

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– December 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Irene MacCaull, Mayor, Council Members: Albert Arsenault, Mya Cole, Jeannette Gallant, Jason Maddix, Moira McGuire, Alcide Bernard, CAO Cynthia Gaudet and Imelda Arsenault.

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Council members to the meeting.

2. Fire Department Report

Desmond Arsenault, president, was in attendance. There were no calls since the last meeting on November 17.

The new Standard Operational Guidelines were reviewed and presented to the WFD members. Desmond will send a copy to Council.

Information was provided on the issues regarding the new Breathing Apparatus equipment which is much improved however, the new parts are not all compatible with the older equipment the department has for its firefighters which is 20 years old. The department asked for a quote to buy 5 of the apparatus gear so it can be replaced sooner than later.

The department received 15 generators from the province and are looking into some funding programs to build a small shed to store these. They are having discussions with EMO to make recommendations on how to coordinate this program.

The department hosted the children from the child care program are planning to visit the Campus Évangéline as soon as possible.

A fundraiser was held recently for Elmer Barriault. \$ 900.00 was collected with \$ 300.00 being taken to give to needy families. Sr Norma has the funds.

3. Approval of agenda

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

2022-51 -Motion carried

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared. It is suggested that a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy be sent to all Council members. **CAO to send a copy by email and post on the google drive.**

5. Approval of meeting minutes – November 17, 2022

It was moved and seconded that the November 17 meeting minutes be approved with one change: the correct amount for the auditor's quote: should be \$ 11,150.

Motion carried. (2022- 52)

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

1. Collège de l'île

A new group has been formed to encourage the college stay in Wellington. A paper is being prepared to address some questions and concerns. The main questions is Why the move to Summerside and if there were any consultations prior to the board making the decision. Le Centre scolaire-communautaire will take the lead on the work and it is suggested that a Council member represent the municipality on this group. The information will be released through the media very soon and meetings are planned with the federal and provincial politicians

2. Affordable Housing

It is suggested to wait on making any decision on moving forward with this project until the work from the group formed regarding the Collège de l'île move is clearer. This could impact the work if housing will be required for students. A few questions were raised on the land at Crescent Court and le Bel Âge. There is interest from the community on developing next to le Bel Age. When it was built, it was meant to be controlled rent for 25 years. After this period, it can be determined to change.

3. Centre de la petite enfance (CPE) rental for Vanier Centre

The lease is completed and the child care organization needs the signed copy for the insurance while the municipality needs the certificate of co-insurance. It is important to let them know that certificate must be provided before they move in the Vanier Centre. **CAO will let them know.**

4. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

A letter was sent a few months ago and no response has been received as of yet. Irene will send a letter to Stephen Yeo based on the information that was communicated on the previous email. The items were: storm sewers on Sunset Dr (Gabriel Housing) , widening of Mill Road, water at 1 Wellington Road and the erosion near the bank at 8 Mill Road. As for the erosion item, reps from the province did come on sight to look at the situation. The rock cages are affected.

5. Transportation study

The work is close to being completed. In the existing draft, it was raised that it is not clear if the system would connect with the existing T3 transportation system. The province would certainly want to see this within the report. A presentation on the report will be done later. Presently, there is a funding application being prepared to purchase 7-9 passenger vehicles. Le Centre scolaire-communautaire Évangéline will take the responsibility of coordinating the service and there are many other items to address such as staff, vehicles, and coordination. There could be some capital dollars available through the federal Active Transportation Program. Alcide is not

interested in sitting on this group moving forward. **Irene to check with Nick on the status of the group and if Wellington needs to be represented on the committee.**

6. Pollinator's Park

AJL are very busy and hope to do the work as soon as possible before the end of March.

7. Mental Health Project – the signs are being printed by Sign Station.

8. EV Charging Station - The cost for a dual station is \$ 17 000 + \$ 2500 for the installation.

It is moved and seconded that the municipality purchase one dual charging station to install behind the Vanier Centre.

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9. L. Arsenault request

No new information

10. Subdivision application updates

No new information

11. Culvert at Double H – It is suggested to get a quote from Chris McNeill.

CAO to call for a quote to remove the culvert.

7. Finance – Year to date

8. Committee Reports

1. Sewer and Municipal Services:

a. **Sewer on Maple Street** – work is completed. WSP sent the report showing an issue with elevation which is caused by its location on Maple St. **CAO to send the report to Albert and Alcide.**

b. **Generator testing** – Albert to check with Preston or Eric to get the monitoring system going with Tri Tech.

c. **New sidewalk – Sunset Drive** – Alcide met with Albert to get him up to date on the project. The Municipality needs to hire an engineer to do work. WSP did the design work and it states in their **proposal that ??? (il faudra regarder ce qu'il y a dans le Design Document de WSP.**

2. **New Trails Committee** – Don Maynard met with the committee to go over the results of his field work. Council looked at the maps he presented. He will do some more work on the alternative route (orange line) to see how this area can work.

3. **Tourism and Recreation** – There was discussion on the role of this committee to inform members before making a decision on the councilor responsible for these committees. It is suggested to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

4. **Bingo and Social Services** – Bingo will be held at the legion for the duration of rental agreement to the child care. There is a plan to move the material needed soon after December 13.

5. **EMO, Fire and Police** – Jeannette attended the EMO meeting and the Fiona response was discussed. Information is needed to inform residents of the reception center and the preparation they should before a storm hits. A newsletter will be sent by EMO to residents. The command center will now be at the legion so we may be able to

disconnect the line at the Vanier Club. Jeannette to check with legion if there is a line and if we can use the same number as we have here. Mayor sits on the EMO committee and they make the final decision on items related to a disaster situation.

6. **Technology and Communication** – A discussion was held on the need for support for the website and Facebook. It is on the CAO's job description. Mya will help on this task.
7. **Bienvenue Évangéline** -
8. **Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws** – no new information
9. **Asset Management** – this item is a standing item but was removed from the agenda for this meeting.

9. **New Business**

- a. **Development Permits** - none
- b. **Donation for Needy Families**

A discussion is held as where the needs are and the challenges in identifying who should get the funds. There is discussion on the need to assist a resident in the municipality.

It is moved and seconded that the municipality donate \$ 300.00 to match the Wellington Fire Department funds donated for needy families. One hundred dollars will be donated to the resident identified.

Motion carried. (2022-56)

- c. **Meeting Dates** – meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.
- d. **Signatories**

It is moved and seconded that Irene MacCaull, Albert Arsenault and Cynthia Gaudet be the new signatories for the municipality.

Motion carried. (2022-55)

10. Correspondence

11. Next meeting: January 19, 2022

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15pm