

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2018

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Carol Ferguson; Councillors Blake Adams, Darren MacKinnon, and Tashia Maynard; Reporters from West Prince Graphic and Journal; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets: Councillor Joey Dumville and Marvin MacDonald (Marvin to be considered present as he is attending a FPEIM meeting on behalf of council.)

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Gavin called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm and declared a quorum present.

The agenda was approved with the following additions: Skype capabilities for Boardroom. *Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried.*

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

Darren declared he would excuse himself from the meeting if discussions arise on the strip mall project.

3. MINUTES

The December 14, 2017 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions.

Mover and seconder for December 14, 2017 motion to approve financial report was not recorded therefore it was *moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried* that December 14, 2017 financial report be approved.

Moved by B. Adams, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried that December 14, 2017 council meeting minutes be approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

West Prince Chamber of Commerce - Council approved \$500 sponsorship of new Ambassadorship Award created by the West Prince Chamber of Commerce. *Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by T. Maynard and carried.*

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Carol reviewed the financial reports in detail outlining the receivables still to be inputted, checks to be made on fire dues and property tax revenue amounts, and clarified any over budget amounts in the expenses. A breakdown of Recreation equipment expenses to be provided and Carol gave a statement on gas tax investment funds. Sewer reports indicated expenses and revenues relating to CWWF sewer project still require receivables and payables to be posted and noted that professional fees expenses are all related to Harper easement. December 31/2017 bank balance for general account - \$197,846.78 and for sewer - \$66,484.14; December, 2017 receipts for

general - \$355,809.21, for sewer \$333,312.89. Expenses paid in December 2017 for general \$367,714.85; for sewer \$321,786.72. Sewer loan proceeds - \$236,488.00 and payment on loan - \$288,468.16. Financial report for December, 2017 was approved on a ***motion by B. Adams, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.*** Carol to start preliminary budget work soon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's report - Eric reported meeting with Deputy Minister of Finance and discussed extensions for sewer projects. He attended the Newcomers Association mixer at the legion, attended the New Year Levee, January 11th special meeting and the Figure Skating breakfast.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported that official acceptance and financing arrangements for new firetruck have been settled and annual audit tasks have begun. Ongoing matters include CWWF project, Harper easement, O'Halloran suit, and sewer rate review. Overtime for Bev currently at 15 hours, 0 days of holidays left; Dale's not available.

C. Reports from Departments

Development - Blake reported that Pate Subdivision redesign by WSP and water management plan and final details for strip mall are underway. Council will be advising the Province that the Town is interested in having the new cannabis retail outlet in O'Leary and will be responding to the Request for Proposals on the store location.

Properties - Darren has contacted the potential buyer for the CN property and he's still interested for now despite the hold up with the Province and duty to consult First Nations. He sees very little winter damage so far and will be checking on properties that may need funds budgeted for repairs or upgrades. Council to review value of Friendship Garden. Noted that a vehicle damaged some fencing at Ellis Field and one of the buildings have been broken into. Bev to check into maintenance/cleaning of CN heat pumps. Darren found a contact for Christmas decorations.

Streets & Sidewalks - Tashia was very pleased that Christmas decorations on light posts survived the strong winds and they can be reused next season. Sidewalks are in good condition.

RCMP - Report was reviewed last week when officer attended the special meeting.

Fire Department - Report circulated.

Recreation - Jeff's report was circulated.

Sanitation - Eric advised that it was recommended we have the UV chamber at lagoon insulated to help with heating costs. To get estimates and include in CWWF project. Training on the UV system is scheduled for Jan. 30 & 31. Sewer blockages at Robert Jones, Rick James, trunk line behind Robert Ellis and an issue at lift station were all corrected.

D. Donation request from Figure Skating Club - Moved by ***D. MacKinnon, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that the Town make a special donation of \$1000.00 to the O'Leary Figure Skating Club to help offset costs of their ice show featuring guest Elvis Stojko.

E. Development permit info to CRA - The Provincial Tax Commissioner received a request from Canada Revenue Agency to provide building permit information that they gather from municipalities. Council agreed that information could be shared.

F. Immigration Community Endorsement Agreement - Council agreed to endorse the

Office of Immigration agreement which commits O’Leary to provide support and community information to newcomers and work collaboratively with the Province and partners to meet objectives as per letter from Hon. Pat Murphy and Hon. Heath MacDonald.

Council discussed gifts for new businesses and residents. To post a welcome on website and invite residents to contact town office and to send a gift to Gander Wholesale.

G. Solar Bee aerator - To obtain more information on current warranty.

H. Other business & correspondence:

Skype capabilities - ***Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by C. Ferguson and carried*** that Town WIFI be upgraded to permit Skype use in boardroom.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by T. Maynard, seconded by B. Adams and carried that Council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 6:50 pm.

Moved by C. Ferguson, seconded by B. Adams and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 7:15 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole

Discussion held on new strip mall. Note that Darren left the meeting during this discussion due to conflict of interest.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm on a ***motion by C. Ferguson, seconded by T. Maynard and carried.***