

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
July 9, 2007 – 7:00 pm**

**Calling to Order:**

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors John MacFarlane, Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, CAO Andrew Daggett, Pastor Marc Doiron, and about 8 members of the public.

**Prayer:**

Pastor Marc Doiron offered prayer to start the meeting.

**Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan**

Mayor McGowan welcomed everyone in attendance. She brought everyone's attention to a handout outlining the proper procedure for speaking in Council meetings. Mayor McGowan also welcomed the new librarian, Swarna Chandrasekera, made mention of the Council looking into ways to reduce plastic bag usage in Montague, and mentioned the complaints she had received and the consequent follow-up regarding the Lion's Club "Road Toll".

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to approve the agenda.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

None

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson to accept the minutes of June 11, 2007.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$28,968.40.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to approve the General Accounts Payable addendum of \$9593.37.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$22,901.09.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

**Correspondence:**

1. **Community & Cultural Affairs – Municipal Offence Ticket -**  
Highlights of a letter from CCA were read which informed Council that the regulatory amendments have been passed to enable municipalities to enforce municipal bylaws through the use of a Municipal Offence Ticket (MOT).
2. **Request for Water and Sewer services outside the Town boundaries –**  
Council received a request to extend Water and Sewer outside the Town boundaries. Request taken under advisement.
3. **Communities in Bloom –**  
A letter was received thanking Montague for entering the Communities in Bloom contest.
4. **Public Concern re: Release of Thane Moore –**  
An e-mail was received expressing concern re: the release of Thane Moore.
5. **IRAC letter re: appeal from Valleybrook Pharmcare and Kerry Murphy-**  
A letter was received from IRAC stating that an appeal has been schedule on Sept. 5, 2007 unless Council felt that going to mediation would be worthwhile. Council was asked to individually state their wishes:  
Peter Doucette – mediation if amiable, defend if not.  
Bernie Crawford – no input due to conflict of interest.  
David Mabon – go directly to hearing.  
John MacFarlane – abstaining due to conflict of interest.  
Marian Robertson – go to hearing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Robertson that we attend the hearing. Aye: DM, MR Nay: PD Abstain: BC, JM

*Motion Carried*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Robertson that CAO Daggett attend the hearing and involve the solicitor if so desired. Abstain: BC, JM

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

6. **Royal Canadian Legion -**  
An invitation was received to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette that the Mayor attend and lay a wreath on behalf of Council.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

**Delegations and/or Special Speakers:**

Jeff King addressed Council and clarified that he was not involved with Cyberworks. He operates Impact Video and has a proposed wireless infrastructure project. His projected costs are about \$170,000 for the first km<sup>2</sup>, and if the Town was willing to help him out, he would return 30% of profits to the Town. He does not have data on the projected return. Jeff replied to questions from Council and then excused himself at the end of his presentation so he could get back to his business.

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

**a) Councillor Crawford**

Stated that we are negotiating with an individual for Animal Control and he has been pleased with the co-operation we have been getting from the RCMP. He thanked the Committee that helped with Summerfest, especially Kathy Sandford, and noted that the success of the event was due to them. He also noted that the parade will happen next year. He updated Council that the “senior” firemen are now covered to age 70.

**b) Councillor Doucette**

Councillor Doucette’s report is attached as item “A”. He also had the CAO read a letter from FPEIM president Ivan Gallant to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon. The letter is attached as item “B”.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford that:

**Whereas**, future growth and development are fundamental components of sustainable communities, and

**Whereas**, regional perspectives provide for the investigation and discussion of municipal cooperation, and long range planning for the maximum benefit of the region, and

**Whereas**, the opportunity to explore various option concerning regionalization has become a current topic of discussion throughout our region, and

**Whereas**, community leaders of all municipalities, towns, villages, community improvement committees and unincorporated areas are responsible for all issues in the best interest of the areas they represent, and

**Whereas**, a cooperative sense of investigation, research, and discussion needs to be fostered amongst all regions, and a forum for the expression of such, needs to be created, therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, the Montague Town Council supports a systematic approach to further exploration of the subject of regionalization by the creation of a planning group to be made up of representatives of all local municipalities, towns, villages, community improvement committees and unincorporated areas in a geographic area, whose boundaries will be determined by the said planning group, and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the town Council of Montague encourages all communities within an area support and work cooperatively in the investigation, research and discussion regarding the topic of regionalization.

Members of Council were asked to stand for the vote.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that:  
**Whereas**, the need for electronic information is a fundamental requirement of most daily lives, and  
**Whereas**, the provision for receiving electronic information is a fundamental exercise for adults, business, education, and all segments of our working population, and  
**Whereas**, the provision of electronic services would provide an economic advantage for communities in the rural areas of our province, and  
**Whereas**, the technology exists for several companies on Prince Edward Island to provide the service necessary to create a high speed connection cloud throughout our area, therefore  
**Be It Resolved**, the Town Council of Montague, empower a committee of town council to investigate, research and report on all matters necessary to provide a high speed internet cloud in our area, to create an economic development tool to encourage all forms of business to locate in the town. It is further resolved the committee will report their progress at each subsequent town council meeting, with a final report due no later than the November meeting of council.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

The committee appointed by the Mayor was comprised of Councillors Doucette, MacFarlane, and Crawford.

**c) Councillor Benoit**

Councillor Benoit was not present at the meeting but Councillor MacFarlane gave a brief update on Water and Sewer arrears and the progress made to date on collection efforts.

**d) Councillor Robertson**

Congratulated Councillor Crawford on an excellent Summerfest. Updated Council on the progress of Communities in Bloom and the fact that Council will be receiving 700 spruce trees to plant.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to send Councillor Robertson to Moncton for the CIB National Symposium on Sept. 19-23, 2007.

*Motion Unanimously Carried*

**e) Councillor MacFarlane**

Thanked Councillor Crawford on an excellent Summerfest and a successful Tour de PEI. Also made note of his attendance to the AGM of the Southern Kings and Queens Chamber of Commerce (SKQCC), which has been renamed the Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce. Councillor MacFarlane then gave accolades to the Waterfront Development Committee for the fine work they are doing.

**f) Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Congratulated Councillor Crawford on an excellent Summerfest. Stated that the crosswalk lights have arrived and asked Council for input as to where they should be placed. Other items noted by Deputy Mayor Mabon included: the new street signs that were ordered are completed and will be going up very soon, the Town sign should be completed this week, and the Economic Development Committee will be meeting soon and would be willing to work with the IT group on the wireless internet cloud.

Councillor Robertson inquired if she could have a Town flag for her trip to Kenya. Council agreed and the Mayor stated that no motion was necessary for the request.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Merrill Scott gave an update on the Wellness Centre and the fund raising project. He stated that Dr. Hambly has agreed to be the Chair for the fund raising committee.

Councillor Doucette stated that he was pleased with the appointment of Dr. Hambly.

Councillor MacFarlane wanted Mr. Scott to take thanks from the Council back to the Wellness Committee.

Councillor Crawford made mention that we need to look into the specifics of youth jumping of the temporary bridge and who has jurisdiction.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to adjourn.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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Andrew Daggett  
CAO

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Pat McGowan  
Mayor