

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
April 14, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Bernie Crawford, Peter Doucette, Marian Robertson, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Marilyn Lowther and Florence Sutherland from Island East, 1 citizen and 2 members of the media.

Prayer:

There was no clergy present.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan

Mayor McGowan welcomed all those present and stated she was sorry to see a vacancy after the resignation of Robert Benoit. CAO Daggett was authorized to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy. She attended the official announcement at the former Storemark building in Poole's Corner to hear about the new company, OpacMare, coming to the building. Mayor McGowan attended the Waterfront Development Corporation AGM held on March 26, 2008 and congratulated Niall McKay on becoming the new Chairperson. She also mentioned the watershed meeting hosted by SEA and the nitrate study that has been completed which showed that only about 5% of the nitrates in the Montague River are attributable to the Montague Sewer Treatment Plant. Mayor McGowan attended and spoke at the 75th Anniversary of the Montague Legion. She also mentioned that we should be a "booming" town this summer given all the development that is scheduled to happen.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to move item 11.1 on the agenda to item 9.3.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-35).

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-36).

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adopt the minutes of March 10, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-37)

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adopt the minutes of Feb. 21, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-38)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to adopt the minutes of March 27, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-39)

Business Arising From Minutes:

Councillor MacFarlane inquired whether we had received any further communication from the Active Living Alliance regarding another person to work in this area after the recent loss of the position, apparently due to a lack of funding. None had been received.

New Business:

Purchase agreement for McGuigan house at 5 Locust Street -

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette to authorize the CAO to proceed in gaining ownership and “deal with it” immediately.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-40)

No Smoking Bylaw -

The Mayor spoke to the No Smoking Bylaw and the information presented in the agenda.

Motion to amend the Gas Tax Capital Plan and move \$115,000 from the Water Extension Phase 2 to the Sewer Force Main project completed in conjunction with the bridge construction -

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon that the Montague Town Council amend the Gas Tax Capital Plan and move \$115,000 from the Water Extension Phase 2 to the Sewer Force Main project completed in conjunction with the bridge construction.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-41)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$59,035.55.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-42)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$35,360.53.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-43)

Island East – this item was moved from item 11.1 to 9.3 on the agenda.

Marilyn Lowther spoke on behalf of the Island East organization and explained who they are and what they do.

Correspondence:

1. **A letter of resignation from Councillor Robert Benoit.**
Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to accept the resignation with regrets.
Motion Unanimously Carried (08-44)
2. **A letter from FPEIM reminding of the AGM on April 28, 2008.**
Mayor McGowan, Councillors MacFarlane and Robertson and CAO Daggett to attend.
3. **An invitation from PEI Cultural Human Resources Sector Council to attend the *Creating Connections* forum.**
For info only.
4. **A letter from CIB regarding National Symposium on Parks & Grounds.**
For information only.
5. **An e-mail from TIAPEI informing that they will be holding an “internet marketing workshop” at Active Communities on May 15th.**
For info. Someone from the office to attend.
6. **An e-mail from FCM informing of the upcoming launch of “energy efficiency” targeted funding opportunity.**
To be looked into for possibilities for Wellness Centre and MRHS and/or Town Hall, Fire Hall, and Maintenance Building.
7. **A letter from Patrick St-Denis, Commanding Officer of HMCS Charlottetown requesting support for the “Run 4 Wishes”.**
For information only.
8. **An invitation from the 2008 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards to submit nominations to have literacy champions recognized for the awards.**
For information only.
9. **A letter from the Canada-PEI Infrastructure Secretariat updating on the status of the MRIF program.**
For info only.
10. **A communication from the Provincial Library Service showing the “Year-at-a-glance” statistics.**
For information only

11. A letter from the PEI Dept. of Environment, Energy and Forestry giving the results of the Pesticide Monitoring Program.

For information only

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

- 1. Marilyn Lowther from Island East will be making a presentation on behalf of the organization.**

This item was moved to earlier in the agenda.

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

a) Councillor Robertson

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

b) Councillor MacFarlane

Councillor MacFarlane began his report by saying that he regretted seeing Robert Benoit resign and wished him all the best. He stated that the budget took a substantial amount of time and thanked all those who helped out. The Finance Committee will be looking into consolidating some loans and other matters to try and save some money as well as approaching the Province for an increase in funding. The Canada Day funding has been applied for and they are now awaiting confirmation on what they will receive, but the planning for Canada Days is proceeding. Councillor MacFarlane also mentioned that there would be a meeting between Council and the Waterfront Development Committee on April 24th.

Deputy Mayor Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon began his report by stated that the Museum will be opening in mid-June. He also reported that the Museum had sold over 400 copies of their new book, more than sufficient to cover the cost of producing it. The Museum is also interested in taking part in the Canada Day celebrations and will be holding an open house for Council early in June. Deputy Mayor Mabon reported that the Seniors College was finishing up for this term and would return with programs again in the fall. On behalf of the Planning Board he moved the following:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette to engage a Planner to review and update the Subdivision Bylaw for the Town.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-45)

The Economic Development Committee is still awaiting the study being performed by Ken DesRoches to come up with a "downtown incentive package". Deputy Mayor Mabon completed his report by stating that it is an exciting time in Montague.

c) Councillor Crawford

Began by thanking those involved in developing the budget and by stating that he was sad to see Robert resign and that he would miss his honesty and transparency.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to change the name of the summer festival back to Montague Summer Days from Montague Community Festival.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-46)

Councillor Crawford stated that the Summer Days committee had met several times and things are proceeding. The Maintenance Dept. was pleased with the budget and they are preparing for Spring. They are getting an environmental tree service company to inspect the trees in the Town and complete some pruning and cleaning up for us. He thanked the Maintenance men for the excellent water pesticide report we received and suggested that Council should send a note of appreciation to them. The Mayor agreed to do that on behalf of Council. Councillor Crawford also mentioned that they are awaiting a report on an EDA worker and funding for a sound system. He will be putting the Summer Days and Octoberfest budgets together soon. He also mentioned his appreciation of the Library and all the hard work of librarian, Swarna. He completed his report by asking if it would be possible to get the fish sheds on the south side waterfront painted. Councillor Crawford will speak to Jock Beck about possibilities.

d) Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette's report is attached as Appendix "B". He stated that he feels the resignation of Robert Benoit is a great loss and hopes everything works out for Robert and his family. Councillor Doucette ended his report by mentioning the "Energy Audit" letter from Sara Jane Bell as a possible means of the Town getting an energy audit done for very little money. He will have more information on this for next month.

Public Comments/Concerns:

None.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

1. RCMP Report

As written.

2. Animal Control Report

As written.

3. CAO Report

As written. No questions were asked.

Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-47)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.



Andrew Daggett

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CAO



Pat McGowan
Mayor