

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

Present: Mayor Irene MacCaull, Albert Arsenault, Jason Maddix, Moira McGuire, Jeannette Gallant, Mya Cole, Imelda Arsenault, and Jean-Pierre Arsenault, CAO.

Regrets: None

1.Call meeting to order

Irene MacCaull welcomes all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Fire chief Leon Perry presented a report to the members of council for the 2023 calendar year:

- A total of 69 calls for the year:
- 3 forest, grass or brush fires.
- 7 alarm calls.
- 14 motor vehicle accidents.
- 21 medical first responder.
- 3 vehicle fires.
- 7 structure fires.
- 1 ice water rescue.
- 11 misc. pole fires, sight or smell of smoke, furnace malfunction, locked out of home with stove on, vessel in distress.
- 2 flue fires.
- A total of 1,122 firefighter hours responding to calls.
- A total of 4,703.5 hours for training, community events, and Sunday duties.
- A total of 5,825.5 hours our members volunteered over the year.
- Chief attended, Mutual aid meetings, Prince County fire chiefs meetings.
- Meeting with Medacom Atlantic, annual peiffa meeting.
- Fire chief thanked council for their continued support and is looking forward to working with council to build a great service to the communities we protect.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

None declared.

5. Approval of minutes – January 18, 2024

It is moved and seconded that the January 18th minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing

Agreement was signed by Irene McCaull, mayor of the Rural Municipality of Wellington. We can start some projects (i.e., lagoon capacity assessment study, delineation program for all the undeveloped lands within the municipality).

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No news

c. Pollinators Park

– The base for the shed is in, we can install the shed now. Irene McCaull is waiting for Thompson Well Drilling to dig the well. A description of the plants will be put on the RMW's website. We should be getting signs for the plants that were planted last fall. Imelda will talk to Tracy regarding beds for the plants.

d. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates - no update

Countryview Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – still waiting on the written report from WSP.

e. Traffic situation

Outgoing CAO spoke two (2) people of the municipality of Tignish to discuss their road security system. The community initially paid \$30,000 for the camera system. An extra \$14,000 amount was paid to LPTV. They also said that the police don't use the information off the cameras. Based on this latest information, council feels that it's not a good investment to install cameras on the road. We should speak to Rick Cudmore for info on cameras. It would be a good idea to have a camera installed at Barlow's Mill and one or more at the boardwalk once renovation work is done.

f. Childcare agreement

The new agreement with the Centre de Petite Enfance (CPE) has been signed by Kathleen Couture. She will provide a cheque of \$4,200 in the coming days.

Motion carried

g. Confederation trail

No news

7. Finance

Public meeting for the upcoming budget has been moved to March 6, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion carried

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer and municipal services.

The sewer line on Barlow Road should be checked with a camera to make sure there are no issues. As for the rise in kilowatt hours on the electric bills, electrician believes the problem is with the lift station and not the generator. The heater keeps the generator warm during the winter months. A check of the amperage should be done on the heater.

2. New Trails Committee Report

Outgoin CAO will contact Tracy to get a quote on what has to be done for the new trails.

3. Tourism and recreation

No news.

4. Bingo and Social Services

Bingos is going well per Irene McCaull.

5. EMO, Fire and Police

No news.

6. Technology & Communications

Send minutes of meeting to Mya Cole so she can upload them on the municipality's website.

7. Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws

No news.

8. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

No meeting scheduled.

9. Health Center update

A public meeting was held on January 29th with Gilles Arsenault presiding over the meeting. The Rural Community of Wellington was designated as a medical home. A 211 medical line is in place to help the public navigate the provincial government departments. It is the consensus that there are not enough health workers in the system. Would it be possible that the proposed health centre in Wellington share health workers with Tyne Valley.

9. New Business

a) Development permits

No development permits were submitted to RMW.

b) Budget consultation

Imelda Arsenault and JP Arsenault prepared the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Public budget meeting has been moved to March 6th, 2024 at 7pm and the regular Council meeting will be moved to March 14 to approve the final budget and tax rates.

c) Resolution for PCH

Council will support the resolution for the Prince County Hospital (PCH).

Motion carried

d) Childcare center request

The Childcare centre asked the village to use the kitchen to do the meals on wheels. Andrew Fisk, chef for meals on wheels, works at Club 50. He has been hired by childcare at the Vanier Centre. They want to install a commercial stove and new dishwasher in the kitchen at the Vanier Centre. They also want to use our freezer. Council decided to have a one (1) year agreement and charge an extra \$200 per month for rental of the kitchen to cover electricity costs. Re-visit agreement after six (6) months.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other items

See 8 and 9 above.

12. Next meeting – March 14, 2024

13. Adjournment - Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30pm.