**Rural Municipality of Wellington**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 15, 2022**

1. **Call meeting to order**

Mayor Bernard welcomes all to the meeting after the summer break.

1. **Wellington Fire Department Report**

Chief Leon Perry and Treasurer, Jason Maddix attended the meeting and discussed the following items:

Calls: 15 calls, 9 medical calls, 2 structure fires, 1 False Alarm, 2 Motor vehicle accidents.

Equipment: The Department purchased 3 bunker gears, an exhaust fan, a suction hose and 1 breathing apparatus as well as a security camera as part of the equipment project.

Firefighters: Two members resigned, and two new members joined the department. A discussion was held on the reasons why members are resigning.

Medical Call Status: The fire chief attended two meetings to discuss the medical first responders call status. The Departments are presently working to get back to level 2 for these calls which has been pre-covid. This includes the following criteria: Allergic reactions, Carbon Monoxide Inhalation, Cardiac Arrest, Choking, Drowning, Electrocution, Stroke\CVA, Traffice\Transportation Indicents, Traumatic Injuries, Unconscious\Fainting. No clear direction is received yet as to when it will change. At the present time, the FD will be called if ambulances are more than 30 minutes away to respond.

Communication: it is suggested to look at purchasing more phones that will work since the devices presently used are not working properly.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion carried – 6\6 (2022-35)

1. **Conflict of interest declaration –** none declared.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – July 18 , 2022 and August 22, 2022.

It is moved and seconded that the minutes be approved with two changes: record Shawn Bernard as absent and remove the names recorded within the minutes.

Motion carried – 6\6 (2022-36)

1. **Discussion on priorities for the year**
2. Incident – Exposition agricole and Festival acadien

A discussion was held on the impact the incident has or will have on the community ~~and for council members to comment~~. A council member noted that it is difficult to comment when we were not present during the altercation. It was also noted that when events like this happen, things change for the better.

It is also brought forward that the event may have an impact for Wellington in recruiting new immigrants. It is a concern because of the immigrants attending le College de l’île and Mayor asked Council if the work to keep le Collège in Wellington remained a priority. Council agreed it should remain as an important matter for the municipality. The following actions are identified:

* Mental Health project
* Good Neighbor events – it is important to invite residents personally as notices sent to homes may not be effective. Alcide, Jeannette, Moira and Kelly will participate on the organizing committee to organize the event in early November??. A request for funding will be submitted to BienvenueÉvangéline. CAO will setup a meeting to start planning.
* It is moved and seconded that a Good Neighbors event be held this fall in October preferably and that the budget should be identified as needed.

Motion carried – 6\6 (2022-37)

1. Affordable Housing

Mayor Bernard discussed the matter of affordable housing in Wellington and it the municipality should get involved and work towards advancing this work. There are many programs available to assist in getting funding. Many municipalities are proceeding with this work and it seems that they are having more success than other organizations in building affordable housing. A council member asked the question on how the process was developed for the Gabriel Housing. There were programs at the time for this specificcooperative housing development.

Many questions were asked regarding various areas:

* Which programs exist
* Where would these housing developments be located – within the new subdivisions?
* What does the community needs specifically?
* Look at the growing population

In light of the upcoming municipal elections, it is suggested to wait ~~to bring this matter up with~~ for decision to move forward until the new Council is in place. CAO will look into possible programs available for municipalities regarding affordable housing and providing responses to some of the questions raised for the next Council meeting.

1. Other priorities: Mayor asked if there were other priorities to add and Council members agreed to continue with the existing work at hand.
2. **Business arising from the minutes**
   1. Speed controls

The Most Livable Cities program is pleased with the information received from the speed control program. Mayor is waiting for monthly reports as they have not been sent every month. It is evident that the information reflects excessive speeding in Wellington. When we have more specific information, more sensors could be added to provide different data such as pictures of cars, videos, etc.

* 1. **PEI Department of Transportation work updates**

Pondside – right of way – the maps developed show a very narrow space which would not allow for two-way traffic. Would the municipality negotiate to buy more land? CAO to check what is the proper measurements for a right of way.

* 1. **Transportation project svp ajouter ce qui fut rapporté**
  2. **Pollinators park and deed of property** – we received the deed and Irene met with a representative from the Department of highways to install the culvert which was approved for a cost of $ 100.00 compared to $ 1500.00. Mayor notes that we have 3 extra truckloads of gravel which were not used for the trail that cam be used for the park.
  3. **Mental Health project** – a decision should be made this week.
  4. **Equalization Grant Funding Program** – no new information.
  5. **EV Charging Stations** – we have not received any quotes yet on this equipment.
  6. **L. Arsenault request** – A letter was sent to the Department of environment an no response received at this time.
  7. **Additional swing** – the cost for the swing is $ 149.00 + $ 115.00 for delivery. CAO to order new swing.
  8. Municipal Elections: nomination deadline is October 19 at 2:00 pm.
  9. Auditors for 2022-2023 – received a quote from MRSB and waiting for BDO. S O’Halloran is not taking any new clients for audits.
  10. Insurance Renewal: ~~MRSB submitted a quote and waiting for BDO. S O’Halloran does not accept any new audits at this time.~~
  11. Subdivisions – the Riverside Subdivision project is ready to move ahead. We received a letter from L’Nuey for the indigeneous consultations and the environment requirments from the federal government.

1. **Finance-** Year to date monthly report

* Check on Canada Day payment if this was done.

1. **Committee reports**
2. Sewer & Municipal Services
3. Sewer on Maple Street – Quotes were received for the replacement of the sewer pipe. CBCL sent a proposal for the engineering proposal and will supervise the work for a total cost of $ 5000.00, AJL submitted a quote to do the work for $ 33 000.

It is moved and seconded that the quote for $ 33 000 from AJL Contractor be accepted for the replacement of the Maple Street sewer line.

Carried 6/6 (2022 – 38)

1. Sewer Flushing: Work was done on Barlow Road and there is an issue with the flow because of the low ~~soil~~ grade level. It is recommended to have the fire truck flush water 2 or 3 times a year. Preston will be advised of this. Mt Carmel Road was also done to some extent. There were challenges in finding the manholes as the maps were not located. A report will be submitted of the work done.

c) Energy project –ACOA - Both projects are completed at the Vanier Centre – heat pumps and LED lighting.

e) Generator testing– there is a battery issue with the generator. Testing is done and now operational.

f) New sidewalk - Sunset Drive – The funding application was approved but funding contract has not yet been received. The consultations with L’Nuey are now completed. There are only a few Engineering companies available so we will continue to work ahead to get information for the work required from engineering firms. The municipality has the proprietorship of the plans which were done by WSP. g) Culvert near the fire hall: a culvert will be installed

h) Trail upgrade – work completed and we have 3 loads of gravel left that we can use elsewhere.

i) Barlow Road Sewer Deficiencies – a list of deficiences is completed which WSP and Stewart Enterprises will attend to.

1. **New Trails Committee Report** – no new information, CAO to communicate with D Maynard.
2. **Finances**– reported in item 7
3. **Tourism & Recreation** –a) playground inspection – no inspection done yet b) sign on Mill Road is completed
4. **Bingo and Social Services** – going well.
5. **EMO, Fire and Police**– no updates
6. **Technology & Communications** -
7. **Bienvenue/Welcome& Immigration Évangéline**– Le Conseil scolaire communautaire Évangéline (CSCÉ~~) istaking over~~  has entered into an agreement with the Cooperative d'intégration francophone to deliver the project. ~~from le Carrefour d’immigration francophone (CIF).~~ Five sub commitees have been formed and Moira McGuire will sit on the community engagement committee. Mathilde Sinasse has been hired as the new Coordinator for the project. A three-year plan is being developed.
8. **Planning Board, Bylaws and Policies** – Sewer Utility – deferred to next meeting
9. **Asset Management** – no new information.
10. **Health Services** - Doctor's office & Government health homes – A full time bilingual receptionist has been hired at the doctor’s office. Appointments are still being made through Skip the waiting room which is experiencing many challenges.
11. **Municipal Elections**–no new information on the availability of information. The nomination deadline is October 19.
12. **Canada Torch Relay Update** – Nominees have been selected and advised for the Torch Relay. The municipality received $ 500 from le CSCÉ to help fund the event on November 18.
13. **New Business**
    1. **Development permits** – one permit approved for a shed at 123 Mill Road
    2. **~~Insurance renewal~~** ~~– no quotes received from Hickey and Hyndman yet~~ already in follow-up items
    3. **Needles and Vials found at the Double H**- The maintenance employee suggested to remove the bridge that gives access to that area – A discussion was held on this matter which is common occurrence over the past few years. It is suggested to look into adding a box which is used for syringe receptacle but may not be welcoming to other citizens. It is recommended to remove the culvert which would not allow vehicles to enter this area. This may alleviate the visitors going on this property.
    4. **CAO recruitment** – many applications are coming in – it is a challenge to find suitable bilingual recruits.
14. **Correspondence** 
    1. **Pathway to accessible swing**- Anne-Marie Peters E-Mail July 26th ajouter description de la communication
    2. **Speed sign on Mt. Carmel Road** - Blair and Debbie Slavin ajouter description de la communication – CAO to inform them of the request made to the province to have a sign installed
15. **Next meeting-** October 20, 2022 – 7:00 pm
16. **Adjournment**: 10:15 pm