

**TOWN OF O'LEARY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon; Councillors Darrel Wood, Kevin Maynard, Joey Dumville, Judy MacIsaac, and Valene Gallant; CAO Bev Shaw; Press - Graphic; and Youth on Board members Sarah Gard and Macy Bailey.

Regrets:

Darren introduced Sarah and Macy as participants in the Provincial Youth on Board pilot project. Sarah and Macy will be attending council meetings for the next few months.

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: Flyer boxes, Reopening of complex for private parties, CSCL contribution agreement, FPEIM semi annual meeting review from Darren and Complex energy audit. ***Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried.***

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: nil

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of October 13, 2021 regular council meeting and November 5, 2021 special council meeting were reviewed for errors and omissions. ***Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. Dumville and carried*** that minutes be approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No response heard yet on the funding applications for the Fire Department tank replacement, Gospel hall land development project and Official Plan and Bylaw review but understand the board responsible meets this month.

Use of the former dump policy not available.

Maintenance building tender has been advertised again with the engineering plans and deadline is November 22nd.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

General account financial reports for October 2021 circulated to Council. Sewer Utility reports not included due to unavailability of payment notification alerts from BNS. Darren advised he is comfortable with the reports and that the Town appears to be on target with the budget estimates. Bank balances as follows: October 31, 2021 for general account - \$120,254.26. Expenses for October 2021 for general totalled \$361,405.78. Revenue for October 2021 for general - \$93,511.78. **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by V. Gallant and carried** that financial report be approved. Darren mentioned energy program including solar power information with low interest loans received from FPEIM. Charlottetown and Stratford have taken advantage - to obtain further information.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayor's report - Eric reported that he and Darren attended the FPEIM semi annual meeting in Summerside and obtained great information. Also provided an interview to CBC radio on the old dump site.

B. Administrator's report - Bev reported that vaccination print outs and laminating plus sewer receipts keeping it busier than usual. The tax concessions were sent out, working on building permit for maintenance shop, advertised for casual help, and approved contract with Davis Gallant for trimming trees on Community Street to allow for snow removal on new sidewalks.

Building/business permits: nil

Overtime/vacation time - Bev 87 hours overtime and 5.5 vacation days left from current year. Dale's hours - 51 and 7 days of vacation left. Andrew has 27 hours overtime and 10 days vacation.

C. Reports from departments -

Properties (Valene) - Reporting seeing the maintenance building tender ad.

Police (Valene) - RCMP report for October was circulated to Council and Valene highlighted the 164 hours spent on policing services for O'Leary with 16 calls for service. Charges for the month included 2 speeding, 1 non moving traffic and 2 written warnings. Several patrols and road checked performed. Justin Grady has replaced Rene Tremblay as Youth Early Intervention Worker for West Prince.

Health & Newcomers (Judy) - Judy reported the Asian market held recently was a huge success with 20 booths. The market donated \$500 to Community Seniors Cooperative. CSCL has chosen the name "Willow" for the new seniors' care facility and they are still fundraising. Judy accompanied Scott Smith on five home visits to newcomers.

Fire Protection - (Darrel) reported 14 calls for the Fire Department during

October. Halloween was mild with 4 calls to minor fires. The department attended a fire involving two hundred tires, several scrapped vehicles and other organic material which is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's office. The new radios have arrived and usage training to be held soon. The Fire School is interested in purchasing any surplus radios and value to be determined.

Recreation (Joey) - Recreation report circulated to Council. Highlights - Halloween events were successful with 200 participants. Christmas parade is returning for 3rd year and planning is underway for Dec 11th (date later changed to Dec 12th). Plans for New Year's Levee and awards event currently being developed. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried** that Maple Leaf Curling Club be offered the hosting responsibilities for the levee at a cost of \$1000. After school programming going well with good turnout of approximately 50 children. Still waiting on confirmation of funding for the Playground project. Preston Murphy has been contacted to do the grubbing and levelling of area for outdoor rink.

Streets & Sidewalks (Kevin) - checked out the sidewalks and inquired if there's been any more thought on the purchase of a proper snow removal machine for sidewalks. Council agreed to research financing probability if prices can be obtained. The proposed/desired crosswalk at the post office was discussed - to follow up with Highways and Minister responsible.

Sanitation (Eric) - Reported that the lagoon UV system is working well, a new lateral has been installed for Orin Dumville on Main Street.

Community Development (Eric) - some discussion planned for later in the meeting.

RCMP Cst joined our meeting. The monthly report already reviewed but he highlighted a couple of items. Also mentioned that hours of police services should increase as staffing issues have been resolved and that Halloween was quiet.

D. Stanley MacDonald's Subdivision application - **Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood and carried** that Locus Surveys Ltd. drawing # 21318-CO1 on November 1, 2021 to create one new lot - Lot 21-2 and amalgamate Lot 21-2 with existing property of Ashley and Mary Young at PID # 780379.

E. Community Inclusions development permit application - Permit application from Community Inclusions Ltd. submitted by Kevin Porter was approved in principle to construct a housing/program space unit at 76 Ellis Avenue if funding is obtained. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried.**

F. Other Business -

Flyer boxes - Ron Lund, Saltwire Network, requested that the Town consider allowing flyer boxes be located on municipal property in O'Leary in lieu of flyers being dropped in driveways. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried** that Council not take advantage of this offer at this time due to risk of vandalism and littering which the Town is not prepared to manage.

Complex Re-opening to private parties - With Covid restrictions still in effect requiring staffing for vaccination checks and compliance of regulations, Council agreed it is not time to reopen the complex to private parties.

Community Seniors Co-operative Ltd. Funding agreement with Town - Draft agreement was circulated to Council and found to be appropriate thus it was **moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried** that the agreement be executed by the Mayor and presented to CSCL.

FPEIM semi annual news - Darren spoke about the SWITCH (energy) program discussed at the FPEIM meeting which Charlottetown and Stratford have registered, a company that provides project leadership and management for municipalities, and mentioned some activities that Miltonvale Park provides for their small municipality.

WSP Energy Audit - The audit proposal suggested various means of reducing our energy costs and reducing our carbon footprint. The following to be followed up with WSP: solar panel projects, water consumption, insulation in brick walls and attic of complex and LED lighting.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer - to reach out to enforcement companies plus Alberton and Tignish regarding any prospective arrangements that may be affordable.

Christmas Party - council agreed that council members and staff attend an evening of food and entertainment at Mill River Experience. Bev to determine number of attendees and date preference and book accordingly.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by V. Gallant and carried that council adjourn to committee of the whole session at 7:35 pm.

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

Results from Committee of the Whole:

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by J. MacIsaac and carried that staff bonuses be awarded same as last year.

Council honorarium cheques to be prepared.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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