

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomes all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Desmond Arsenault, President attended the meeting and discussed the following items:

Calls: 3 calls, 1 medical calls, 1 fire pole, and 1 brush fire.

- The new forestry truck has arrived.
- The WFD received an award from the Muscular Dystrophy organization for their fund raising efforts.
- The WFD will do the BBQ on Canada Day in Wellington.
- Ongoing promotional events are taking place: event at École Évangéline – Tintamarre, Cap enfants is visiting the firehall
- EMO meeting prep for emergency management during disasters
- Chief Leon Perry attended the Mutual Aid meeting
- The second boot drive will be held shortly
- The department received extra Covid-19 surplus supplies: masks, thermometers, gloves, etc. which will be used over the next few years when needed
- Three training sessions were held this past month.
- The department is taking the Chase the Ace drive with Evangeline Rec Centre, Village Musical and the ATV Club for the next round.

Question from Council

In relation to the fire with the microwave, is it proper to expect the children at the Child Care Center at the Vanier Centre to go to the credit union when there is a fire. Desmond will discuss with the center for future plans.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried

4. Conflict of interest declaration – CAO declares if any decision made regarding Wellington Estates.

5. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2023

It is moved and seconded that the minutes be approved with one change:

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Collège de l'île

Moirra attended two meetings in June regarding a strategy in moving forward for le Centre scolaire Communautaire – *Plan de développement Communautaire de la région Évangéline*. At the June 12th meeting, Aubrey Cormier, Consultant, presented the plan to the members. With the construction of the new school, and the partnerships established, it is important to look at the usage of the facilities for trades, arts and culture.

There is a concern that the French speaking population at home is lower every year as a result of the decreasing population.

The plan has two strategic axis: A) Construction identitaire (Culture Identity) B) Capacités communautaires (Community capacity) and C) Engagement Communautaire (Community Engagement) .

The Immigration Strategy is another component to be included in the plan.

The plan will be presented at the AGM next week and the final report will be completed by the end of summer.

b. Affordable Housing

A new funding program, Housing Accelerator Fund, is available to support Affordable Housing Developments in rural and urban areas. Wellington situates itself in the rural stream which requires 5 initiatives to support new housing projects. CAO setup a meeting with the three subdivision owners, a member of Council, Jason Maddix, Immigration Francophone, and Alcide Bernard who was involved previously for the village. The three developers stated their needs and will submit their requests which will help us guide the action plan for the fund submission. A report of this meeting is available.

From the Council point of view, possible initiatives are:

- Lagoon Capacity Study
- Sewer system for the subdivisions
- Bridge replacement
- New sidewalks on Mill Road and Wellington Road
- Boardwalk replacement
- Tennis Court

c. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

Pondside Drive – no update

Storm sewer – Sunset Drive – no update

- d. **Pollinators park** - The work is being done in the selection of plants and much work goes in to the planning of the site. A shed was ordered and will be ready shortly. It is possible to store it by the firehall until the land is ready to be used as it is too wet for the preparation to be done such as the grading and the planting. Irene will discuss with AJL on how to proceed with the delays. It may be possible to discuss with Michel if AJL can't proceed with the work.

e. Subdivision applications

AJL – waiting for soil analysis

Wellington Estates – land transfer is completed

- f. **Culvert at Double H** - the concrete barrier is placed

- g. **Solar panels – Wellington Legion** – waiting for soil analysis

- h. **Street Light – Wellington Road** – Maritime Electric will come down to take a look

7. Finance- Year to date monthly report

- no issues.

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer & Municipal Services
 - a) Sidewalk – Sunset Drive – the work will begin in July on Maple Street. CAO to check on the signed contract for AJL.
 - b) Trail upgrade – Irene contacted Tracy but she is away.
2. **Tourism & Recreation** – basketball net was moved to the other end of the tennis court because of the sun.
3. **Bingo and Social Services** – a bit less profit but going as well as can be expected.
6. **EMO, Fire and Police**– Jeannette and Jason were present to discuss Forest Fire prep and prevention. A discussion on the generators too place and EMO will administer the program but there are challenges on the distribution and operation. They will talk to the parishes if they wish to take this on. Albert Arsenault and Moira McGuire will act as alternates if Jeannette and Irene are not able to attend.
7. **Technology & Communications** - the website is updated when needed. Mya to check on the Official Plan and Bylaws documents to make sure they are both on the website.
8. **Bienvenue/Welcome& Immigration Évangéline**– no update.
9. **Planning Board, Bylaws and Policies** – Sewer Utility – deferred to next meeting
10. **Health Services** – the center has reopened on Wednesday.

9. New Business

- a. **Fire Department Equipment Project**

It is moved and seconded that the Municipality apply for \$ 100 000 of funding through the Community Revitalization Funding Program to cover the cost of the Fire Dept Equipment and the Pollinator's Park.

Motion Carried

- b. **Development permits** – no permits.
- c. **Grade 12 Bursaries** - Cheques are prepared for one bursary at École Évangéline and three at Three Oaks
- d. **Asset Management Program** – CAO discussed the need to continue the work on the Asset Management Program and suggested to work with Land Technologies to update the work done over the past year.

It is moved and seconded that we enter into a contract up to \$ 2000.00 to support the work of the Asset Management Program.

Motion carried.

e. Discussion with Abram-Village Mayor – New CAO update

Irene spoke with the mayor of Abram-Village on the CAO agreement. He feels it is not necessary and they hired a bookkeeper and a possible administrator. He does not feel the agreement is required. They were informed that they have to write a letter to indicate that they wish to be removed from the agreement three months in advance.

The mayor also indicated that it may be an idea to amalgamate with Wellington. Council discussed this and noted that if the idea is brought formally, they would discuss with both Councils.

f. Child Care Centers Consultation

Irene participated in a consultation with representatives of the Department of Acadian and Francophone Affairs on the matter of child-care in the Evangeline region. It was more about the needs for the school child-care center.

10. Correspondence - none

11. Other items – none

12. Next Meeting – July 20, 2023

13. Adjournment