

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting– January 19, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Irene MacCaull, Mayor, Council Members: Jeannette Gallant, Jason Maddix, Moira McGuire,

CAO Cynthia Gaudet.

Regrets: Albert Arsenault, Mya Cole

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. Fire Department Report

The Chief, Leon Perry was in attendance. There were 5 calls from December 08 to January 19, 2023. One of the fires in particular was in Abram-village at Dick's. The fire department from Tyne Valley, Miscouche and Summerside also came to help.

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

The fire department purchases some safety vest ,20 pairs of boots and 12 radios and now have a communication line.

There is currently 4 firefighters are in training on there level 1.

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.

Leon will be getting quotes on C-Can for storage of the 15 generators that we received from the province.

Motion was carried to have a yearly budget of \$500 for EMO.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried.

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared.

5. Approval of meeting minutes – December 08, 2022

It was moved and seconded that the December 08 meeting minutes be approved with one change: the correct amount of apparatus gear we want to purchase: should be 5 not 10.

Motion carried.

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 was prepared to address some questions and concerns. The main questions are Why the move to Summerside and if there were any consultations prior to the board making the decision. Moira McGuire is representing the Council members for the municipality. The information will be released through the media very soon a meeting will be place at 6:45Pm on January 20th 2023 with the federal and provincial politicians.

2. Affordable Housing

Irene will make the appropriate phone calls to see if we could rebuild on crescent court. See if there something we can do on Mill Rd.

3. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

A letter was sent a few months ago and no response has been received 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 pool in front of Pierre Arsenault house and the erosion near the bank of Ellis Bridge 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.

4. Transportation study

Alcide send in the transportation study. It will be uploaded to the website. 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 will check with Nick on the status of the group and if Wellington needs to be represented on the committee.**

5. Pollinator's Park

AJL are vey busy and hope to do the work as soon as possible before the end of March. No update as of Dec 08, 2022

6. EV Charging Station - The EV Charging Station was motion to be removed from the table. New EV charging station in being place at Access PEI. If the council sees that the community need another EV station, we will bring the subject back on the table.

Motion carried –

7.L. Arsenault request-No new information as of December 08, 2022

7. Subdivision application updates

No new information as of December 08, 2022

8. Culvert at Double H

Waiting on Quotes from AJL and information was sent to PEI highway.

7. Finance – Year to date

8. Committee Reports

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

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. **CAO to investigate who is responsible for the clean up program for the trails.**

3. **Tourism and Recreation** – There was discussion on the role of this committee to inform members before deciding on the councilor responsible for these committees. It is suggested to defer this discussion to the next meeting. No new update

4. **Bingo and Social Services**- no new update.

5. **EMO, Fire and Police** – Jeannette attended the EMO meeting. Information is needed to inform residents of the reception center and the preparation they should make 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** – The CAO started upgrading the website and facebook.

7. **Bienvenue Évangéline** – no new update

8. **Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws** – no new information

9. New Business

a. **Health clinic in Wellington**- Irene will set up a meeting with Habourside to get information on service provided by or health clinic.

b. **Yearbook** – Ecole Evangeline – Will contribute \$300as same as last year.

Motion carried.

c. **Motion –Date for the Budget Consultation meeting** – February 08, 2023 @7pm

d. **Donation for Needy Families**

Donated \$300 to needy families, gift cards from the Wellington Co-op and Wellington Esso were purchased and distributed to families of Wellington.

10. Correspondence

11. Next meeting: February 27, 2023

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM