

TOWN OF O'LEARY REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2021

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon; Councillors Judy MacIsaac, Darrel Wood, Kevin Maynard, Valene Gallant and Joey Dumville; Fire District committee representative Ron MacWilliams; CAO Bev Shaw; Press - Graphic and Journal.

Regrets:

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present. The agenda was approved with addition of Subdivision Application from Stanley MacDonald. ***Moved by K. Maynard, seconded by V. Gallant and carried.***

2. PRESENTATION TO CHRIS MACISAAC & PUBLIC BUDGET INPUT

Fire Department members Rodney MacWilliam, Carol Gillis, Davis Gallant, Kevin Arseneault, Jason Greenan and Dale Harris joined our meeting while Fire Councillor Darrel Wood presented retired firefighter Chris MacIsaac with a gift in honor of his years of service. Fire Department members presented him with his helmet signed by their members.

Mayor Gavin opened the floor for input on the Town's proposed budget for 2021/2022. Ron MacWilliams commended the O'Leary Fire Department for keeping their budget in line over the past few years and as a result no increase in fire dues is expected for the new year. He also commended Town Council for their support to the community care facility project.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: nil

4. MINUTES:

The minutes of February 10, 2021 regular council meeting reviewed for errors and omissions. ***Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried*** that minutes be approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Bev noted that lagoon solar project is still waiting word from Dean Lund on what funding sources we could tap into and the second traffic radar unit has been installed west of town. No

word on the insurance policy regarding coverage for replacement value.

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Financial reports circulated to Council. Darren asked for a report on the status of our gas tax dollars and noted that sewer account customers are taking advantage of the Town's decision to delay payment till March 31, 2021.

Bank balances as follows: February 28, 2021 for general account - \$443,191.24 and for sewer - \$210,322.35. Expenses for February, 2021 for general totalled \$35,890.83 and for sewer - \$3,284.07. Revenue for February, 2021 for general - \$170,536.30, for sewer - \$2,770.41.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried that financial report be approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayor's report - Eric didn't have anything to report this month

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported attending two webinars in February on municipal law and finance. A neighbour who was looking for something to do has offered to do a couple of hours cleaning each week at the complex - Council appreciated this. An update to the O'Leary Official Plan was recommended by Municipal Affairs for postponement until land matters currently being negotiated by the Province may have effect on our plan. The annual report from the library was read.

Building/business permits - Development permit issued to Darren MacKinnon, 25 Centennial for addition to house and storage building valued at \$65,000. **Moved by D. Wood, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried** that development permit application from XplorNet for small storage shed and internet tower at 74 Gaspé Road valued at \$50,000 be approved.

Overtime/vacation time - Bev 28.5 hours overtime and 1 week vacation left. Dale's hours not available but has 2 days of vacation time left. Andrew has 34 hours overtime and one vacation day left.

C. Reports from departments -

Properties - Valene reported that a few of the firefighters, Dale and herself took thermal images of the complex cement wall and interior walls to determine heat loss and it looks significant. Windows appear to be in poor shape as well. Bev needs to remind Dale to fix the front step of complex. Valene reminded Council of the condition of the maintenance building and that replacement is near.

Police - Valene reviewed the RCMP report for February stating 11 calls for service and 169 hours of service for O'Leary area. Four check stops held with over 100 vehicles stopped. The Provincial Priority Unit also conducted a traffic check stop. As Valene was reading the report RCMP member Jones arrived.

Newcomers/Recruitment/Community Endorsements - Judy referred to Ron MacWilliams

providing information on the community care facility earlier this evening and mentioned that a committee has been struck to look at hiring of a manager for the facility. CSCL has held two meetings this month. The newcomers skate was a great success. Judy still gathering information about new banners for summer. Emergency preparedness plan is waiting on one member's information then ready to move forward. Was suggested that Judy talk to CSCL about costing for the senior care facility due to the increase in building costs.

Fire Protection - Darrel reported 5 calls in February for the fire department. The 1994 GMC tanker has gone to West Point department and they expect it to be ready for duty in six months or so. The attic training facility is under construction. Member Katie Thibodeau has resigned from the department. The department has arranged for the manufacturer of the faulty ladder to pick up, repair and return at no cost. A sympathy card to be sent to Fire Chief due to the loss of his mother.

Streets & Sidewalks - Kevin noted that Provincial snow blower was in town widening the streets and that snow bumps from snowmobiles create a problem on some streets.

Recreation - Joey reviewed Andrew's recreation report for February. The Winter Carnival pancake breakfast and bingo was the most successful events. Covid circuit breaker made after school programming and senior's events impossible for the time being but will attempt again after March break. A couple of Softball events are being tentatively planned as well minor sport programs. One application has been submitted for the playground project. Discussion held on Winter Carnival needing revamped.

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

Community Development - Some discussion on plans for Gospel Hall land. Bev to find someone, maybe WSP, to produce a visual for this area.

D. Update/new quote on Safe Start funding

Discussion held with quoters - O'Leary Home Hardware is unable to supply all the necessary equipment, set up and support so they were eliminated thus making Darren no longer in conflict on this subject. SOS Computer Solutions is not able to provide the projector based system but can do the laptop and ipads and Pater Audio can do the projector but not the laptop and ipads so the following motion was passed: ***moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried*** that SOS Computer Solutions be contracted to supply and set up the laptop and ipads and Pater Audio, the projector and related equipment necessary to provide audio/visual system in the boardroom for video conferencing and presentations.

E. 2nd reading of Sewer Corporation Bylaw # 2021-02

WHEREAS current bylaw for sewer corporation, Bylaw # 5 for Municipal Sewage Collection and Treatment was enacted in 1988 and requires updates related to municipal status as a Town, composition of Board of Directors, supervision of work and staff of the corporation, and Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission title;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw # 2021-02, Town of O'Leary Sewer Corporation Bylaw, was read and approved a first time on February 10, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw # 2021-02, Town of O'Leary Sewer Corporation Bylaw, be hereby read a second time; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bylaw # 2021-02, Town of O'Leary Sewer Corporation Bylaw, be hereby approved.

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

F. Donation request from PEI Ground Search & Rescue

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by K. Maynard and carried that donation request from PEI Ground Search & Rescue be tabled until a meeting with their directors can be held and Council obtains more information.

G. Budget items

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that any surplus funds from 2020/2021 be reserved to Community Development.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried that donation request from Canadian Potato Museum be denied at this time due to Council's priorities to support the senior care facility and playground equipment.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried that Safe Start funds of \$17,792 received in 2020/2021 but won't get spent until 2021/2022 be reserved at March 31, 2021 year end.

Proposed capital budget was presented to Council.

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried that capital and operating budget estimates for 2021/2022 be approved and tax rates for 2021/2022 remain the same at \$0.79 per \$100 valuation for non-commercial properties and \$1.10 per \$100 valuation for commercial properties.

H. Other business

Subdivision application from Stanley MacDonald - Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by K. Maynard and carried that subdivision application be tabled until further information can be obtained on the variance requested.

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by J. Dumville and carried that council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 7:50 pm.

Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 8:30 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole - nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm on a ***motion by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried.***