

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

Present: Albert Arsenault, Jason Maddix, Moira McGuire, Jeannette Gallant, acting Mayor and Imelda Arsenault, outgoing CAO.

Regrets: Irene MacCaull and Mya Cole

1. Call meeting to order

Jeannette Gallant welcomes all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report – deferred to next meeting

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried.

4. Conflict of interest declaration – none declared.

5. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2023

It is moved and seconded that the October 12 minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable Housing

No new information.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

Pondside Drive – no update

Storm sewer – Sunset Drive – no update

c. Pollinators Park – Topsoil was delivered and spread. All plants are in the ground and protected for the winter. The shed will be moved when the ground is frozen as well as the drilling of the well.

d. Subdivision applications

AJL – the delineation plan is complete and waiting for the final report. Infrastructure PEI is asking if the Municipality will absorb the extra cost as the timeline is pushed.

Wellington Estates – no update

Countryview Holdings – no update

It is moved and seconded that the outgoing CAO approach the developer to see if they will share 50% of the increased cost for the sewer installation in the Riverside subdivision.

Motion carried.

e. Traffic situation – The situation has improved slightly. There are ATV's roaming around the trail on the the street. There is the occasional burnout.

f. Housing situation on Barlow Road – The yard has been cleaned and looks much better.

- g. **Trees on municipal property** – this work is completed.
- h. **Christmas Dinner – December 10 at 5:30 for social, meal served at 6:00 pm.**
- i. **Christmas Lights Repair** – work completed.
- j. **Childcare agreement** – Director Couture contacted the office to setup a meeting after she is back from vacation.

6. Finance-

Year to date – no issues

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer & Municipal Services

- a) Sidewalk on Sunset Drive – the work is being completed. Many positive comments on the work and the access for pedestrians. The information shared on the sidewalk snow removal quote during the previous meeting was not the correct number. It should have been \$ 7500 and not \$ 5700. The \$15 000 quote represents exactly double from last year and the new sidewalk represents adds half of the distance.

It is moved and seconded that the snow clearing for the sidewalk on Sunset Drive be approved.

Motion carried.

Council also discussed the need to hire WSP for the closeout and decided to not to proceed for the cost of \$ 1500.00

- b) Trail upgrade – still considering Bedeque Bay to discuss further with them.
- c) Sewer – there is an issue with the generator overheating on Ellis Drive. Green Diamond returned and replaced another part. The last month's electric bill was cut in half which signifies that the overheating must have caused the issue in the increase.
- d) Boardwalk – CAO to get quotes for the next meeting

It is moved and seconded that the Rural Municipality of Wellington requests MRSB to prepare the IRAC rate increase application.

Motion carried.

- 2. **Tourism & Recreation** – The basketball net repair pieces have arrived and will be placed next spring. The condition of the bridge was discussed and Jason and Albert will take a look at it to see what the next steps would be.
- 3. **Bingo and Social Services** – no new information.
- 4. **6. EMO, Fire and Police**– Jeannette attended an EMO table exercise meeting which went very well. The simulated situation was a forest fire that brought along a good discussion for future planning. Positive comments were received from the EMO officers on the way Wellington handled the Fiona storm.
- 5. **Technology & Communications** -

- 6.
8. **Bienvenue/Welcome & Immigration Évangéline**– Karine Gallant was hired as the Executive Director.
9. **Planning Board, Bylaws and Policies** – no new information.
10. **Health Services** – covered in MLA discussion.

9. New Business

- a. **Development permits** – one permit for a garage and foyer at 70 Mt Carmel Road.
- b. **Appointment of auditors for 2023-2024**
- c. **Insurance Cost for 2023-2024** – The quote for next year is \$ 24, 958 which includes the Wellington Fire Department and all areas for the municipality. Last year, we did approach another company but the cost was higher then. It is concerning to see the rapid increase in the cost but it is felt everywhere with other municipalities.

It is moved and seconded that the Rural Municipality of Wellington signs off on the insurance for 2023-2024 at \$ 24, 958.

Motion carried.

d. Confederation Trail Consultation

Moira attended the meeting which was very interesting. The discussions were done at tables with questions being submitted from these discussions. There is a lot of media attention lately reporting back from the meetings.

A letter was prepared and shared with Council to express the concerns of the Rural Municipality of Wellington regarding the use of the Confederation Trail.

It is moved and seconded that the Rural Municipality of Wellington send a letter as a submission to the Confederation Trail Consultation Process,

Motion carried.

10. Correspondence – Code of Conduct Training for Council Members

All Council members should have received an email link to do the online training. It needs to be completed by March 31, 2024.

11. Other items

a) Meeting with MLA Arsenault – Acting mayor gave an update on the various items discussed at the meeting. Refer to attached document.

b) FPEIM Report – Acting mayor gave an update on the sessions during the FPEIM meeting at Credit Union Place. The meeting went well. A great deal of discussion on climate change and climate action . Please refer to attached document for more information .

c) Radios for fire trucks – It is important for firefighters in the trucks to communicate and the executive has been searching for the correct ones. They decided to go with the more portable radios which will cost \$ 3300 each. Eight will be purchased. This request will be submitted through the Community Revitalization Program.

12. Next Meeting – December 21, 2023

13. Adjournment

