

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting – April 21, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Bernard called the meeting to order.

2. Fire Department Report

Desmond Arsenault, President and Jason Maddix, Treasurer attended the meeting.

Calls: 4 calls so far in April. 1 home fire

The WFD collected \$ 2600.00 through the Boot Drive fund-raising event which is donated to Muscular Dystrophy. The department also received a \$ 10 000 grant the PEI Firefighters Association to purchase equipment. These funds may be used to purchase communication devices such as reliable walkie talkies. The IPAD system provided by government is not working properly and will be disconnected.

The training is going well with the new firefighters which includes 40 hours of training. As well, all members have to be retrained every 3 years.

The WFD is requesting an increase to \$.50 for the mileage paid to attend training and/or meetings because of the steady increase in gas prices. The mileage used in a regular year would be approximately \$400 to \$ 500. Mayor stated it will be discussed and the department will be informed of the amount.

The situation for the medical calls has not changed. There is ongoing discussion on this matter with departments and the WFD hopes it resumes.

There is more and more concern on the wait times for ambulances to arrive.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried (6/6)-(2022-11)

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

Jeannette Gallant and Imelda Arsenault have declared conflict with item 10c.

5. Approval of meeting minutes –March 17, 2022

It is moved and seconded that the March 17 minutes be approved with the changes to M McGuire as absent for that meeting.

Motion carried (5/6)-(2022-12)

6. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Speed Controls** – The report information shows 24 000 vehicles passing through on a regular day. The speed factor is alarming for some vehicles and indicates concern in January and March. It will be interesting to see if the sign on Sunset Drive has any impact on the speed when it is up and running. Future actions will include information needed on the cost of the sensors. It seems that there would be a charge per light post for the use of the sensors. It is a free rental so far.

b.

Discussions will be held with the RCMP using the information we have from the reports following a more in-depth analysis of the report information with Council. Following this, a meeting will be set up with the RCMP.

c. Requests to Minister Aylward

No response received on the letter which includes to the following matters:

- Shoulder on Mill Road
- Erosion along Ellis River
- Right of way – Pondside Drive
- Plans for filling ditches on Sunset Drive

We will also address the speed issue in Wellington and if speed bumps could be a solution. We will discuss this matter after Council meets with RCMP.

d. Full-time CAO - agreement

After consulting with Derek Key, he has rewritten the bylaw and the agreement identified as Appendix A. The question has surfaced as to why the 3rd party is not included in the agreement. It is necessary to match the changes with the employee contract. Council reviewed the changes on the documents:

Document 1 - bylaw

Document 2 – Agreement (Appendix A)

Document 3 -

Council agrees with the changes presented on these documents.

The two organizations will be billed – the question is if we charge them HST.

The new employee will begin in the CAO role on July 11. She will be doing on the job training program from June 6- 17th.

e. Collège de l'Île

Mayor Bernard gave a short update on the possible future plans revealed in a confidential document he received recently.

f. Pollinator's Park

We are looking into possible Rediscover Mainstreet Program for grant areas to apply. CAO will follow-up with Deborah at ACOA to analyze the possibilities with this program.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality submit a funding request of \$ 100 000 to the Community Revitalization Grant program which includes the \$ 48 000 cost for the Pollinator's park in combination with the Fire Department Equipment project.

Motion carried (6/6 – 2022-13)

g. Mental Health Project

Waiting for quotes.

Park security - CAO to let Ernest know about the lights on the bridge and ask Jamie C to install a sensor light on Barlows' Center.

The green space lot on Barlow Road has not yet been transferred. CAO to send a registered letter to M Richard to get the legal work completed.

h. Equalization Grant and Census 2021

Mayor communicated with Stats Canada regarding the census done in 2021 and requested information about the results. The Chez Nous residents were all recorded in the census. There are 211 private dwellings in Wellington and all of them were reported on the census.

Mayor also commented that he did not have any more information on the program funding available to offset the equalization grant reduction. He also discussed with FPEIM about getting information on other municipalities and their respective equalization grant funding however, this is not public information. We will discuss how to address the deficit in the municipalities budget at the next meeting.

i. Official Plan and Zoning

All documents were submitted and no update from Municipal Affairs.

7. Financials

No report – starting a new fiscal year.

8. Committee Reports

1. **Sewer& Municipal services:**

- a) **Sewer on Maple Street** – Mayor met with AJL and will be sending two quotes: The first one for the replacement of the pipe at \$ 54,000 and the second is to add the extra for the work required to transfer under Sunset drive if required, would be \$71,000. He also consulted WSP as the work requires an engineer to supervise this work. -After looking at the videos, it appears that 90m of the pipe will need to be replaced. According to the provincial protocol, it may not be necessary to require a permit. However, according to WSP, they may require a need for design therefore this would require a permit. The total project may end up costing us more than expected. It will be necessary to transfer Gas Tax funds from other projects.

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality submit a funding request to the Municipal Strategic Component program for the Maple Street project and transfer the required dollars from existing projects in the Gas Tax planned allocations to Maple Street Replacement Project.

b) Motion carried (6/6 – 2022-14)

- c) **Sunset Drive Sidewalk** – The application was submitted. The question regarding the curb was asked to the designers. It is necessary to have more space between the sidewalk and the road if we want to do this and it is more expensive because of the need for a deeper footing. Another question was asked on the catch basins. This is part of the normal work and is analyzed as the work moves along. As for the lights, it may be an idea to add a streetlight to every post to provide better lighting when walking on the sidewalk.

- d) **Generator** – CAO to check on the testing.

- e) **ACOA Energy Project** - waiting for more quotes on heat pumps for Vanier Center and decision to be made later.

- f) **Trail Upgrade** – the plan to add gravel will be done this spring at the same cost as last year.

- f) **New trail** – Kelly presented the meeting minutes of the last meeting. In light of the legal challenges with the existing proposal along Ellis River, it is decided to proceed with other option to expand the existing trail or go up from the bridge up along Sunset Drive. It is decided to communicate with Don Maynard for him to start the work on the proposal along Sunset Drive and identify the possibilities along this area.

3. **Finances** – no new information.

4. **Tourism and Recreation** –A request was made to the municipality to hold a retirement party for the Church pastor. Council agrees with the request.

5. **Bingo and Social Services** – Steady increase with the patrons.

6. **EMO, Fire and Police** – No new information.

7. Technology and Communication – no new information.

8. Welcome/Bienvenue

A meeting was held on April 6. These are the discussion points as a result of this meeting:

- The space at Place du Village was officially open.
- The renovation funds allocated to do this did not need approval from the Bienvenue/Evangeline Board.
- There are no employees at this space and it was discussed to have a rotation of employees between la CIF and le CSCE to be present at the center.
- \$ 209 000 was budgeted this year and the next year as well. A agreement was completed that stipulates that 75% of the funding will be controlled by the CSCE and 25% by la CIF. The focus of the work for the coming year will be inclusive leadership.
- There is potential for work with other partners RDÉE, CSLF, and others such as:
 - CSLT – 7 immigrants and many employees – CIF assists them
 - Theatre in schools for ?
 - Land purchase to build homes for the immigrants, models of housing
 - Tracy is interested in donating her van to transports immigrants
 - Trying to encourage SDBA to become more active – lots of ideas for this
 - New employee at la CIF
 - CSCÉ to introduce a new website – caution to move ahead

The Mayor had a discussion with Mayor for Abram-Village who indicated that the financial information and reports on the activities allocated within the budget were not mentioned during the presentations and does not seem transparent. The additional levels of approvals mentioned above increases the bureaucracy for the organization.

Mayor attended the opening of the new space at Place du Village. There was a lack of promotion for Bienvenue\Évangéline. The contact information for new immigrants was absent, the area did not feel welcoming for this population and not representative of them.

The Municipality wants to see a clearer picture of the future plan and we need to ask more questions. It feels as if the municipalities are in a difficult position. Once the plan is clearer, the Municipality should write a letter to the chair of la CIF.

9. Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws –

- Sewer Utility – need to get more information on word "department" as this may cause issues for the municipality.
- Municipal Elections – Council reviewed the existing bylaw and suggests the following change (see attached bylaw)
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It is moved and seconded that Imelda Arsenault be appointed as Elections Returning Officer and Gilles Painchaud as the alternate for the November 2022 Municipal Elections.

Motion carried (6/6 – 2022-15)

10. Asset Management — no new information.

11. Health Services & Government Health Homes:

Doctor's office

Still awaiting the meeting with Minister Hudson as had been promised. MLA Sonny Gallant indicates that this meeting will probably only happen after the House is done for this session.

Government Health Homes

A discussion was held on this matter. A question was raised as to why is the West Prince area not included in the homes locations announced in the media recently. These are pilot projects and will be expanded to West Prince following the pilot. This item will be discussed further with the Minister. Mayor sent an email to le CSCE and SAFILE to ask why no pressure is being added in this matter and no response received yet. There are 2 Nurse Practitioners on Wednesday and residents are asked to book via Skip the Waiting Room service.

9. New Business

a. Canada Torch Relay Information

Moira and Kelly are representatives/contacts for the Municipality in preparation for the Torch Relay which will take place on November 18. Among the activities, there is a 2 to 5 km relay highlighting common sports people. Seven to fifteen torch bearers will be selected from this group. An advertising campaign will be launched to invite people to participate in the relay. More details to share later.

b. Development Permits – one permit issued to Jordan Arsenault, 147 Mill Road for a new residential home construction.

c. National Infrastructure Project - Le CSCE started work on the transportation issue. Transportation West needs more specific information before making any decision to accept travellers.
Mayor met with Nick Arsenault, CSCE, to discuss the status of the project. There is a lot of work needed to identify the need for the community. A committee should be setup with municipalities to work on the details of the project and move it forward. Mayor to contact Nick to discuss further.

d. Bursaries – one graduate from Evangeline and CAO to check with Three Oaks and Westisle.

e. Barlows Mills Summer Plan – update on the potential use of the Interpretive Centre-for the summer was discussed. More details will be available in the near future.

f. Subdivision Application Updates – Infrastructure Funding Announcement and Public Rezoning and information meeting - Imelda Arsenault and Jeannette Gallant left the meeting due to the declaration of conflict of interest.

Country Mill Holdings Inc./Gestions Moulin Campagnard Inc(Julie Arsenault) - Mayor met with owners and developers for this property. The plan shows the possibility of 12 lots in the field behind Mill Road residents. Access road to subdivision would exit on J.- Leonce-Bernard Street on a lot presently owned by Jason Maddix.

Preliminary discussions were held on the interest of the Municipality to consider expanding its boundaries to Goodwins Road in order to have access to the municipal sewage collection system. Also thoughts of Council on the possible location of mini-homes on the area near Goodwins Road which is outside present municipal boundaries. Council had no objections to pursue discussions on this matter if owners are interested.

AJL Subdivision - the funding project approved was named AJL Subdivision. Council approves using Riverside Drive Subdivision in future communications. Mayor informed Council of having requested legal opinion from Derek Key before signing the Infrastructure Funding contract. Mayor indicated that a couple of clauses in the funding contract will cause delays in the development as further information is required in order to proceed. The issues are the Environmental Assessment required and consultation with indigenous community.

Stephen Arsenault has requested surveyor Jamie Clow to do a revision to subdivision plan to show green space required by Municipality.

Wellington Estates - last information received was that an exchange of land had been agreed by the Province and the next step related to obtaining necessary land or right of way from Aurelle Arsenault in order to access developer's property.

Information Meeting - Mayor explained that information meeting that had been mentioned at previous Council meeting was postponed due to lack of sufficient information at this time. It was agreed that it is better to hold off on the information meeting until such time as there is clear direction on all three subdivision proposals.

10. **Correspondence –**

11. **Next meeting:** May 19, 2022

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.