

**Town of Montague
Minutes of Meeting
March 12, 2007**

The regular meeting of Town Council for the Town of Montague is hereby declared in session by Mayor Pat McGowan this 12th day of February, 2007 beginning at 7:04 PM.

Present:

Pat McGowan, Mayor
David Mabon, Deputy Mayor
Marion Robertson, Councillor
Peter Doucette, Councillor
Robert Benoit, Councillor
John MacFarlane, Councillor

Adoption of the Order of the Day

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette, that the Order of the Day be adopted. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McGowan presented her monthly report of activities, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Attachment "A"

Approval of minutes of February 12, 2007 meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Benoit that the Minutes of the February 12, 2007 Meeting be adopted. Carried

Business Arising from minutes of January 8, 2007 meeting

Councillor MacFarlane inquired re: whether Council had heard any more about the posters that had been placed in the Town making inquiries about bus service. No new information has been received at this time.

Payment of Accounts

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson that bills amounting to \$108,182.74 are hereby approved for payment from the Town of Montague General Account. Councillor MacFarlane asked for clarification regarding the Worker's Compensation payment. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Doucette, that bills amounting to \$8162.58 are hereby approved for payment from the Town of Montague Sewer and

Water Utility Account. Councillor MacFarlane asked for clarification regarding the bill for installing a water meter. Councillor Benoit to look into this matter. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor McGowan drew attention to the following communications in the Council file:

- a letter from Faye Fraser stating several reasons why she believes the Government of PEI should relocate the Montague Regional High School;
- a letter from Hilda Hilchey stating several reasons why she believes the Government of PEI should relocate the Montague Regional High School;
- a letter from the Canada-PEI Infrastructure Secretariat stating the approval of the Capital Investment Plan for the Town of Montague;
- an invitation to the upcoming RCMP Regimental Ball in Celebration of “L” Division’s 75th Anniversary of Contract Policing. Mayor McGowan mentioned that the ticket price is \$80/person and she would not be attending.
- an invitation to the Habitat PEI AGM on March 27, 2007. Mayor McGowan mentioned that she would not be able to attend and Councillor Benoit agreed to attend and represent Council.

Presentation by Joan Perrin, Island East

Joan Perrin, Island East addressed Council regarding the “Points East Coastal Drive Rally Tour Guide” program implemented by the Island East group. A copy of the information she presented is attached to the Minutes as Attachment “B”

Councillor Reports

(a) Deputy Mayor Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon brought forth the following:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adopt the CAO policy as presented, a copy of which is attached as Appendix “C”. Motion carried

Deputy Mayor Mabon explained that he had attended the following meetings:

- Garden by the Gulf; and
- several Planning Board meetings surrounding the rezoning of the High School and Medical Clinic areas.

Deputy Mayor Mabon explained some of the issues surrounding the problems with the electrical boxes on the “Streetscapes” light fixtures.

Councillor Benoit asked whether the new bridge would have the same lights (as the Streetscape project) and was informed by Deputy Mayor Mabon that the bridge lights would be of a similar design.

Councillor MacFarlane inquired as to the costs associated with fixing the electrical boxes and Deputy Mayor Mabon informed that it was the responsibility of the contractor to correct this issue.

- (b) Councillor Crawford was absent from this meeting so his report was given by Councillor Benoit, identified as Attachment “D”.
- (c) Councillor Benoit reported on his activities during the past month, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes, identified as Attachment “E”.
- (d) Councillor Robertson reported on her activities during the past month, a copy of which is attached to the minutes, identified as Attachment “F”.

- (e) Councillor Doucette reported on his activities of the past month, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes, identified as Attachment “G”.
Councillor Robertson asked as to the proposed dates for the re-enactment.
Councillor Doucette replied that it was scheduled for July 27 to 29.
Councillor MacFarlane inquired as to the venue for the majority of the re-enactment.
Councillor Doucette stated that the event would be equally split with the conclusion in Montague. From the meetings held so far, it was his understanding that the venue would be split 50/50.
- (f) Councillor MacFarlane reported on activities of the past month, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes, identified as Attachment “H”.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette that:

Be it Resolved that the Mayor or the Finance Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby designated as the signing officers of the Town of Montague with respect to banking documents, other than cheques, at all financial institutions at which the Town does business and in accordance with the existing financial services agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette that:

Be it Further Resolved that all cheques issued by the Town of Montague shall require the signature of either the Mayor or Finance Committee Chair and the signature of the Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence, the signature of the Assistant to the Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette that the Town purchase the prints and package of the aerial photos for about \$350. Motion carried.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Daggett thanked Council for the opportunity to work with the Mayor, Council members, and the citizens of Montague. The full written report is attached to the minutes as Attachment “I”.

Public Comments

The following comments or questions were made or asked during the open session:

- Jack Slade commented on the fact that there are no sidewalks from the Superstore to the Graphic and questioned whether there were any planned in the foreseeable future?
Deputy Mayor Mabon commented that the new bridge construction included sidewalks to Parkman’s corner which would be a small improvement but would help.
- Councillor Doucette commented that there was a previous request for signage at the Intermediate School. The request will be forwarded to Deputy Mayor Mabon as Chair of the Signage Committee.
- Mayor McGowan commented that Council hoped to be able to hold a “visioning” meeting later in the month.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Andrew Daggett
CAO

Pat McGowan
Mayor