

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023

Present: Irene MacCaull, Mayor, Albert Arsenault, Mya Cole, Jeannette Gallant, Jason Maddix, and Imelda Arsenault, CAO

Regrets: Moira McGuire

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomes all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Leon Perry, Fire Chief attended the meeting and discussed the following items:

Calls: 17 calls, 5 medical calls, 1 garbage fire, and 6 motor vehicle accident, 1 vessel fire, 3 alarms, 1 combine fire

- The new truck is expected to be delivered on October 1
- All radios are installed in the trucks and have been programmed.
- There are two different provincial Acts overseeing the fire departments in PEI so it makes it a bit more challenging dealing with two different departments – Public Safety and Communities.
- Fire Chiefs attended a meeting for the medical call situations. West Prince has many issues with response times and are pushing to change the decision made by the government. A lot of discussion is happening on Mobile EMS
- All responses need to be documented and the documentation information is different between the various groups responding to the calls
- Mutual Aid Meeting – guidelines are shared for consistent organization during disasters and emergency situations. Fire Departments are normally on site first so when all the preparation is consistent across communities, it becomes easier to respond.
- Fire Chief thanks Council for their support on the purchase of the new fire truck
- There are now 30 firefighters on board – the maximum number is 35
- Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2023

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried

4. Conflict of interest declaration –

5. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2023 and August 21, 2023

It is moved and seconded that the July 20 minutes be approved;

Motion carried

It is moved and seconded that the August 21, 2023 minutes for the purchase of the fire truck be approved. (see attached)

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable Housing

REM Properties, Travis Mand, Denys Richard and Tommy Enman attended the meeting to discuss their interest in building rental units on Barlow Road. They are speaking with the owner to explore possibilities. Council is interested and encourages the builders to continue their plan. The plan may differ with certain areas of the bylaws so CAO will look into what needs to be considered before approving any building development.

The Housing Accelerator Fund was submitted so we will wait for the response. There are 100's of applications submitted from various municipalities across the country.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

Pondside Drive – no update

Storm sewer – Sunset Drive – no update

- c. **Pollinators park** - The work is being challenged by the rainy days. Staff at the Bedeque Environmental Group are interested in doing the planting as soon as possible. A discussion was held if the shed needs to be moved now. It is crucial to get the plants in the ground as soon as possible. CAO to communicate with AJL to see what can be done and possibly contact Michel Arsenault if AJL can't do the work.

d. Subdivision applications

AJL – no update on the latest delineation plan

Wellington Estates – no update

Countryview Holdings – no update

- e. **Solar panels – Wellington Legion** – no new information

f. New CAO

It is moved and seconded that Jean-Pierre Arsenault be hired as the new CAO for 15 hours per week at \$ 30.00 per hour to start in October 2023.

Motion carried

It is moved and seconded that Jean-Pierre Arsenault be added as a signatory in addition to Irene MacCaull, Albert Arsenault and Imelda Arsenault for all accounts of the Rural Municipality of Wellington at Provincial Credit Union -Evangeline branch.

Motion carried

7. Finance- Year to date monthly report

- no issues.

MRSB, new auditors, will be in attendance at the October 12th meeting to present the financial statements. The public will be invited.

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer & Municipal Services
 - a) Sidewalk on Sunset Drive – the work is being done. A resident brought forward the cutting of the driveways issue that would be better if they achieved one cut instead of two before paving.

It is moved and seconded that an additional \$ 13 154 be added to the sidewalk expansion on Sunset Drive to add extra asphalt to the driveways.

Motion carried

- b) Trail upgrade – no new information.
 - c) Boardwalk – CAO met with electrician to discuss fixing the lights on the boardwalk. The actual replacement would be approximately \$ 25.00 per light. However, he suggested that if the boardwalk will be replaced next year, it would be best to wait to do all this work at the same time. Council agrees to wait until next spring to do the work. CAO to get quotes on the work to be done.
 - d) Street Lights – It was discussed to add street lights to the poles along the new sidewalk on Sunset Drive. CAO to call Maritime Electric.
2. **Tourism & Recreation** – no new information
 3. **Bingo and Social Services** – bingo is going well during the summer.
 4. 6. EMO, Fire and Police– Jeannette and Irene attended the EMO meeting. Irene stressed the importance of communication in preparation for the fall hurricane season. EMO did not acknowledge wanting to do a pamphlet. Mya will upload some information provided by Irene on the website.

The generators will be managed by the parishes.

The Centre Expo Festival will become the alternate reception center if for any reason, the Wellington Legion cannot be used. A request will be made through the provincial program to access funds to help the cost of the generator required for this location.
6. **Technology & Communications** - Mya will upload EMO information
 7. **Bienvenue/Welcome & Immigration Évangéline**– The CSCE is looking for a new director as N Arsenault took a teaching position for the year. No meetings were held recently.
 8. **Planning Board, Bylaws and Policies** – no new information.
 9. **Health Services** – no new information as the Center should be open on Wednesdays. Irene will send a letter to reiterate the need for a Health Home in Wellington.
- ## **9. New Business**
- a. **Development permits** – one development permit issued for land changes on Mt Carmel Road – Paul Richard to divide offering one residential lot.

- b. Traffic situation in Wellington – there is a great deal of dangerous driving that is causing frustrations for residents and security concerns specifically at the corner of Wellington Road and Mill Road. Councillor Cole communicated with the RCMP to discuss the matter and it is possible for a Constable to attend a meeting with Council to discuss options. Some options are: cameras on the roads, speed bumps on the road, more police surveillance, etc.

CAO will get information from East Link on road cameras .

- c. **Asset Management Program** – no new information.

Motion carried.

- d. **Childcare Agreement**

The rental agreement is now expired. CAO will bring financials on the rental cost at the next meeting for discussion on the new rental fee.

10. Correspondence - none

11. Other items – none

12. Next Meeting – October 12 , 2023

13. Adjournment