

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– April 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alcide Bernard, Mayor, Council Members: Albert Arsenault, Shawn Bernard, Jeannette Gallant, Moira McGuire, Kelly Richard and CAO Imelda Arsenault

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Fire Department Report – no report

Calls: 2Motor Vehicles, 1 flu fire, 2 medical calls, 2 false alarms

The practical training is done. Two members have attended Fire School for the Fire Safety as well as the HAZMAT program. Twelve have completed the First Responders program. The course takes 40 hours to complete. As well, the firefighters completed an Ice Training course. The WFD held a fundraising event through the Boot Drive. They collected \$2000.00 for Muscular Dystrophy. They also participated in the ATV Run fundraiser for Tracy Arsenault and they made a donation to Dr Adams on his fundraiser for mental health.

There are issues with the communication equipment and it is not working as they hoped. They requested two quotes to replace the existing pieces. A crew from NS came to do an analysis and they received a quote. It would cost approximately \$ 4000.00 to replace what is needed. There seems to be a need to replace the antenna.

The renovations are near completion. They painted the walls of the fire hall and are replacing the flooring.

The 50/50 draw is going well. 50% goes to the winner and The WFD receives 35% of the profit funds.

Desmond Arsenault acknowledged his appreciation for the letter the Mayor sent to address the concerns regarding the Emergency Services.

The WFD is looking to buy a new fire truck in 2023. The issue at hand is that It takes approximately 15 months to get the truck built which means that they will have to order sooner to get it for 2023. They requested a quote from Metalfab which came higher than expected. They will communicate with the FPEIM to get help from the procurement program. CAO will provide the contact information.

The overhead doors need to be fixed and they are looking at \$ 4000.00 as a potential cost.

No annual meeting was held this year because of Covid -19. The rates will increase by 2% this year and this was certified by the province in light of the cancelled meetings. The age for firefighters to be covered by insurance is 19 years of age. The Junior firefighters can start at 14 years of age.

Age Friendly Communities Presentation

Two representatives Peter Holman and Marcie Boucher from the Age Friendly Communities Committee presented to Council on the work they have done in the past with the Town of Summerside. This year, Summerside will cease to host the Senior Advisory Committee so they are looking for another municipality to host their group and continue the work. The Committee is associated with the Public Health Agency of Canada and to continue, they need to be affiliated with a municipality. The main objective of their organization is to Engage seniors in community mentorship and help them apply for grants. The group secured a total of \$ 180 000 of grants for the city of Summerside. These grants can be used for improvements to aim towards age friendly communities. Some examples are, benches, upgrade equipment, and activities to engage residents. The total grant to be requested per year through the New Horizons Program is \$ 24,999.

The request to Council is for the municipality to provide an office space in Wellington to house their coordinator and the Senior's Advisory Committee to continue the work started in Summerside. The 8 domains included in their work is Employment, Respect, Social inclusion, Community Service, Transportation, Housing, Communication, Civic Participation and Outdoor spaces. It is connected to the Seniors Secretariat.

Council will discuss at the next meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

It is moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried (6/6)-(2021-19)

4. Approval of meeting minutes –April 15, 2021

It was moved and seconded that the meeting minutes be approved.

Motion carried. 6/6-(2021-20)

5. Declaration of conflict of interest

Imelda Arsenault will step out during item 9a and Irene MacCaull from item 6c.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Sewer expansion project on Barlow Road

Three bids were received for the work. The lowest bid was \$ 87 239. The previous work done with this company was researched and there are no issues to report.

It is moved and seconded that the contract for the Sewer Expansion on Barlow Road be awarded to Stewart Enterprises at a price of \$ 87 239.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-21)

b. Speeding controls

No new information.

c. Logo Contest

CAO to advise that we will need the new logo by the end of this week.

d. Official Plan Update – no new information. Mayor Bernard communicated with D Jenkins, Acting Manager at Municipal Affairs and he stated that they are close to hiring a new planner and he prefers to wait on this new appointment instead of contracting out the work. If the work does not advance soon, a letter will be sent to the Minister.

e. Covid – 19 Status – no new information.

f. Solar Energy – Maritime Electric will make a presentation on April 21 at 11:00 am. Gilles L, Kirk B, Alcide, Shawn B, Kelly R, J. Gallant and Imelda will attend.

g. Sidewalk Extension on Sunset Drive –it was discussed as to the length of the sidewalk if it was to end before 128 Sunset or not. Council decided to go up to 128 Sunset. Mayor asked Council if it is preferred to have the ditches filled on the right side of Sunset, where the Gabriel Housing is located. A quote was provided on the pedestrian lights, and these are much more expensive than anticipated. An application to the ICIP program will be made, deadline is April 30. A request will be sent to Summerside for their specs on sidewalks.

Right of Way – Pondside Drive

No new information. MLA Sonny Gallant to follow-up.

h. Green space on Barlow Road

A discussion was held on what to do with the green space on Barlow Road. It is suggested to keep the grass cut. A culvert will need to be installed. Councilor Albert will follow-up with a visit of the lot.

7. Financials YTD

Budget for reserve

It is moved and seconded that \$ 20 000 be allocated to the reserve for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-22)

8. Committee Reports

Sewer& Municipal services:

The posts behind the Vanier need to be removed. It is suggested to put bike racks instead of poles which are easier to move in the winter. CAO will get quotes for bike racks.

We will get quotes to upgrade the trails. We will need a permit from Kevin A before the work can proceed.

Platform – Mayor Bernard to talk to Wellington Construction about this. Albert will speak with J.C. Drilling

Sidewalk – Ernest will put safety cones to indicate the uneven areas. Alcide to talk to Wellington Construction on the issue of the blocks near le Chez Nous.

Financial – no new information.

Tourism and Recreation –Ernest will look at the playground area to inspect the issues to be addressed. Recreation PEI will send an inspector.

Technology and Communication: no new information.

Welcome/Bienvenue

Moira is expecting a meeting to be held in the near future. A lot of activities are rescheduled due to Covid. The Employers group is to meet to explore recruitment. A survey will be sent to community groups to explore ideas and inform them of the program. A meeting was held on April 12 regarding Housing. Transportation is an ongoing discussion to assist these potential new residents. It is important to involve le Bel Age and the Gabriel Housing on how they can help. An ad-hoc committee will be setup to discuss the housing possibilities. Destination Canada is a resource that can assist in the recruitment and it is possible to setup a kiosque at this event.

Planning Board, Policies, Bylaws:

It is moved and seconded that the April Planning Board meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-23)

AJL subdivision: the sewers should be installed on municipal land. Giselle B communicated with Infrastructure regarding the ICIP project to discuss the requirement for sole source contracts and who will sign the application. It is preferred to have the green space near the old mill land.

Wellington Estates: There is a concern with the right of way. Mayor communicated with MLA Sonny Gallant to discuss the possible solutions. A letter was sent to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, with copy to MLA Gallant. MLA Gallant stated that the Minister is open to discussion if the municipality supports the project. The land will need to be rezoned as it is green space at the moment. It is suggested to have a public meeting to present the projects AJL Subdivision and Wellington Estates and at the same time consult on rezoning of Wellington Estates land.

Options for the fees discussed for the subdivision permit could be \$ 110.00 for the first lot and \$ 55.00 for each lot thereafter or \$ 20.00 per lot.

It is moved and seconded that a flat fee of \$ 25.00 per residential lot be charged for the subdivision permit.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-24)

It is moved and seconded that the cost of the advertising be added to the flat fee cost for the rezoning application.

Asset Management: Phase 1 of the work is completed. Harland Associates provided a link with all the photos that were taken on the assets within the Municipality. The sewer maps still needs some updating. A report will be available. Phase 2 will begin and provide information as to the condition of the assets and with recommendations on moving forward.

Health Services – no new information

Crescent Court Situation

No new update

9. New Business

a. Priority for-ICIP projects:

It is moved and seconded that order of priority will be: 1) AJL subdivision 2) Jocelyn Arsenault's subdivision 3) Sidewalk.

Motion carried (6/6) (2021-26)

b. Second reading – Fire Department Bylaw -Deferred to next meeting

c. Preparation of park: May 17 – 6:00 pm

d. Office hours – April 2022

It is discussed as to the municipal office hours increasing to 20 hours per week in 2022. It was announced that the starting month would change to December instead of April. Discussions have begun between the two mayors from Wellington and Abram-Village to explore how to share the services between the two communities. They are suggesting that 15 hours would cover Wellington and 10 hours would cover Abram-Village. It was also discussed that this position could be shared with other community organizations to make it a 40 hour/week position to attract qualified candidates.

d) Letter for retrofit grant – Royal Canadian Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion is applying for a community grant to do renovations and they are requesting a letter of support from the municipality.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality send a letter of support to Royal Canadian Legion for a grant application to make minor renovations to their facility.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-27)

e) School Graduation Bursary

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality increase its graduate bursary to \$ 500.00 each for students living in the municipality who are graduating from École Évangéline, Three Oaks Senior High or Westisle Composite High

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-28)

f) Ad in Francophone Tourism Guide

A request came from C Gallant on a new project to advertise in the Acadian and Francophone Tourism Booklet. There is a cost to run these ads. There are competing pieces of work for advertising and it is suggested to support the associations to which we are members and at no cost.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality place an advertisement in the Evangeline Tourism Association Booklet at no charge.

Motion carried. 6/6 (2021-29)

10. Correspondence

11. Next meeting: May 20, 2021

12. Adjournment