

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Aug. 13, 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 Bernie Crawford, Peter Doucette, Robert Benoit, Marian Robertson, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Pastor Michael Trusty, and about 8 members of the public.

Prayer:

Pastor Michael Trusty offered prayer to start the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan

Mayor McGowan welcomed everyone in attendance. She mentioned the “Regionalization” meetings and “Wellness Centre” meetings she has been attending with Council. She also noted the “Visioning” session put on by Council on Aug. 9th and the “Run 4 Wishes” group from the HMCS Charlottetown that were in Montague the same day. The Mayor mentioned that she had the distinction of laying a wreath in Georgetown at the ceremony commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and that the Town shared with the Legion the cost of the reception for the personnel from the HMCS Charlottetown. Mayor McGowan also congratulated Helen Robbins on being inducted into the Order of PEI .

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Crawford to move Items 12.1 and 12.2 (RCMP Reports) to before Item 5 on the Agenda. Council agreed and accepted the amended agenda.

RCMP Report

S/Sgt. Kavanagh gave the quarterly RCMP Report (April-June).

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

Councillor MacFarlane and Crawford declared on item 7.1.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to accept the minutes of July 9, 2007 with amendments.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Councillors MacFarlane and Crawford left the meeting at this time (7:30).

Business Arising From Minutes:

Second Reading of Amendments to the 2006 Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw 2006-01-

CAO Daggett read the proposed amendments in full (attached).

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to accept the amendments as read.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Robertson to accept the following resolution:

Whereas the Council for the Town of Montague has been informed of a discrepancy between the 2006 Official Plan and the Zoning Bylaw 2006-01, and **Whereas** the Town has hired a consultant to review and advise of amendments to alleviate the discrepancies, and

Whereas the Town has adhered to the requirements of the Planning Act for making such amendments including, but not limited to, reviewing the amendments, reading the proposed amendments twice, and hearing and reviewing any concerns or objections to the proposed amendments, and

Whereas the Council is satisfied that the requirements have been met and the amendments are proper for the good administration of the Town of Montague,

Therefore be it resolved to accept the proposed amendments to the 2006 Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw 2006-01.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Councillors MacFarlane and Crawford came back to the meeting at this time (7:35).

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$45,619.84.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council also requested an itemized bill from Grant Thornton.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Benoit to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$4121.82.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Correspondence:

1. E-mail from FPEIM re: letter of support for PEI to host FCM AGM -

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson to write a letter of support to host the 2014 FCM Annual General Meeting on PEI.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2. Invitation to attend 27th Annual Police Officers Memorial Service at Hillcrest United Church in Montague –

Council received an invitation to attend this event being held on Sept. 23rd. All of Council agreed to try and be in attendance.

3. Invitation to attend/participate in 14th Annual Aids Walk to raise funds for prevention establishments.

Due to this event being held on the same day as item 2, Council will not be able to attend. Send a letter of regret.

4. Letter from Active Living Alliance inviting Montague's participation in the 2009 Canada Games Activity Challenge.

Council advised to work out time and dates for a meeting and bring it back to Council.

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

a) Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette's report is attached as item "A".

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that:

Whereas, the need for agriculture as an industry in our province is a necessity, and
Whereas, the provision for supplying the products of the agricultural industry to the residents of our province is essential, and

Whereas, the provision of agricultural products to Island residents would provide an economic advantage for communities in the rural areas of our province, due to the location of abattoirs in local rural communities and

Whereas, the beef industry is dependent on the services provided at our Island processing plant, therefore

Be It Resolved, the Town Council of Montague, support the provision of locally available Island beef products to support our PEI beef processing plant, and support the local abattoirs who butcher locally produced beef, the service they provide and the jobs they create in the local economy, and be it further resolved a letter be sent to our local grocery suppliers advising them of our support, and asking them to provide locally grown beef products as a choice to daily consumers in their stores.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b) Councillor Benoit

Councillor Benoit gave a brief update on Water and Sewer arrears attached as item "B". He also updated Council on the progress of the new bridge and stated that he was working on getting the Watershed group re-established.

c) Councillor Robertson

Spoke to Council about Communities in Bloom and that the judges were due in Montague on Wednesday and Thursday. She also thanked Councillor Doucette for making the "Community Binders" to be presented to the judges.

d) Councillor MacFarlane

Made note of his attendance to the 90th Anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. Councillor MacFarlane also mentioned that Water & Sewer accounts will be able to be paid at the local banks' ATM machines, and online, by mid

to late September.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette that the Town of Montague put together a 4 person team to enter the Families Against Violence Golf Tournament with the \$400 entrance fee to be paid by the Town.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e) Deputy Mayor Mabon

Gave an update on request made to the Planning Board with the following motions:

James O'Halloran request for change of use for sewer:

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Robertson that Council agrees with the Planning Board and does not feel that allowing land improvements outside Montague Town limits has merit for the taxpayers of Montague, therefore their recommendation is to not extend further service unless the property is part of Montague.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Rick Beck request for variance and subdivision:

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Crawford that due to the lot size requirements within the Zoning Bylaw, the request be denied since it would make an undersized (non-conforming) lot even smaller. He can purchase the lot and make other arrangements, but he will not be able to subdivide.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Andrew Heggie request for variance and subdivision:

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson that Council agrees with the Planning Board and does not feel that allowing land improvements outside Montague Town limits has merit for the taxpayers of Montague, therefore their recommendation is to not extend further service unless the property is part of Montague.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Mabon also gave an update regarding the crosswalk lights and the Museum.

f) Councillor Crawford

Began by thanking the CAO for the Visioning meeting and by thanking the RCMP, and especially Cst. Earl Woods, for their input and all their help. He then spoke on the proposal received in response to the Town's ad for an Animal Control Officer.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to reject the Animal Control Officer proposal due to prohibitive costs.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor McGowan inquired about dogs being on the back of trucks and if the RCMP were informed of this matter and that it is contrary to a Town bylaw. Councillor Crawford stated that this was the first he had heard of this issue. He then informed Council that “Octoberfest” is being planned, that he thought the Town should send a thank you to the firemen for the use of the Firehall during Summerfest, and that Council should consider looking at the trees in Town and ways of preventing a tragedy from falling trees or parts thereof. The Mayor suggested we could do a “tree inventory”, to which Councillor MacFarlane replied that he thought that Allan Greene had the results of one done not too long ago.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Faye Fraser read a statement about Town beautification and her disappointment with the Town beauty.

Greg Jobe gave a short update on the Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce and what they are doing. They are hoping that we can work together to provide services and improve the economics of Eastern PEI. He is hoping that Council will use the Chamber whenever there is a chance to do so.

Councillor Crawford mentioned that we need to look into the tree issue, who owns them, and what the liability issues are surrounding them.

Merrill Scott gave an update on the Wellness Centre and the fund raising project. He stated that Shirley Jay has been hired as the assistant, that the fund raising is proceeding slowly but surely, and that in the very near future we will need to seriously discuss issues such as the timing for “ground breaking” and financing.

Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Andrew Daggett
CAO

Pat McGowan
Mayor