

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Feb. 11, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Bernie Crawford, Peter Doucette, Marian Robertson, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Cpl. Andrew Blackadar, Barb MacCormac, approximately 4 citizens and 2 members of the media.

Prayer:

There was no clergy present.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan

Mayor McGowan opened the meeting by stating that it had been a busy month for Council. She mentioned that she had met with the RCMP to discuss such items as: the new Staff Sergeant, getting an “easier to read” monthly report, more visibility, the possibility of getting Cst. Earl Woods back again this summer as our “beat cop”, the possibility of moving our three officers into the Town Office once the Library moves into the Wellness Centre, and more spot checks and general enforcement within the Town. Mayor McGowan mentioned that she had had meetings with Dr. Dave Hambly (Wellness Centre), Jim Johnson (Waterfront Development Corp.), John Rowe (SEA), Virginia Winter (School for Performing Arts), Kevin Jenkins (High School parking concerns), Sara Jane Bell (SEA), our accountants from Grant Thornton, ACOA reps, and would be meeting with Myrtle Jenkins-Smith (Tour de PEI) and the Kings County Memorial Hospital Board. She also stated that Council would be meeting to familiarize themselves with the EMO plan. Mayor McGowan also noted the following individuals/groups: Richard Knox (for his dedication to the Montague Food Bank); Dusty McClure, Jeff Nelson, Mike Clarey, and Tommy MacLeod (runners-up in Provincial Fire Fighters curling); the Tremtones (recognized with the Stomping Tom Award at the ECMAs); and Sara Marie Sandford (selected to attend National Ambassador Youth Forum in Toronto).

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-10).

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adopt the minutes of Jan. 14, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-11)

Business Arising From Minutes:

Second reading of Mayor and Councillors' Honourarium Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to have the second reading of Bylaw 2008-01, the Mayor and Councillor Honourarium Bylaw.

Aye: MR, BC, PD Nay: JM, DM

Motion Carried. (08-12)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson to accept Bylaw 2008-01, the Mayor and Councillor Honourarium Bylaw.

Aye: MR, BC, PD Nay: JM, DM

Motion Carried. (08-13)

New Business:

Additional Office position - Council agreed to advertise for a Director of Finance position.

Website management -

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to look to engage someone for web design.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-14)

Bylaw Enforcement Officer for Montague, Souris, and Georgetown -

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson to make an application to explore the option of a cost shared bylaw enforcement officer with the communities of Souris and Georgetown.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-15)

Council agreed at this point to move Agenda Item 14.1 to the next item on the agenda such that Cpl. Blackadar could give his report at this time. Cpl. Blackadar gave the monthly RCMP report and stated that Montague's three officers are Cst. Jamie Parson, Cst. Brenda Hogan (to be replaced by Cst. Craig McGee this summer), and Cst. Ellen MacDougall.

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$81,257.17.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-16)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$3,489.11.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-17)

Correspondence:

1. **A letter from Brudenell regarding a study to see if there is an equitable manner in which the two communities can share infrastructure costs.**
Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to join with Brudenell in applying for a study to be done on cooperating on infrastructure (water and sewer) between Montague and Brudenell.
Motion Unanimously Carried (08-18)

2. **Two letters from the Canada – PEI Infrastructure Secretariat requesting clarification on proposed funding expenditures for the Water Extension and Wellness Centre projects.**
“Water Service Extension”, Project # 13100
Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to write a letter stating that we will be using the money but not before March 31, 2008.
Motion Unanimously Carried (08-19)

“Construct Montague Wellness Centre”, Project # 14270
Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to write a letter stating that we will be using the money (less the amount for the Coles bill this month) but not before March 31, 2008.
Motion Unanimously Carried (08-20)

3. **Copy of a letter sent from Niall MacKay, Chairman of Three Rivers Heritage Association, to Minister MacKinley requesting that the Heritage River signage removed for bridge construction be replaced.**
For information only.

4. **Copy of a letter sent from Minister MacKinley to Niall MacKay, Chairman of Three Rivers Heritage Association, stating that the Heritage River signage removed for bridge construction would be replaced this Spring.**
For information only.

5. **A letter from Grace Blackette re: the Confederation Trail in Montague.**
Send a letter to Leo Gill regarding signage for “pooper scooping” and contact the Confederation Trail people to see if it is possible to have a bag dispenser installed.

6. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour advising that the Museum is seeking Heritage Places designation under the Heritage Places Protection Act.**
Barb MacCormac to address under “Special Speakers”.

7. **A memorandum from FPEIM reminding of the deadline to submit resolutions and nominations for awards for the upcoming FPEIM Annual**

Meeting.

For information only.

8. **A thank you letter from Sheila Mallory, Co-ordinator for the Montague Senior's College, for the help from Council to get this project started.**
For information only.
9. **A letter from Dale Dewar on behalf of Three Rivers Roma requesting funding assistance for Roma.**
To be taken under consideration during budget deliberations.
10. **A letter from Virginia Winter re: the parking and drainage problem around the Centre for Performing Arts.**
Public Works to investigate.
11. **Invitation from the Royal Canadian Legion for the Mayor to attend a Celebration Banquet on April 6, 2008 in honour of the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion in Montague.**
Mayor McGowan to attend and RSVP.

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

1. **Maxine MacLellan would like to make a presentation to Council regarding the SAVE group at the MRHS.**
Ms. MacLellan was not present at the meeting.
2. **Barb MacCormac addressed Council regarding the Heritage Designation of the Garden of the Gulf Museum.**
Ms. MacCormac gave her presentation and expressed her belief that Council should seriously considering accepting the Heritage Designation.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Crawford to accept the Heritage Designation for the Museum.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-21)

Councillor Doucette requested permission to have a fund raising presentation made at this time in the meeting and permission was granted by Council.

Janice Taylor spoke on behalf of Ledean MacLeod who helped organize a fund raising "Marti Gras" dance. She then made a presentation of \$3000 for the Wellness Centre to Dr. Dave Hambly.

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

- a) **Councillor Crawford**
Began by mentioning that he was very happy with the new RCMP report. He commented that he had been to the following meetings: Maintenance Staff –

really appreciated their effort and plan to meet with them monthly; Municipal Boundaries – in Kensington and dealing with municipal cooperation; Brudenell CIC – to discuss infrastructure; MRHS and Wellness Centre – to discuss water and sewer infrastructure needs, and; Summer Days – to begin organizing for the festival. Councillor Crawford said that he had not had difficulty finding volunteers to help with Summer Days but was still looking for a group to run the parade. He also expressed some concern over areas within the Town that are very dark and need better lighting and that some street signage issues (missing or down) needed to be addressed.

b) Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette's report is attached as Appendix "A". He also commended the fund raising efforts of Janice Taylor and Ledean MacLeod over the weekend and thanked Jim MacPhee and Karen MacLeod for filling in as co-chairs while Merrill Scott is south.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford:

Whereas, the routinely quoted reference for procedural matters of the Montague Town Council has been Roberts Rules of Order, since January 2008, and

Whereas, this reference material is familiar to all members of the Montague Town Council, therefore

Be it Resolved "the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Montague Town Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the town and any special rules of order the Town of Montague may adopt from time to time."

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-22)

c) Councillor Benoit

Councillor Benoit's report is attached as Appendix "B" and was given by Councillor Robertson in his absence.

d) Councillor Robertson

Councillor Robertson's report is attached as Appendix "C".

e) Councillor MacFarlane

Councillor MacFarlane began his report by thanking everyone for the kindness shown during his mother's illness and passing. The Finance Committee is working on the budget and an ad will soon be in the paper announcing the time for the meeting to accept public submissions for budget considerations. He attended a Canada Day meeting with Councillor Crawford and is working on getting the economic development meeting together that was mentioned last month. Councillor MacFarlane also wanted to make people aware that the Wellness Centre fund raising efforts now have VISA

capabilities.

f) Deputy Mayor Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon began his report by thanking Council for their support of the Heritage Designation motion for the Museum. He stated that he had attended many meetings, most of which had already been mentioned. He stated that the new Museum book will be launched Saturday, February 23rd.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Lorne Cudmore – commented that he was pleased with the Heritage Designation for the Museum, partly due to a family connection with the building. He also questioned if the Town had a “Conflict of Interest” policy and was told that we follow the unofficial policy that you must gain monetarily to be considered in conflict and also if a Councillor has a “personal interest” (from the Municipalities Act). He also was pleased with Brudenell’s approach to cooperate with the Town but thinks we should call amalgamation what it is.

Councillor Crawford requested response and was granted such. He wanted to make it “crystal clear that he was not in any way proposing regionalization or amalgamation”. Mr. Cudmore expressed that his “beef” was not with any Councillor, but with Council and how they have dealt with amalgamation in the past.

Merrill Scott – noted that he knew there was a conflict with the Hospital meeting, but he is hoping that some Councillors will be able to attend the Wellness Centre meeting tomorrow night. He stated that he would be meeting with members of Coles Assoc. and TCAP tomorrow and that the results of that meeting would also be discussed tomorrow night. He is hoping that the Wellness Centre and TCAP can complement each other and maybe even incorporate the MRHS.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

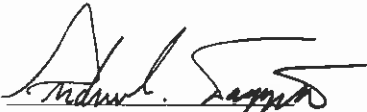
As presented to Council in writing. There were no questions on the reports.

Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-23)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.


Andrew Daggett

CAO



Pat McGowan

Mayor