

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 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.

The WFD responded to five (7) calls in December 2023 (3 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle collisions, and 2 structure fires).

Fire chief Perry informed council that an event will be held on the 1st Monday of February 2024 at 7pm where badges for years of service will be awarded to firemen.

The fire department will not use the small shed that was supposed to be installed at Pollinator's Park but will rather build a bigger shed to store various firemen stuff.

Firemen Jason Maddix informed council that seventeen (17) new firemen hard hats have been ordered.

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 – November 16, 2023

It is moved and seconded that the December 21st minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing

I Arsenault informed council she has some good news for the municipality and that a closed session will be held at the end of the council meeting.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No news

c. Pollinators Park – With the cold weather settling in, it is time to dig the well and move the small shed to the park.

d. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates - no update

Countryview Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – No news on the written report from WSP.

e. Traffic situation

Imelda Arsenault tried to contact the municipality of Tignish three (3) times with Tignish not returning the calls. It was brought up that the town of Stratsford and the city of Charlottetown both have cameras and should be contacted for more information.

f. Childcare agreement

The new agreement with the Centre de Petite Enfance (CPE) has not been signed yet. I Arsenault will contact K Couture and set up a meeting to have the new agreement signed.

Regarding the safety concern about the mound of snow collected in the Vanier Centre parking lot, I Arsenault spoke to the manager of the Wellington Co-op and they are not interested in paying to have snow hauled out from the Vanier Centre parking lot.

As for the RM of Wellington and after discussion, it was moved and seconded that council is not interested in paying to have extra snow hauled out from the parking lot.

Motion carried

g. Confederation trail

No news

7. Finance

CAO reviewed the financial statements of Wellington Sewer Utility, the Wellington Fire Department, and the Rural Municipality of Wellington for December 2023.

As mentioned at a prior council meeting, Imelda Arsenault is doing the admin work and JP Arsenault is doing the accounting until medical treatments are done.

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer and municipal services.

a) A sewer issue came up at the home of Sharon on Wellington Road last weekend. An outside firm (Island Coastal Services) had to be called in to unplug the sewer line and to pressure wash the line. Video equipment was used to view inside the line. Some grease was found in the line and backup valve was not working properly. Backup valve was re-installed correctly. Albert Arsenault suggested that the sewer line at the home of Sharon should

be flushed once a year because of the stuff coming from the lift station. It was recommended that the Barlow Road should be put on a flushing schedule and a five (5) year plan on flushing some lines should be put in place with some lines needing a flushing once a year.

b) Sidewalk on Sunset Drive – I Arsenault reported that five (5) other cracks were found along the sidewalk. She will send pictures of the cracks to AJL Ltd.

c) RMW did not receive another quote for the replacement of the sidewalk around the pond area. AJL Ltd was approached but no quote came in yet. Council will wait until budget time to include boardwalk repairs in budget. A decision will be made at the next council meeting.

2. New Trails Committee Report – Irene MacCaull will contact Tracy to get a quote on what has to be done for the new trails.

3. Tourism and recreation

Application for student summer project has been done.

4. Bingo and Social Services

No news.

5. EMO, Fire and Police

No news.

6. Technology & Communications

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

7. Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws – No news.

8. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

M McGuire emailed Karine. AGM was held last night.

9. Health Center update

Gilles Arsenault, member of the PEI assembly, has scheduled a meeting for Monday January 29th, 2024 so that people can voice their concerns about the health centre. I Arsenault will prepare a letter of support for the Health Centre on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Wellington.

10. New Business

a) Development permits

No development permits were submitted to RMW.

b) Budget consultation

I Arsenault and CAO will prepare budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Budget will be ready for the next council meeting scheduled for February 15th, 2024. Public budget meeting scheduled for February 28th at 7pm. Storm date scheduled for March 6th, 2024.

c) IRAC report – Sewer rate increase

Imelda Arsenault and JP Arsenault will prepare report for IRAC. Report has to be submitted to ITAC by March 31, 2024.

d) Canada Student Employment Program

Francine sent us some information (see package at end).

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other items

Closed session of council on new funding. A discussion was held on funding for various projects and the approval of the funding application.

It is moved and seconded that the RMW sign an agreement with CMHC to fund various projects.

Motion carried

12. Next meeting – February 15, 2024

13. Adjournment - Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20pm.