

**Town of Montague
Minutes of Meeting
April 10, 2007**

The regular meeting of Town Council for the Town of Montague is hereby declared in session by Mayor Pat McGowan this 10th day of April, 2007 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Pat McGowan, Mayor
David Mabon, Deputy Mayor
Marion Robertson, Councillor
Peter Doucette, Councillor
Robert Benoit, Councillor
John MacFarlane, Councillor
Bernie Crawford, Councillor
Andrew Daggett, CAO

Carl Chapman and Mary-Ann Donahoe from Grant Thornton, and 7 members of the public.

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". Mayor McGowan thanked Deputy Mayor Mabon for his time filling in as Development Officer and then appointed CAO Daggett as Development Officer for the Town of Montague.

Approval of minutes of March 12, 2007 meeting

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon that the Minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting be adopted with one amendment: change wording to *Garden by the Gulf*. Carried

Approval of minutes of March 28, 2007 meeting

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson that the Minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting be adopted. Carried

Business Arising from minutes of March 12, 2007 meeting

Councillor MacFarlane inquired re: Streetscape project lights and installations changes.

Deputy Mayor Mabon explained that they are working on the problems and it is the contractor's responsibility to remedy any outstanding issues.
Councillor Doucette inquired about getting a sign for the Intermediate School.
Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that they were looking into this but had been waiting until the budget passed before going further.

Presentation of Financial Statements

Councillor MacFarlane introduced Carl Chapman to give an overview of the audit. Mr. Chapman gave the highlights of both the Water and Sewer and General Account audits to Council and the audience present.
Councillor MacFarlane thanked both Carl and Mary-Ann Donahoe for all their hard work.
Councillor Doucette thanked Councillor MacFarlane for all his work, time and effort.

Payment of Accounts

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette, that bills amounting to \$92,810.93 are hereby approved for payment from the Town of Montague General Account. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford, that bills amounting to \$10,478.68 are hereby approved for payment from the Town of Montague Sewer and Water Utility Account. Motion carried.

Correspondence

CAO Daggett drew attention to the following communications in the Council file:

- a letter from FPEIM stating reasons why no further action will be taken on a *Water and Waste Water Capital Cost Resolution* put forward by the Town of Montague;
- an invitation from Island East to attend their AGM on April 11, 2007. Councillor MacFarlane agreed to attend on behalf of the Mayor who had prior commitments;
- a request for funding from the King County Memorial Hospital Foundation. This item was forwarded to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

Councillor Reports

- (a) Deputy Mayor Mabon explained that the 2006 phase of the "Streetscapes" project was now completed with all remittances submitted. He also explained that there were 6 new light standards ordered with money left over from the project. The bridge project will include "pavers" at no extra cost to the Town thanks to the generosity of the Provincial Government, a savings of about \$22,000.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that:

The Zoning Map is amended by the re-designation of those properties:

- PID #198028;
- PID #198010;
- PID #198002; and
- PID #197996

hereto zoned as Residential Medium Density (R-3) to Government and Institutional (G-1) on the Zoning Map. Motion Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that:

Those portions of Rink Street and Kennedy Street, as outlined in the Montague Regional High School Application for Rezoning dated March 8, 2007, are conveyed to the Province of PEI for the price of \$1 plus all applicable legal costs associated with the conveyance. Motion Carried.

- (b) Councillor Crawford gave his monthly report and made note of the following:
- we have not had any reply yet on bylaw enforcement by the RCMP but our solicitor is looking into it for us;
 - he is working toward getting some form of “cat control”;
 - he thanked Council on behalf of the Firemen for budgeting to have the Fire Hall entrance fixed;
 - while looking into the EMO plan for Montague, he discovered that there was some equipment associated with it already in the Fire Hall. He had suggested, and received some confirmation, that the “senior” members of the Fire Dept. will take the lead on redoing the EMO Plan.
 - he made note that the RCMP Report mentioned “bylaw” enforcement;
 - that Summerfest and Town Promotion activities are underway and they are working on many fronts to accomplish their goals;
 - that Kathy Sandford has been hired as the Summerfest coordinator.

Deputy Mayor Mabon inquired as to the afore mentioned “Municipal Bylaw” in the RCMP Report and wondered if this was a crosswalk infraction.

Mayor McGowan stated that there would be bike patrols and foot patrols this summer.

- (c) Councillor Benoit reported on his activities during the past month, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes, identified as Attachment “B”.

Councillor Robertson stated that she had heard that Souris is not following through on the walking challenge. All agreed that we would have no problem with them flying the Town of Montague flag in consideration of their “losing” the challenge.

- (d) Councillor Robertson reported on her activities during the past month, a copy of which is attached to the minutes, identified as Attachment “C”.

- (e) Councillor Doucette reported on his activities of the past month and made note of the following:

- he congratulated Councillors on a job well done;
- Councillor Benoit will check on the storm drain manholes in front of Shoppers and Tim Horton's to see if something can be done to alleviate the large bumps there;
- he made note of the FPEIM letter and the accounting principals surrounding depreciation;
- he had spoken to Shannon Larkin re: Active Communities;
- he had intended to put forth a resolution concerning the Wellness Center but would table that until a Special Meeting could be held after some financial information was received;

Mayor McGowan made note that a "Notice of Motion" must be given for such a substantial motion.

Councillor Doucette gave Notice of Motion for this resolution to be made at a Special meeting on no later than Friday, April 13, 2007.

Mayor McGowan asked if the meeting would be to discuss Council's role or something else.

Councillor Doucette said that the meeting was to decide whether to move forward and continue on the process. He also stated that we will know how much the Town may owe once the fund raising campaign is completed.

Councillor Crawford asked "how much the Town will have to commit" to the project. He explained that "we would be remiss" if we didn't take this to the brink and have a good look before making a commitment.

Councillor Doucette stated that time is of the essence and we need to know the actual fundraising capabilities and tender numbers. He stressed again that we need the Special Meeting to make a decision.

Deputy Mayor Mabon inquired as to where the other 25% will come from if we meet the obligation of 75% of the fund-raising before starting, but the 75% has exhausted all funds.

Councillor Benoit questioned if he was correct in stating that the RBR fundraising speculation of \$500,000 did not include corporate sponsors and "naming" contributions? Councillor Doucette confirmed that he was correct. The \$400,000 was from private donors with the remaining \$100,000 from Rotary.

Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that the list was hand-picked and only raised \$400,000. He also stated that there was only one firm commitment of \$20,000. He questioned what would have happened if the list had been picked at random.

Councillor Doucette stated that RBR was attempting to gauge the need of a new facility and the willingness to donate to such.

Councillor MacFarlane stated that this is not an easy decision and not a new wheel we are inventing. He expects probably the same thing was dealt with in 1968 when the Iceland Arena was built. Councillor McFarland also suggested that members of the Committee should be present at the meeting with Coles and Associates on Thursday.

- (f) Councillor MacFarlane reported on activities of the past month, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes, identified as Attachment "D". He also stated that he was impressed with the new High School plans.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Daggett stated that his report can be found in the agenda and asked if there were any questions. The full written report is attached to the minutes as Attachment "E".

Public Comments

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

- Eleanor Sutherland commented on the Agenda and the way it is organized and wondered if it couldn't be better?
CAO Daggett replied that changes are coming in the near future.
- Ms. Sutherland also inquired as to whether there was a Provincial EMO mandate and protocol.
Councillor Crawford replied that there is training necessary to carry out the protocol and that this is what they are looking to do.
- Lorne Cudmore commented a concern about a lack of parks and green areas in Town.
Mayor McGowan commented that Council is working on this.

Mayor McGowan then commented on the PEI Prevention of Family Violence and how it is a good organization. She mentioned that there is a great committee working and the SAVE group should be very proud; it is to their credit to win an award for their group.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Andrew Daggett
CAO

Pat McGowan
Mayor