

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

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

Regrets: Jason Maddix

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Fire chief Perry presented his report:

For December 2024, the Wellington Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls. Retired firefighters received their letters stipulating that registration fees for their vehicles will be free.

Firefighters responded to six (6) calls in January 2025.

So far in February 2025, firefighters responded to four (4) calls.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Fire Department, there was no change to the executive for the upcoming year.

Two (2) firefighters attended the mutual aid meeting held recently in Alberton.

Five (5) firefighters took the ICS 200 course in Miscoche.

The fire chief also submitted a report for the 2024 calendar year:

The WFD responded to seventy-two (72) emergency calls during 2024 broken down as follows:

- 33 Medical first responders.

- 17 Motor vehicle collisions.

- 2 Mutual aid.

- 1 Structure fire.

- 2 Sight or smell of smoke.

- 1 Grass and brush fire.

- 4 Vehicle fires.

- 6 Alarm calls.

- 2 Utility pole fires.

- 4 Flue fires.

Total firefighter hours for responding to these calls amounted to 3,426.

Firefighters attended 51 in house training sessions totaling 1,788 hours.

Firefighters also attended thirteen (13) community and other special events totaling 3,752 hours.

See report for other information.

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 – January 16, 2025

It is moved and seconded that the January 16th, 2025, minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing – Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

CAO will be working on report due to CMHC.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No update.

c. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates – no update.

Country view Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – no update

REM – Travis of REM will be submitting plans for the subdivision off Mill Road that will go to the planning board of the municipality.

d. New provincial funding program (MIF)

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

e. Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)

CAO informed council that he attended a webinar this afternoon. The municipality will be able to apply for funding to help pay or pay for all the costs of installing a sewer line for the new subdivision off Mill Road.

7. Finance

CAO presented a financial report to the council meeting. The financial report included amounts up to the end of January 2025. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the financial report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried

8. Committee reports

1. Sewer and municipal services a) New sidewalk b) Park repairs c) Pondsides Drive water.

- a)** CAO informed council that no application was made for funds through the Active Transportation Fund (ATF) for a new sidewalk on Mill Road. A visual examination will have to be done on Mill Road this summer (off Sunset Drive) to see if it is

physically feasible to install a new sidewalk as there are huge trees with big roots on the road and electrical poles close on the side of the road.

- b) The municipality will add the following items to the 2025-2026 capital budget regarding the proposed park repairs: replace railings on bridge, fix gazebo, build new wooden garbage bins, replace old planks on park benches, fix light pole in parking lot.
- c) Nothing to report.

2. New Trails Committee Report

Nothing to report.

3. Tourism and recreation

The municipality has applied for federal funding for summer students.

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 municipality has not received a quote yet for improving the municipality's website.

7. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

Per councillor Moira McGuire, a meeting has been scheduled for early March. More information will be shared at council's next meeting.

8. Health Center update

For those wanting to schedule an appointment to see a doctor at the health center in Wellington, people will have to call the health center on Wednesday mornings starting at 8am.

9. New Business

a) Development permits

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

b) Ad Evangeline 2025 yearbook

Council received a letter regarding an ad for the 2025 yearbook. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the municipality pay \$60 for an ad.

Motion carried

c) First On Site

CAO informed council that the municipality received two (2) invoices from First On Site regarding the water damage at the Vanier Centre. One invoice was for the HST charged on one of the invoices and the second (2) invoice was for the \$10,000 deductible being charged to the municipality.

d) Quote for heat pump for the WFD fire hall

The municipality received a \$5,300.18 quote from Tradewinds to supply and install a heat pump at the fire hall. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the quote received from Tradewinds. The municipality will provide the quote to Giselle Bernard in order to receive funding from the Community Revitalization Program.

Motion carried

e) Quote from Nicholson Group

The Wellington Fire Department received a quote from Nicholson Group for insurance coverage for the firefighters for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the quote from Nicholson Group.

Motion carried

f) Wellington United Church

CAO informed council that the church has been sold. The CAO spoke to the buyer saying that the buyer would like to transform the church into two (2) apartments.

g) Sister Norma's office

CAO informed council that sister Norma will be retiring at the end of February 2025 and her office will be available for renting. After discussion, the CAO will ask the daycare if they would be interested in renting the office.

h) New lease for daycare

CAO informed council that the present lease with the daycare will expire on March 31, 2025. The CAO presented council with three (3) scenarios on new rental rates for the next fiscal year. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the following rental rates will apply for the next fiscal year: \$1,800 per month without the office rental (sister Norma's office) or \$2,000 per month including the office rental. CAO will contact Kathleen Couture, the manager of the daycare.

Motion carried

i) Revised quote for tennis court

The municipality received a revised quote of \$184,500 plus HST from AJL Limited for the renovation of the tennis courts. At the last council meeting, it was decided to re-do one (1) tennis court instead of two (2) due to the high costs. The CAO will submit the quote to Giselle Bernard to receive funding from the Community Revitalization Program.

j) Discussion on capital budget

CAO presented the proposed capital budget to the meeting. After discussion, the CAO will update the capital budget and send a copy to the councillors via email for their review.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other items:

None

12. Next meeting – March 20, 2025

13. Adjournment - Moved that the meeting be adjourned.