

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025

Present: Mayor Irene MacCaull, Albert Arsenault, Jason Maddix, Moira McGuire, Kelly Richard, and Jean-Pierre Arsenault, CAO.

Regrets: Jeannette Gallant

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Fire chief Perry presented the following monthly report:

The WFD had 11 calls during the month of March 2025.

The firefighters added a hose bracket on the new tanker.

The WFD will now be adding a ring at the scene of a call where firefighters will be adding their tags to the ring in order to control if everyone is back safely.

Some firefighters attended a mutual aid meeting in West Prince during the past month.

The firefighters have now access to a depot for vital air (free air) for the oxygen tanks.

On April 26, 2025, the WFD will be organizing a boot drive in the municipality for Muscular Dystrophy.

The firefighters had a meeting with Emily Foster of the Department of Forestry to discuss issues with the Smart Program.

The WFD are planning to build a trailer in order to install a 200-gallon water tank on it.

Two (2) new LED lights were installed on Fire Engine #2 that will be connected to the onboard generator.

Mayor MacCaull thanked Fire Chief Leon Perry for his report.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

None

5. Approval of minutes – March 20, 2025

It is moved and seconded that the March 20th, 2025, minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing – Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

CAO informed council that the yearly report was submitted to CMHC and was approved. CMHC will deposit the \$119K payment (2 of 4) into the municipality's chequing account before the end of March 2025.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No update.

c. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates – Per info received from Jocelyn Arsenault, a surveyor has done surveying work on the delineated parcel of land and will submit report to the Department of Environment.

Country view Holdings – Delineation work will be done later in the spring on the parcel of land on the left side of Mill Road going from the boundaries of the municipality up to Goodwin Road. This work is part of one of the local initiatives submitted with the Housing Accelerator Fund.

AJL subdivision – The new sign will be installed once weather conditions permit. After verifying with ICIP project co-ordinator, the sign can be installed on the land owned by the municipality close to the corner of Mill Road and Sunset Drive to be more visible to the public.

REM – The municipality will apply for a project under the CCBF program (formerly Gas Tax program) to help pay for the installation of a sewer line for this new subdivision off Mill Road.

d. New provincial funding program (MIF)

CAO informed council that a signature session will be held soon.

e. Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)

The municipality will apply for funding under the CHIF for the proposed subdivision off Mill Road.

f. New lease for daycare

The municipality is still waiting for the response from the daycare regarding the proposal set out by the councillors at last month's monthly meeting.

7. Finance

CAO presented a financial report to the council meeting. The financial report included amounts up to the end of March 2025 for the RMW, the WFD and the Wellington Sewer Utility Inc. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the financial reports be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer and municipal services - Park repair

CAO informed council that an application through the Community Revitalization Program to help cover 75% of the costs of the park repairs and the refurbishing of the tennis courts was submitted to Giselle Bernard of the RDEE.

2. New Trails Committee Report

CAO will contact another member of the community to see if that person wants to sit on the committee.

3. Tourism and recreation

The municipality has applied for provincial funding for summer students. The Federal Government has accepted to provide funding for the summer of 2025.

4. Bingo and Social Services

Bingos are going well per mayor.

5. EMO, Fire and Police

Nothing to report

6. Technology & Communications, Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws

CAO informed council that the CAO and councillor Kelly Richard met with Audrick Mofo of Zentec Solutions to go over his proposed solutions regarding the new website for the municipality. Mr. Mofo showed an example of the new website that was copied from the former domain name (i.e., wordpress). A few days after this meeting, the CAO along with two (2) councillors, Moira McGuire and Kelly Richard had a meeting to see what improvements and/or changes could be done to improve the new website in order to showcase the past and present of the municipality. Kelly Richard gave the councillors a summary of what can be done to improve the new website. Councillor Richard will reach out to Zentec Solutions to bring them up to date on what needs to be done.

7. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

Councillor Moyra McGuire attended a meeting of Bienvenue Evangeline during the past month. Councillor McGuire informed council that funding for Bienvenue Evangeline has been approved for the next three (3) years from the Federal Government. They also outlined their strategic plan at the meeting.

8. Health Center update

Mayor McCaull met with local MLA Gilles Arsenault and gave council a summary of the meeting:

There is a possibility in having a virtual setup between a doctor and patients for the Health Centre. Mayor McCaull said that Gilles Arsenault is working hard to have this up and running.

The Health Centre has a receptionist five (5) days a week.

9. New Business

a) Development permits

No development permit(s) were issued in March 2025.

b) Acadian Festival and Agricultural Exhibition

The municipality received a letter asking for a donation for the 2025 summer events. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the municipality give a donation of \$250 this this year's activities.

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c) Trail next to the river (Beaver Trail)

Councillor Jason Maddix informed council that the Beaver Trail needs some work as there are some pipes sticking out of the ground and some places need some gravel. CAO will ask a local contractor to see if they can go on the trail once weather permits and make the necessary repairs.

d) Quote for lawn cutting

Council received a quote from Charles Bernard Lawn Cutting for the 2025 cutting season. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the proposed quote be approved.

Motion carried

e) Discussion with Gilles Arsenault (Irene)

See item 8 above.

f) 5 Mont Carmel Road

The municipality received information from the owner of 5 Mont Carmel Road indicating that he would like to install a fourplex on the western portion of the property. The CAO will have a discussion with the owner and will advise the councillors if a planning board meeting will be held sometime in the next week or two.

g) Crosswalk in front of the Wellington Legion

The municipality received a letter from the Wellington Legion indicating that they would like to install a crosswalk on Sunset Drive in front of the legion. After discussion, It was moved and seconded that the municipality approve the legion's intention to install a sidewalk and the legion would cover all the costs.

h) ATV Club

The municipality received a letter from the local ATV Club asking if the municipality would like to participate in a project whereas the ATVs would be able to circulate freely in the streets of the municipality. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the municipality would **not** participate in this project.

i) Website

See item 6 above.

j) Snow behind Vanier Centre

Council asked the CAO to contact AJL Ltd asking them to come out and thrash the remaining snow behind the Vanier Centre.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other items:

None

12. Next meeting – May 15, 2025

13. Adjournment - Moved that the meeting be adjourned.