

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2024

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

Regrets: Moira McGuire

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomed all to the meeting. Mayor MacCaull also welcomed and thanked Kelly Richard who will be replacing out going councillor Mya Cole who moved out of the municipality.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Fire chief Perry presented a report to the members of council since the last council meeting:

- 6 calls for the month.
- 3 firefighters completed their level 1 training.
- WFD will have a BBQ for Canada day celebrations in Abram's Village.
- WFD now has equipment on two (2) fire trucks.
- Forestry permits. Forestry issuing permits without the WFD's knowledge. This makes the job harder for the WFD as they don't know if someone is going to burn grass on a certain day.
- AJL provided a quote for filling of the ditch before the firehall and installing a culvert. The WFD will discuss the quoted at the next firefighters' meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

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

Motion carried.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

Councillor Jason Maddix will reclude himself from the meeting when council will make a decision on an above-ground swimming pool that was erected on a property owned by Gabriel Housing.

Special item

Marcia Enman telephoned the office of the municipality to make a presentation at tonight's meeting regarding the installation of a plastic fence on an above-ground swimming pool on a property owned by Gabriel Housing. Her daughter, Samantha, erected the pool on the property and did not comply with the municipality's bylaw on security around a swimming pool. The bylaw states that a fence, 6.5 feet in height has to be installed around the pool and has to be 4 feet away from the water's edge. The top of the fence that Marcia Enman is proposing is a bit less than 6.5 feet in height from the ground. Mayor MacCaull thanked Marcia Enman for her presentation and told her that council will discuss the matter and will let her know the results.

5. Approval of minutes – May 16, 2024

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

Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Affordable housing – Housing Accelerator Fund

CAO informed council that REM and Le Chez-Nous are in discussions to come up with a price that is fair to both parties for the property situated next to the Bel Age.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

As of today, no news was received from Steven Yeo regarding the possibility of having storm sewers installed on Sunset Drive between the Wellington Legion and Maple Street.

c. Pollinators Park

After discussion, members of Council decided not to do any more work at the park. Maybe some of the plants could be transferred to a spot next to the bridge at the pond. CAO will speak to Ernest to see if some of the plants and/or flowers could be removed from the Pollinators Park and planted in some of the municipality's other flower beds. CAO will get a quote from John's Greenhouse in regards to the flower bed at The Bel Age.

d. Subdivision applications

Wellington Estates - no update

Countryview Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – CAO informed council that the municipality did not receive any news from Dale Thompson of the Department of Environment yet. After discussion, members of council decided that if no personnel from the department come to Wellington to examine the property by the end of June, then the municipality will have no choice but to approach Gilles Arsenault to see if he can do something to move this project forward.

Barlow Road development – No update. Members of council decided to delete this item from future agendas.

e. IRAC report

CAO informed the meeting that the report is ready to be sent to IRAC. CAO took the time to present the report to the councillors. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to increase the sewer rates by 10% for 2025, by another 10% for 2026, and by 5% for 2027.

Motion carried

f. EMO meeting

Nothing to report.

g. By-election for vacant council positions

CAO informed council that Kelly Richard was the only candidate to present her name for councillor to replace Mya Cole. Miss Richard filled out and signed the required documents prior to tonight's meeting. She is now officially a member of council of the Rural Municipality of Wellington.

h. Association Acadie IPE Ltée

CAO informed council that the subscription form was filled and sent to the association along with a \$50 cheque.

i. Plans from Locus Surveys for Yvon & Angele Arsenault

Plans were given to Yvon Arsenault, and a signed copy was delivered to the Registrar of Deeds in Summerside.

j. Insurance for fire department

CAO informed council that the amount of insurance paid this year to Nicholson Group was about \$100 higher than the amount paid in the previous year.

k. Elmer Arsenault

The municipality is not responsible for improving the driveway.

l. Canada Day celebrations

CAO informed the meeting that a payment for \$500 was given to Annette Richard to help pay for expenses incurred for the celebrations.

m. GFL

CAO explained how the fuel surcharge is calculated and affecting the invoice of GFL. After discussion, it was decided that the WFD only keep the waste bin and transfer it to the Vanier Centre. Both the compost and recycling bins will be returned to GFL. CAO will inform GFT of the municipality's decision.

7. Finance

CAO presented a finance report to the council meeting. The financial report included amounts up to the end of May 2024. The CAO will follow up with Imelda Arsenault regarding the fire dues charged to the district of Harmony and to the Rural Municipality of Abram's Village. 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 – Sunset Drive b) Park repairs c) Pondside Drive water.

a) Curran & Briggs has fixed the final cracks on the new sidewalk. CAO spoke with Stephen at AJL to fill the holes after pads of cement were replaced.

b) Posts near boardwalk that have fallen down should be taken out. CAO will speak to Ernest.

Some banners are not in good condition. CAO will talk to Imelda.
CAO will try to get new flags for the flag poles at Barlow Mill.
c) No news

2. New Trails Committee Report

Former CAO will book an appointment with Tracy Brown.

3. Tourism and recreation

CAO informed the meeting that one (1) student has been hired and will start on June 24th. More interviews are on the way to fill the other position for the summer.

4. Bingo and Social Services

Bingos are going well per mayor.

5. EMO, Fire and Police

Nothing to report

6. Technology & Communications

The new Dell computer and monitor will be in operation soon per CAO.
CAO will contact Imelda Arsenault about setting up meeting between Mya Cole and Kelly Richard as Kelly Richard will be responsible in uploading minutes of council's meetings to the municipality's website.

7. Planning Board, Policies and Bylaws

A meeting will have to be scheduled to change the swimming pool bylaw.

8. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

No news.

9. Health Center update

We are supposed to be sharing a nurse practitioner with Tyne Valley.
Mayor MacCaull will reach out to Gilles Arsenault.

9. New Business

a) Development permits

One permit was issued to Gerald Arsenault on June 10, 2024.

b) Beautification program

CAO informed council about the rural beautification program.
Council is not interested in participating in this program nor is it interested in being a sponsor.

c) Quote for flower beds (The Bel Age and Fountain Park)

Ernest did the Fountain Park and will be doing The Bel Age flower bed next week.

d) Bins for WFD

See 6m above.

e) Quote for two (2) signs at Barlow Mill

CAO informed the meeting that Sign Station will be here on June 28th to examine the signs and give us a quote.

f) Quote for painting the Barlow Mill building

CAO informed council that a quote came in from Cory Arsenault. His quote includes: pressure wash, scraping building, and painting building. CAO did contact Brian Arsenault for a quote. However, no quote came in from Mr. Arsenault as of today.

g) Trail other side of pond (Beaver trail)

CAO received a phone call from Corinne Cormier asking the municipality if the trail could be fixed in order for her to use the trail with her scooter. The CAO walked the trail and found that at certain spots, gravel should be added. Council asked the CAO to speak to Michel Gallant to see if he can repair the trail.

h) Pleasant Street

CAO received a phone call from Barb Bernard indicating that the property across the street that is up for sale has no driveway and the occupants of the home park on pleasant street. In the winter months, if the snow is not pushed far enough at the end of the street, the driveway of Allen and Barb Bernad can be partially blocked or blocked off altogether. The CAO received a plot plan of the property from the realtor and after review there is enough room to expand the street. The CAO spoke with Brent at the Government Garage and explained the situation. Brent will bring up the issue with his superiors and get back to the CAO.

i) Mathew Richard (PID# 261271)

CAO received an email from Mr. Richard indicating that he owns six (6) acres of property inside the municipality that he would like to develop. He is asking if there is any funding available to help in the development of his property. After discussion, can we do any delineation on that property? More to follow.

j) New provincial funding program

The CAO informed council that a new funding program from the Federation of P.E.I. Municipalities is now public. The CAO has asked former CAO Imelda Arsenault to keep an eye out on this new funding to see if the municipality can apply for funding. As of today, the funding program is still at a preliminary stage.

k) Above-ground pool bylaw

After hearing and discussing Marcia Enman's proposal to install a fence on top of an above-ground swimming pool on a property owned by Gabriel Housing on

Sunset Drive, members of council decided to accept Mrs. Enman's proposal. The municipality will hold a meeting at a future date to amend the bylaw on fences for swimming pools. Moved and seconded that council accept the proposal brought forward by Marcia Enman.

Motion carried

l) Traffic monitors

Council asked that the CAO give a call to the department of transportation to see they can come and examine the traffic monitors as sometimes they are not working properly.

m) Corner lot (Riverside Drive and Mill Road)

REM would like to erect a four (4) unit building for affordable housing. The Wellington Fire Department will have a meeting as they might develop that lot for the fire department's use. The WFD will get back to council regarding this matter.

10. Correspondence

Evangeline school

Evangeline school informed the municipality that only one (1) grade 12 student will be graduating and going to university. The CAO sent a \$500 cheque to the school.

11. Other items:

12. Next meeting – July 18, 2024

13. Adjournment - Moved that the meeting be adjourned.