 officers and have been for the past 6 weeks. Provincial statutes - 1 seatbelt violation, 1 Liquor Control Act violation and 1 written warning. Four criminal background checks completed. Council discussed hosting an ATV information session for the public and Cst. Lefurgey agreed to contact Cst. Scott Lundrigan and advise of our interest.

**Development & Tourism** - Blake reported the Planning Board has been meeting regularly but won't be again until after the new year. The review of the draft Official Plan is complete and have started the bylaw.

**Fire Protection** - Chief Blair Perry submitted a written report saying that in November 12 calls were answered with 4 fire alarms , 2 medicals, 1 vehicle fire, 3 mutual aid structure fires, 1 flue fire and 1 farm accident that involved one of our own firefighters. Chief Perry reminded Council of their Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Marvin stated he spoke to the Fire Department executive about the water softener issue and that we'd be billing them for the overexpenditure.

**Sanitation/Streets/Properties** - Davis and Eric reported that adjustments with snow blower have been made but it leaves a little more snow which means a little for salt. Stanley suggested that the little tractor be fitted with a blower for the sidewalks.

The O'Leary Recreation sign has been added to the new ADIC sign.

Kent Street residents may need some gravel or fill for their driveways as a result of the sewer project recently completed. (Ron Phillips and Bob Arsenault)

Stanley mentioned a prospective printing business interested in renting the CN. Gravel will be needed in CN back parking lot this spring. Renovations are planned to start in January by Dale Burden.

Stanley said that Kevin Maynard is still interested in serving on the ADIC board and perhaps Jansen Sweet.

**Recreation report** - Tylan's written report circulated to Council. Plans for Up West Winter Fest going well and weekly reports sent out by Tylan. Council again stressed the importance of early marketing for

this event. Advertising to increase after this Friday's press conference. Levee plans are being made and likely will be hosted by the Curling Club. Nominations are being accepted until tomorrow for the Good Neighbour and Citizen of the Year awards.

#### Policies from Municipal Affairs

Council information session on these policies as well as the Human Resources ones to be scheduled for late January or early February.

#### Pollution Insurance

Information forwarded to Cooke Insurance but no response as yet.

#### Western Bantam AAA Maroons

*Moved by D. Gallant, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried* that \$200 donation be made to this group.

#### Tax Concession Policy

Blake advised that recommendations on this policy are not available and it will probably be on the February 2014 meeting agenda.

#### Council honorarium bylaw

Second reading of Community of O'Leary Honorarium Bylaw # 11 with changes as follows: Chairperson \$5000, Vice Chair \$3500 and Councillors \$1800 each and also mileage rate to read "at Provincial rate", was *moved by Blake Adams, seconded by Marvin MacDonald and carried.*

ATV Information Session

This was dealt with during the RCMP visit earlier.

Support request from Lady Slipper Villa

Bob Nutbrown, president of PEI Senior Homes Inc. requested support for his organization's funding application to CMHC for seed funding for a 10 unit expansion to the Lady Slipper Villa. ***Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by B. Adams and carried*** that support be granted and a letter provided.

**Other business and correspondence:**

***Newsletter*** - Draft of "town status" newsletter circulated to Council. It was ***moved by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that newsletter be mailed as is to residents of O'Leary as soon as possible. Newspaper ad re public meeting as well.

***RCMP contract*** - Letter received advising of increase in RCMP contract fee from \$113,655 to \$116,404 commencing April 1, 2014.

***Moved by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried*** that Council adjourn to committee of the whole (closed door session) at 8:20 pm.

***Moved by B. Adams, seconded by E. Gavin and carried*** that regular meeting resume at 8:45 pm.

***Moved by E. Gavin, seconded by M. MacDonald and carried*** that all staff overtime and vacation time owing be paid out as of December 31, 2013. This will allow a fresh start in the new year with more control on accumulation of vacation and overtime.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. Gallant and carried.***