

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Nov. 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, CAO Andrew Daggett, 2 members of the media and about 7 members of the public.

Prayer:

There was no prayer offered at this meeting out of respect for those who don't attend a church.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan

Mayor McGowan thanked Council for their first year of work and for diligently carrying out their duties. She mentioned that since the last meeting she had the pleasure of having lunch with the Lieutenant Governor Barb Hagerman and had met with Legion members to kick off the "poppy campaign". The Mayor then mentioned that she, along with the Deputy Mayor and CAO, had met with the Deputy Minister of Transportation, Steve MacLean to discuss several issues, the foremost one being the truck route. She thanked all those involved for helping to make Halloween quiet, fun and safe and also noted the honour of laying a wreath at the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day service.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Benoit to accept the minutes of Oct. 9, 2007 with amendments.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Business Arising From Minutes:

The Mayor stated that the "Purple Ribbon Campaign" ribbons had arrived and would be distributed from the Town Hall, the Fire Hall, and Maxine McLellan (Victims of Violence).

Councillor Robertson will attend the “Scope of Practice” meeting in Montague on Oct. 10th.

Councillor Doucette has agreed to look after the distribution of the Junior A “Abbies” tickets and to see that they are distributed. The CAO is to contact Gilbert Murphy about passing the tickets out to the Air Cadets, for starters.

New Business:

Bank account for Wellness Centre –

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford that Council set up a separate bank account for the day to day activities of the Wellness Centre, with the signing authorities from the Town to be Councillor John MacFarlane and CAO Andrew Daggett, and the signing authorities from the Wellness Centre to be determined by the Wellness Centre Committee.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Snow Plough Tenders–

Council did not feel they had sufficient information to deal with this issue so it was agreed that the Public Works Committee would meet to discuss this and make a recommendation to Council.

Christmas Lighting–

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Benoit to put the Christmas lights up. Aye: PD, RB, MR, BC Nay: DM

Motion Carried

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$83,571.95.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Benoit to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$4650.98.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Correspondence:

- 1. Copy of a letter from the United Way requesting financial assistance for their programs –**
Council decided to leave this to voluntary giving.
- 2. Invitation from TIAPEI for the Mayor to attend the Presidents Christmas Reception on Nov. 30, 2007 in Charlottetown –**
Mayor will not be able to attend due to a conflict with the Council Christmas Party.

- 3. Invitation from the PEI Curling Hall of Fame and Museum for the Mayor to attend the 1st Annual Induction Ceremony on Nov. 5, 2007 in Summerside -**
Mayor will try to attend but cannot commit at this time.
- 4. E-mail from Progress Corp. requesting the Town to purchase a half page ad in their magazine.**
Council decided to leave this item with the Economic Development Committee.
- 5. Letter from James and Elizabeth Nimmo regarding a neighbouring property.**
CAO Daggett updated Council on proceedings with the property which had included contacting the Taxation Office, distributing rat killer, and having the property inspected by both the Dept. of Health and a certified building inspector.
- 6. Invitation from Motorcycle PEI requesting the Town to purchase advertising which will be featured on their website, brochure/locator map and guide book.**
Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Benoit to support for the amount of \$200.
Motion Unanimously Carried
- 7. Letter from the SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Group thanking Council for their participation in the VIP (Violence is Preventable) golf tournament.**
For information only. Council noted.
- 8. Request from Grace Blackette, Program Coordinator for Island Trails, requesting Council to host the Island East Cycle Event for one afternoon next Oct. 12, 2008.**
Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson to support their 2008 Cycling Event.
Motion Unanimously Carried

Councillor Doucette to write the acceptance letter and organize.
- 9. Offer from Ocean 100.3 and K-Rock 105.5 to run Radio Christmas Greetings on their stations.**
Offer passed on by Council with regrets to be sent.
- 10. Letter from a concerned citizen regarding the proposed tax increase in support of the Wellness Centre.**
Councillor Doucette to speak to Ms. Maxine Evans regarding her letter.

11. Letter from RCMP Staff Sergeant Larry Kavanagh informing Council of his transfer from the Montague detachment to Charlottetown.

For information only.

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

None.

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

a) Deputy Mayor Mabon (for Councillor MacFarlane)

Deputy Mayor Mabon reported for Councillor MacFarlane in his absence, a copy of which is attached as Appendix “A”.

b) Deputy Mayor Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon gave a brief report, making special mention of the “Senior’s College” meeting he attended on Nov. 14th to gauge the interest in having such an opportunity in Montague. He stated that there had been no Planning Board meetings since the last Regular Council meeting, that the Economic Development Committee had met once, and that there was a Garden of the Gulf museum meeting tonight that he could not attend due to his commitment to Council.

c) Councillor Crawford

Began by mentioning that the Fire Department had completed some minor repairs to the Fire Hall. He thanked the Fire Dept. for the help some members provided during the Rotary “Ducks for Bucks” race and also that the Fire Dept. had responded to only a couple of “nuisance” calls on Halloween night. Councillor Crawford stated that he would miss Staff Stg. Kavanagh. Mark Oliver was complimented for a job well done in Animal Control, but Councillor Crawford said Mr. Oliver had declined extra duties of By-law enforcement at this time. Councillor Crawford said the Town float will attend both the parades in Charlottetown and Souris and that the Christmas Tree Lighting and other festivities would take place on Nov. 23 & 24th, and that we may have fireworks if the right personnel are available. He also said that the New Year’s skate will take place on Dec. 31st from 5-7.

d) Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette’s report is attached as Appendix “B”.

e) Councillor Benoit

Councillor Benoit’s report is attached as Appendix “C”.

f) Councillor Robertson

Councillor Robertson spoke to Council about attending the following meetings and/or events: Wellness Centre funding (Special Council meeting) and a meeting with government officials dealing with the Capacity Building Fund. She also stated that 250 trees had been planted around the Water Treatment Plant property and thanked Councillors Doucette and Crawford for endorsing that the trees be donated to the Town. Councillor Robertson stated that they are still planning on having a meeting dealing with the care and maintenance of trees. She said that there are bursaries available from the Communities In Bloom (CIB) Foundation for students registered in, and successfully completing a post secondary level in ornamental and/or environmental horticulture programs in an accredited institution. The bursaries are worth \$500 each. Councillor Robertson also commented that Montague received a CIB score of 81.6, and that 82 would have given us “5 Blooms” out of a possible 5. She commented that she was happy to see the new bridge project coming along and thanked all those who fought in the wars and provided us with the freedoms we have. She also stated that we have 4 extra hours a week added to the Library time and reiterated that she hopes we keep the new school in Montague.

PD – inquired about the entrance date deadline for the 2008 CIB.

MR – stated that she will make sure the application, which she now has, is filled out.

BC – stated that he was sure that the School Board was here to “listen to the people” and he does not recall anyone saying anything about Poole’s Corner. He would be very upset if the decision on the school is anywhere other than “in the Town”. Councillor Crawford thinks something is very wrong if they (School Board) don’t listen to what was said at the MRHS meeting. He said the system “in getting to the decision” is in trouble if the decision is anything but in Montague.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Gail Butler (611 Main Street) – wants truck route maintained if at all possible. She claims that she also speaks for her neighbours.

Brian Annear – having a permanent detour is a “big concern” that takes an extra 15 minutes. He is also very concerned about an accident occurring at the Knox’s Dam area.

Scott Carver – does not want a permanent detour due to the extra time and costs associated with it.

Anthony Nabuurs – against a permanent truck detour due to safety issues at the Knox’s Dam area. He also thinks it would help to have a few trees trimmed on the Valleyfield Road at the aquatic center area.

Morley Annear – against the permanent detour due to costs, safety, turning, and time.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

As presented to Council in writing. There were no questions on the reports.

Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Andrew Daggett
CAO

Pat McGowan
Mayor