

**Town of Montague  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 25, 2007**

The Special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Montague is hereby declared in session by Mayor Pat McGowan this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Present:

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

Approximately 16 members from the public.

Mayor McGowan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and explained the purposes for holding the meeting were to deal with a proposal from the Wellness Centre Fundraising Committee and an application for a commercial development from Kings County Medical Centre. The Mayor asked if there were any Conflict of Interest. Councillors MacFarlane and Crawford declared on Item 3. The Mayor then had Councillor Doucette address the issue of the proposal from the Wellness Centre Fundraising Committee.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane:

**Whereas**, the need for recreation and culture are of primary importance in our community and area, and

**Whereas**, the provision for recreation, community and cultural services to the residents of our community is essential to the future growth and development of Montague and the surrounding area, and

**Whereas**, the support for community recreational facilities is currently financially supported by the federal and provincial governments, making for a one third partnership for the development of such, and

**Whereas**, the Montague and Area Wellness Centre Fundraising Campaign has developed an equitable formula for raising the necessary funding to provide the municipal portion required to meet federal, provincial and municipal requirements to proceed with the building of such a Wellness Centre, and

**Whereas**, the Montague and Area Wellness Centre Fundraising Campaign has developed an equitable formula to ask all communities in the region for the same financial commitment to the future development and construction of such a Wellness Centre, in that all communities in the area will be asked for an identical tax increase to meet the financial objectives, therefore

**Be It Resolved**, the Town Council of Montague, support the Montague and Area Wellness Centre Fundraising Campaign by approving the financial request made by the Montague and Area Wellness Centre Fundraising Committee by applying an additional seven cent (.07) increase to the non-commercial property tax rate, to be dedicated for a period of seven years, until the conclusion of the 2014 property tax year, to be applied exclusively to the financial contribution necessary to build the Montague and Area Wellness Centre.

*Motion carried unanimously*

On the question, Councillor Doucette thanked those involved with the fundraising campaign and made special mention of Merrill Scott and Dr. David Hambly. Councillor MacFarlane reiterated the statements and said that this was a crucial project that needed to be done. Councillor Crawford stated that “we would be kidding ourselves if we thought we could do this alone” and we would be “remiss” if we passed up \$0.33 dollars.

Councillors MacFarlane and Crawford left the meeting at 7:09.

On behalf of the Planning Board, Deputy Mayor Mabon addressed the application for a commercial development from Kings County Medical Centre and stated that the Board had reviewed and approved the plans with minor alterations as recorded in the Planning Board minutes. He had CAO Daggett read the particulars of the development application received from Gill Construction and signed by Dr. Hambly.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the application from Gill Construction for the Kings County Medical Centre.

*Motion carried unanimously*

On the question, Councillor Doucette stated that this was not an easy decision for the Planning Board or Council, but that “we are not the competition bureau” and any development in Town is a good thing for the Town.

Councillors MacFarlane and Crawford returned at 7:15.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the Town Council of Montague make an application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund to fund the Montague and Area Wellness Centre, and that the project be designated as priority 1. The Council understands and commits that it will be responsible for its designated share of the total eligible costs of the project, and will assume responsibility for any and all operating and maintenance costs resulting from the project.

*Motion carried unanimously*

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Andrew Daggett  
CAO

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Pat McGowan  
Mayor