

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

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

Regrets: none

1.Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Due to personal reasons, fire chief Perry couldn't attend the 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

5. Approval of minutes – December 19, 2024

It is moved and seconded that the December 16th minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing – Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

CAO informed council that he spoke to Jocelyn Arsenault and updated him on how the HAF will distribute the funds to the municipality.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No update.

c. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates – Jocelyn Arsenault had a meeting with representatives of the department of Environment. Mr. Arsenault said it was a constructive meeting and he has to gather more information for a further meeting in the near future.

Country view Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – no update

REM – The CAO spoke with Travis of REM and informed him how the HAF will distribute the funds to the municipality.

d. IRAC report (permit)

Nothing to report.

e. EMO meeting

Nothing to report.

f. New provincial funding program (MIF)

CAO informed council no news yet on when the signing will take place on the \$240,000 approved funding.

g. Wellington Construction

No update.

h. Heating at Vanier Centre (Grant)

CAO spoke to Giselle Bernard, and she said that the cost for the heat pump is an eligible cost under the community revitalization program. However, we must wait until the next fiscal year before we can install the new heat pump.

i. Sign for AJL subdivision (2 quotes)

The municipality received 2 quotes and after discussion, it was moved and seconded that we accept the quote from Dan's Muffler and ask AJL if they want to install the sign on Riverside Drive near the entrance of the new subdivision.

7. Finance

CAO presented a financial report to the council meeting. The financial report included amounts up to the end of December 2024. 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)** Council gave the go ahead to apply for funds through the Active Transportation Fund (ATF) for a new sidewalk.
- b)** The municipality will add the following items to the 2025-2026 capital budget in regards to 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

CAO contacted Alcide Bernard and Imelda Arsenault to see if they would be interested in being on the committee. Alcide Bernard said yes, and Imelda Arsenault said no.

3. Tourism and recreation

Nothing to report.

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

Councillor Kelly Richard informed council that she now has access to the municipality's Facebook page.

Councillor Richard will reach out to see how to improve our website.

7. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

No update to report.

8. Health Center update

No update to report.

9. New Business

a) Development permits

1 development permit(s) was issued in December 2024 to Mike and Anne Gallant for solar panels installation.

b) 5 Mont Carmel Road

The owner of the property situated on 5 Mont Carmel Road informed the CAO that they are looking at the possibility of installing a duplex on the left side of their lot. A surveyor is supposed to go and survey the lot to see if it is feasible.

c) Increase in operator fees

Councillor Albert Arsenault received a phone call from the lagoon operator, Preston Murphy, informing him that he must increase his fees by 3% effective April 1, 2025. CAO will ask Mr. Murphy for a written request. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the 3% increase for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried

d) Manhole near ballpark

It was brought to the attention of council that the manhole situated in the ditch in front of the old ballfield poses a security issue. After discussion, it was decided that if there was a security issue, Department of Highways would have done something about it.

e) Discussion on Capital Budget

Council will have a special meeting on Monday February 17, 2025, to discuss the capital budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and update the 5-year plan.

10. Correspondence

With the postal strike being over, the municipality received Xmas cards from the premier of P.E.I. and the Lieutenant Governor.

The municipality also received a thank you card from the Prince County Hospital Foundation for its \$1,500 donation.

11. Other items:

None

12. Next meeting – February 20, 2025

13. Adjournment - Moved that the meeting be adjourned.