

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
May 14, 2007 – 7:00 pm**

Calling to Order:

Deputy Mayor Mabon called this meeting to order 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors John MacFarlane, Marian Robertson, Robert Benoit, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, and CAO Andrew Daggett.

Opening Remarks: Deputy Mayor David Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon opened the meeting by greeting those present and stating that he was looking forward to the Mayor's return.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures at this time.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to accept the minutes of April 10, 2007.

Motion Unanimously Carried

RCMP:

Sgt. MacGregor gave the quarterly report.

Business Arising From Minutes:

1. Rezoning by Montague Regional High School-

Second reading - Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Benoit 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 Unanimously Carried

Resolution: Resolved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford that:

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Motion Unanimously Carried

2. Amend Motion -

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to rescind the following motion made at last month's meeting:

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 Unanimously Carried

Moved by Councillor Doucette, 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 closed and conveyed to the Province of PEI for the price of \$1 plus all applicable legal costs associated with the conveyance.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

There were no delegations and/or special speakers but members of the public questioned as to why there was no place in the Agenda for public input and no Record of Accounts. It was decided to give them a chance to speak at the end of the meeting and a copy of the accounts were made and distributed to the members of the public.

Correspondence:

1. E-mail from John Arsenault -

We received an e-mail from John Arsenault, Provincial Infrastructure Project Officer regarding the Water Extension Service Phase 2 application submitted last year. He stated that the file is still active with the Infrastructure Committee so there is no need to reapply, but it does not sound positive for receiving funding in the next round of announcements.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to send a letter to remind the Infrastructure Secretariat that Montague still has citizens in need of municipal water.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2. Letter from Inky Mark, M.P. -

Mr. Mark has sent a letter requesting that Council pass a resolution in favour of Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldier's and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act.

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to sign and send the resolution.

Motion Unanimously Carried

3. The Canada Post Community Literacy Awards –

We have received a letter from Canada Post outlining their 2007 Canada Post Community Literacy Award and informing that they are now accepting nomination for this award to “celebrate the achievements of adult learners, along with those who have helped them learn to read and write”.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to investigate the closing date and advertise in the paper that this award is available.

Motion withdrawn

New Business:

1. Additional Office Position-

The Finance Committee will look into this.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee –

The Finance Committee met on May 3, 2007 to discuss staff wages and what could be done to bring them to a salary commensurate with their training and experience.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Benoit that:

- a) Allan Greene's regular yearly salary be increased to \$45,364.80.
- b) Tom MacLeod's regular yearly salary be increased to \$35,776.00.
- c) John Inman's regular yearly salary be increased to \$28,100.80.
- d) Cathy Gill's regular yearly salary be increased to \$31,012.80.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Councillor Reports: Councillors gave their monthly reports in the following order with the following resolutions and/or motions:

- a) Deputy Mayor Mabon**
- b) Councillor Crawford**
- c) Councillor Benoit**
- d) Councillor Robertson**
- e) Councillor Doucette**

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that:

Whereas, the Town of Montague has applied for and been awarded a venue for the 2009 Canada Summer Games, and

Whereas, the community of Montague has sought funding assistance, and been awarded 2.6 million dollars, for the creation of a venue for the 2009 Canada Summer Games to be known as the Montague and Area Wellness Centre until such time as an appropriate name can be negotiated, and

Whereas, land for the location of such a centre has been donated by the Town, a professional fundraising consulting firm was hired to provide a feasibility study and

appropriate recommendations and an architectural firm has been retained to provide engineering, design, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and structural drawings for the construction of the Montague and Area Wellness Center, and

Whereas, a two-year business plan has been accepted by MRIF, a committee designated by the town of Montague has been diligently at work, timelines and milestones have been outlined in order to achieve the construction and delivery of a venue in time for the 2009 Canada Summer Games, and

Whereas, a process has been identified to do all necessary procedures to achieve the construction of the Montague and Area Wellness Center, including fundraising, construction details and drawings and site location, therefore

Be It Resolved, the Montague town Council proceed as outlined in its MRIF application and business plan, to create the Montague and Area Wellness Center as a venue for the 2009 Canada Summer Games including, authorizing commitments for fundraising as outlined in the RBR feasibility study, signing the architectural and engineering design contract as awarded to Coles Associates and directing the Montague and Area Wellness Center Committee to achieve its goal of creating a venue for the 2009 Canada Summer Games on behalf of the town of Montague.

Motion Unanimously Carried

f) Councillor MacFarlane

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Benoit to authorize Grant Thornton to complete a Water and Sewer rates study for the town of Montague.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Bylaws:

1. Amendment to Mayor & Councillors Honorarium Bylaw-

No decision was made on this item and it was referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on June 5, 2007.

Approval to Pay the Following Invoices:

1. General Accounts Payable - \$93,437.49

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to pay the General Accounts Payable.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2. Water & Sewer Accounts Payable - \$764.42

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the Water & Sewer Accounts Payable.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Councillor Doucette made Council aware of a motion from the Community Welfare League to transfer profits each year for ten years to the Wellness Centre.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adjourn.

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Andrew Daggett
CAO

Pat McGowan
Mayor