

**TOWN OF O'LEARY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2021**

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

Regrets:

1. MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and declared a quorum present. The agenda was approved with additions - Playground Project Resolution, Cannabis Store request for flower bed, Request from Community Sports Centre, and WSP Sidewalk Proposal. ***Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried.***

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: nil

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of April 14, 2021 regular council meeting were reviewed for errors and omissions. ***Moved by J. MacIsaac, seconded by D. Wood and carried*** that minutes be approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- A) Ideas regarding Gospel Land is on the agenda.
- B) Advised that banner project approved - Judy to elaborate.
- C) Authorization received from the Province regarding variance for Stanley MacDonald's subdivision application.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Darren requested that investments be made from any funds that are not needed in the near future and to discuss some sewer receivables in camera.

Financial reports circulated to Council. Bank balances as follows: April 30, 2021 for general account - \$512,996.94 and for sewer - \$199,610.55. Expenses for April, 2021 for general totalled \$117,793.60 and for sewer - \$9,387.46. Revenue for April, 2021 for general - \$180,324.09, for sewer - \$9,753.30. ***Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried*** that financial report be approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayor's report - Eric reported meeting with Department of Transportation engineers, Stephen Yeo and Mark Sherran, and attended the Planning Board meeting. Council suggested that topics discussed with Transportation, speed radars and crosswalks, be followed up.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported that Pater Audio completed the AV installation and training and that Community Seniors Cooperative board used it and were impressed. The Canada Games sponsorship agreement has been signed. WSP has been contacted about the complex retrofit proposal to Green and Inclusive funding program. New locks have been installed on boardroom and AV cabinet. EDA applications submitted and approved - Tommy started this week. Dale and Bev working on speed hump installation for Centennial - contact Transportation for advice on flaggers if necessary and signage. Hope to start installation next week. Valene suggested we check out closing off the work area of the street instead of flaggers - Bev to do so. Dave Pizio of Montrose-Greenmount has again offered funds from their gas tax and Bev to submit an application for the \$2000 to go towards the playground project. Bev attended the meeting with Transportation engineers and the Planning Board meeting. Sewer invoices have been sent out. Bev out of the office this Friday afternoon. Overtime/vacation time - Bev 51.5 hours overtime and 3.5 vacation days left from previous year. Dale's hours not available and previous year's vacation time at zero. Andrew has 7 hours overtime and all 2020/21 vacation used.

C. Reports from departments -

Police - Valene reviewed the RCMP report for April stating 13 calls for service and 138 hours of service for O'Leary area. Four check stops held and radar checks for speeding were conducted. Numerous complaints of identity fraud have been reported during the month. Judy suggested we request an information session be held in O'Leary on fraud and identity theft.

Properties - Nothing to report from Valene.

Fire Protection - Darrel reported 3 calls in April for the fire department. Training during the month was in house. Two members, Nick MacKenzie and Valene Gallant completed their Level I training.

Newcomers/Recruitment/Community Endorsements - Judy reported the banner project being approved and the photographer is meeting with her tomorrow. The new arms for the streetlights have been ordered. No Navigator meeting this month. CSCL meeting held and they have realized over \$200,000 of their fundraising goal.

Streets & Sidewalks - Kevin reviewed the information about crosswalks at Barclay Road, Gaspé Road and Main Street by the post office and is hopeful that Transportation will follow through with their agreement to research to determine if these crosswalks are a possibility. Parking in front of post office may have to be restricted.

Recreation - Joey reviewed Andrew's recreation report for April highlighting school programming, minor sports and summer programming, senior events, summer students, Centennial Park developments, ballfield maintenance, Canada Day and 100 km yard sale. Council agreed that we revert to special awards at Canada Day celebrations. Andrew advised to get advice from Chief Health Officer regarding the yard sale. Council agreed with the plan to

offer signage at the ballfields for businesses' advertising with a written agreement in place for details such as who's responsible for erecting and removing the signs, cost, special price for two fields.

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 met with the Planning Board to discuss plans for Gospel Hall land.

RCMP Lisa Jones joined our meeting for a few minutes.

D. Communications systems grant for Fire Department -

Originally the Fire Department was looking to purchase 23 new PICS radios at a cost of approximately \$48,000 with 50% promised from the PEI Rural Growth fund. Council agreed to cover the additional cost of annual maintenance/service and licensing fees, \$4000, for the new radios as well as continuing to fund the current costs. The Fire Department decided that they should take advantage of the maximum amount of grant available - \$25,000, and realized that the 8 existing radios are 10+ years old, getting difficult to buy parts for as they no longer make the radios. They want to keep the 8 as spares but also wish to add 5 more new ones to the list. Any cost over the \$25,000 from the Province will be paid by the Club but it adds another \$900 to the annual costs for the Town to cover. Project costs - 28 new radios - \$49,836 before tax as all taxes are refundable; Radio stand - \$259.07 after 5% is refunded; and Electrical - \$2420.00 after 5% is refunded. Total \$52515.07, Grant - \$25000.00 and Fireman's Club \$27515.07.

Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried that the following resolution regarding the Fire Department Communications System project be approved:

WHEREAS the O'Leary Fire Department approached Town Council with a proposal to enhance and upgrade their communications system to the Provincial Integrated Communications System (PICS) and that the Fire Department currently owns eight PICS radios;

WHEREAS the purchase of twenty-eight more PICS radios will permit each fire department member to carry his/her own radio and provide 8 spares in case of breakdowns, which will allow members to perform all tasks without carrying multiple radios thus saving time and reducing error and confusion and improving accountability and safety on emergency scenes;

WHEREAS the PICS radios will greatly improve safety features such as panic alarms, and will increase audio quality, range and reception and provide instant access to other first responders in the Maritimes; and

WHEREAS the total cost of purchasing and installing 28 new PICS radios is approximately \$52,515, an application to be submitted to the Province of PEI Rural Growth Initiative Program for \$25,000 and the O'Leary Fireman's Club has committed the balance to the purchase cost;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of O'Leary support the funding application to Rural

Growth Initiative Program and if approved agrees to cover the annual maintenance, service and licensing fees of the new PICS radios as well as continuing to fund current costs for radio communications.

E. Gospel Hall land development ideas -

Bev read the Planning Board meeting minutes to Council. Informal recommendation from the Planning Board including support for development of the property for mini homes but wished to see cost estimates for road and sewer installation. Council agreed to get prices to service Lots 5 - 10 on modified design.

F. Complex Retrofit assessment for funding -

The following resolution was passed on a ***motion by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried:***

WHEREAS the O'Leary Town Complex at 18 Community Street, O'Leary, PE is in need of a new heating system, insulation in the west wall and attic, replacement of numerous windows, and replacement of doors to make the facility more energy efficient;

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Canada recently announced a new funding program "Green and Inclusive Community Buildings" that the Town should be eligible for 80% funding; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town hire WSP Engineering to have an assessment and energy audit conducted, to provide estimates, and to make application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that WSP Engineering be contracted to provide project management and inspection services if the funding application is approved;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the 20% Town share of project costs be financed at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

G. Other Business:

⇒ ***Playground Improvements resolution - Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried:***

WHEREAS the current wooden playground structure at Centennial Park is becoming unsafe and outdated and Council recognizes the need for more attractions for children in town;

WHEREAS Town Council has reserved \$15,000 from 2020/21 fiscal year and budgeted \$15,000 in 2021/22 fiscal year for playground improvements;

WHEREAS the Province of PEI Community Revitalization Fund provides funding up to \$100,000; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of O'Leary apply to the Province of PEI Community Revitalization Fund for playground improvements with any funds not covered by the Revitalization Fund being provided either from the Town's Gas Tax Fund or financing at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

⇒ ***Cannabis Store request for front yard enhancement - Moved by D. Wood, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried*** that Town invest \$500 for this year in creating a shrubbery bed between the store and Main Street.

⇒ ***Request from O'Leary Community Sports Centre*** - The rink is installing a LED sign adjacent to

Main Street in front of their facility and power is required but unfortunately the power pole they normally would use is too busy according to Maritime Electric. The arena board has requested that the Town permit their sign to draw power from the Town's streetlight located beside their sign location if Maritime Electric allows this and will set a flat rate for the power use which will be added to the Town's streetlight billing. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. Wood and carried** that this proposal to draw power from the Town's streetlight be permitted, with a written agreement for a five year term, between the Arena and the Town, stating that the Town absorb a maximum of \$500 per year and the balance of the electricity costs be invoiced to the Arena. As offered by the Arena and to be included in the agreement, the Town will have use of the sign during the Arena's off season and possibly twice during the winter season for advertisement of special events.

⇒**Sidewalk Project Proposal from WSP - Moved by D. Wood, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried** that proposal from WSP indicating sidewalk construction priorities at Water Street and Community Street be accepted. Sidewalk Project maximum cost \$343,280 and if any surplus that existing sidewalk on Community Street fronting Centennial Park be replaced with asphalt. Property owners affected to be advised.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried that council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 7:40 pm.

Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried that regular meeting reconvene at 8:55 pm.

Results from Committee of the Whole - nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm on a **motion by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried.**