

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
March 10, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Bernie Crawford, Peter Doucette, Robert Benoit, Marian Robertson, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, S. Stg. Ray McCormack, April Storing, 1 citizen and 2 members of the media.

Prayer:

There was no clergy present.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan

Mayor McGowan stating that Council met: with the KCMH Board to discuss the EMO plan for the hospital and the Town; with Myrtle Jenkins-Smith in regards to the Tour de PEI; as a Council to discuss the EMO plan for the Town; and with the Friends of the Canada Games Committee to discuss financial support. Mayor McGowan mentioned that she had attended a Heritage meeting, met with Cpl. Andrew Blackadar to discuss the Town policing priorities, she welcomed S.Sgt. McCormack, met with the Provincial “under 17” curlers competing in Montague, that the Museum book launch had gone very well, that a “No Smoking in or on Town property” bylaw would be introduced next month, and that CAO Daggett had recently celebrated being with the Town for one year. In recognition of moving into his new house, Mayor McGowan presented CAO Daggett with a framed picture of Montague.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-24).

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Benoit to adopt the minutes of Feb. 11, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-25)

Business Arising From Minutes:

None

New Business:

Subdivision approval for Stewart and Beck's -
Deputy Mayor Mabon to cover this in his report.

Tour de PEI -

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to support the Tour de PEI for \$2500.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-26)

Friends of the 2009 Canada Games -

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to support the Friends of the 2009 Canada Games for \$10,000 over three years.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-27)

Melissa Mullen from the Montague Guides has contacted the Office and requested that her group be able to paint fish around the storm drains in Montague on Earth Day, April 22, 2008.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Benoit to allow the Guides to paint as requested.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-28)

Council reminded that safety protocols should be followed during this event.

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$63,532.84.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-29)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$1,452.08.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-30)

Correspondence:

1. **A letter from the PEI ATV Federation informing Council of their group and mandate.**
For info only.
2. **A letters from PEI Crime Stoppers requesting financial support.**
Council decided to put this item on hold until a Donation Policy is finalized.
3. **A letter from Veterans Affairs Canada requesting Council to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.**
Mayor McGowan agreed to organize a "social event" for the Vets on May 4th, the official date of celebration.
4. **Copy of information derived from the three community Watershed Management Planning meetings.**

For information only.

5. A letter from CUPW regarding the possible changes to rural mail delivery.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to support the resolution calling upon “the Federal Government of Canada to immediately cease its review process and to put in place a moratorium on the removal of rural home mail box delivery...”.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-31)

6. A letter from David Miller requesting that Council take part in “Earth Hour”, a global World Wildlife Fund lights-out event to raise awareness and support for action on climate change.

For info only.

7. An “invitation to attend an information evening to discuss community development in your area”.

For information only.

8. An e-mail from Matthew McCarville requesting that people attend the public meetings which will be held on the “10 Year Energy Strategy” being developed by the Provincial Government.

For information only.

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

1. Sarah Noonan and April Storning from the PEI Active Living Alliance would like to address Council on their activities and responsibilities.

Ms. Noonan was not present but Ms. Storning addressed Council regarding her job with the 2009 Canada Games Challenge and some of the programs that she is presently involved with or is planning for the future.

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 Appendix “A”.

b) Councillor Benoit

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

c) Councillor Robertson

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

d) Councillor MacFarlane

Councillor MacFarlane began his report by saying that the Finance Committee had been very busy working on the budget and would be presenting it on

March 27th at 7:00 pm. He also said that the Waterfront Development Committee would be holding their AGM on March 26th, that a new Board would be elected, and after the new Board was established there would be a meeting between them and the Economic Development Committee. The Heritage Rivers group hopes to put cairn at the Cardigan River as their project this summer. Councillor MacFarlane has sent the Canada Day funding application and is hoping to make it a full day event this year. He also congratulated the Museum on a successful book launch.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to accept the CAO salary increase of \$2000.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-32)

Deputy Mayor Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon began his report by stated that he had attended many meetings, most of which had already been mentioned. He stated that the Planning Board had met and explained the outcome of the requests that had been made, most of which entailed a letter being sent to the proponent.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to accept the application from Stewart and Beck's to subdivide their property as outlined in their application.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-33)

The Economic Development Committee, in conjunction with ACOA, has hired Ken DesRoches to perform a study to come up with a "downtown incentive package" to help spur revitalization. The Museum book launch went well and the book has sold about 200 copies so far. Deputy Mayor Mabon expressed his appreciation of being part of this group. Deputy Mayor Mabon also stated that we would be continuing to upgrade the Town signs and replacing the wooden signs with new reflective green metal ones.

e) Councillor Crawford

Began by mentioning that the Summerdays organization is in good shape and will be in full gear very soon and he will be attempting to coordinate between Summerdays and Canada Days. Councillor Crawford said that he had met with the Maintenance staff to discuss such items as: equipment, streets, signage, lighting and dark areas within the Town, and tree issues. He also expressed that he wished we could do something to rid the Town of skunks.

Mayor McGowan stated that she noticed in the Motion Book that on March 10, 1997 the "Montague Summer Days" name was officially changed to the "Montague Community Festival". Councillor Crawford was not aware of this. Mayor McGowan also inquired whether the Public Works Committee had considered instituting Crossing Guards on Main Street. Councillor Crawford stated that he would love to be able to do something like that. It was

recommended as something that Council would consider in the future.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Steve Sharratt – stated that it is absolutely deplorable how many “ignoramus” park in the cross walk area and hopes that something can be done about it. Mayor McGowan stated that the RCMP had been issuing tickets in that area over the last few weeks.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

1. RCMP Report

S. Sgt. Ray McCormack addressed Council at this time. He stated that the contract between the RCMP and the Town does include enforcement of municipal bylaws but that the Crown Prosecutor will not pursue the charges in court if made under the MOT; that would be left to the Town solicitor. He also stated that the RCMP has a funding program that the Town or other organizations may be able to tap into to help with financially supporting projects.

2. Animal Control Report

Councillor Crawford again raised the question about whether Council could do something about the skunks and racoons and noted that they can be a health hazard. Mayor McGowan stated that Council would look into options.

3. CAO Report

As written. No questions were asked.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adjourn.
Motion Unanimously Carried (08-34)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Andrew Daggett
CAO



Pat McGowan
Mayor