

Rural Municipality of Wellington

Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

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

Regrets: Moira McGuire

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor MacCaull welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Wellington Fire Department Report

Fire chief Perry was not in attendance at the monthly 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 – February 20, 2025

It is moved and seconded that the February 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 once the yearly report to CMHC is approved, CMHC will deposit the \$119K payment into the municipality's chequing account.

b. PEI Department of Transportation work updates

No update.

c. Subdivision applications

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

Country view Holdings – no update

AJL subdivision – New sign has arrived and will be installed once weather conditions permit. The members of council would like the sign to be installed on the land owned

by the municipality close to the corner of Mill Road and Sunset Drive so as to be more visible to the public. The CAO will inquire with the ICIP project co-ordinator with the province.

REM – The municipality's planning board met before council's meeting to discuss the subdivision plans submitted by Locus Surveys on behalf of REM. After discussion, the planning board approved the plans submitted for a proposed subdivision off Mill Road that will see the construction of four (4) fourplexes on the four (4) lots owned by REM. It was moved and seconded that the municipality accept the proposed subdivision off Mill Road.

Motion carried

The CAO informed council that since REM is planning on renting out the fourplex units, the project cannot qualify for a \$15,000/lot grant from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund (MIF). However, if REM sells the units on two (2) lots, then REM would qualify for a grant of \$10,000/ lot for the units being sold, for a total of \$20,000. The CAO informed REM on the qualifying rules for the MIF.

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. However, REM needs to provide proposed costs for a sewer line to be installed for the proposed subdivision.

f. New lease for daycare, Sister Norma's office

Per the new lease agreement for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the monthly rental fee was set at \$1,800 plus \$200 (former Sister Norma's office). At the daycare's council meeting, the daycare has come back with a counter proposal for the new lease. They are proposing to pay 100% of the deductible (\$10,000) for the water damage but would like the monthly rental fee to be set at \$1,700 per month for the three (3) years.

Council members were not in favour of having the monthly rental fee frozen at \$1,700 per month for three (3) years. After discussion, it was proposed that the monthly rental fee be set at \$1,700 for one (1) year and that the daycare pay \$5,000 for the deductible. The CAO will inform Kathleen Couture of council's decision and wait for the response from the daycare's council members.

7. Finance

CAO presented a financial report to the council meeting. The financial report included amounts up to the end of February 2025 for Wellington Sewer Utility Inc only as the financial reports for the RMW and WFD were not ready for the monthly meeting. 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 - Park repair

CAO will prepare 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.

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 will apply for provincial 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 received two (2) quotes for improving the municipality's website. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the quote from Zentec Solutions.

Motion carried

CAO and councillor Kelly Richard will meet with a representative from Zentec Solutions to discuss the next steps.

7. Bienvenue/Welcome & immigration Évangéline

Nothing to report

8. Health Center update

Nothing to report

9. New Business

a) Development permits

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

b) Educational Fund of Ecole Evangeline

Council received a letter from Evangeline School regarding the Educational Fund. Since council is giving a \$500 donation to any grade 12 student living in the boundaries of the municipality attending Evangeline School and/or Three Oaks high school and who will be pursuing their education, council will not be donating to the Educational Fund. The CAO will contact Dominique Morency at the municipality to

explain the situation.

c) Sponsorship Evangeline Skating Club

Council received a letter from the skating club asking for a donation for their annual ice show. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the municipality donate the same amount as last year's amount.

Motion carried

d) Discussion on updated capital and operational budgets

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the proposed capital and operational budgets for the 2025-2026 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Motion carried

e) Commercial-mixed bylaw

The commercial-mixed bylaw as outlined in the official plan and bylaws of the municipality permits the construction of two (2) apartments in the recently sold Wellington United Church.

f) Wellington United Church

The Wellington United Church would like to donate the pump organ situated in the church to the municipality. The pump organ will be moved to the Barlow Mill building as soon as weather permits.

g) Ad for Wellington Legion convention (PEI Command Convention)

It was moved and seconded that the municipality pay \$90 for an ad to be placed in the brochure of the convention that will be held on May 23-24, 2025, at the Wellington Legion.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other items:

None

12. Next meeting – April 17, 2025

13. Adjournment - Moved that the meeting be adjourned.