

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
June 9, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Councillor Taylor was sworn in just before this meeting.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, Janice Taylor, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, 5 citizens and 2 members of the media.

**Prayer:**

Pastor Tim McKinnon offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

**Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan**

Mayor McGowan welcomed all those present, especially newly elected Councillor Janice Taylor who will be assuming the duties of former Councillor Benoit. She stated that in the past month she met with: Cathie Eaton, Head Librarian to discuss programs and events taking place at the Montague Library. Mayor McGowan stated that she: judged three debates between MRHS and Morell High School and attended the Southern Kings Air Cadets, #327 Squadron 25<sup>th</sup> Ceremonial Review. Mayor McGowan reminded everyone that the Tour de PEI would be coming through on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and requested that any available Councillors attend the visitation of the original Terry Fox van on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to approve the agenda as amended (add Sarah Jane Bell as Item 11.1 and Maxine McLellan as Item 11.2 on the Agenda).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-55).*

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

There were no disclosures.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adopt the minutes of May 12, 2008 with amendment (correct name and Councillor Crawford's report).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-56)*

Councillor Doucette rose on a point of personal privilege to address several issues surrounding alleged wrongful conduct at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting and comments following that meeting included in the May 13<sup>th</sup> Guardian and May 14<sup>th</sup> Graphic editions of the newspapers. Councillor Doucette's arguments are attached as Appendix "A".

Mayor McGowan stated that she did not apologize about "smokers not having rights" as reported in the papers, but explained that what she meant by that statement was that, as a smoker, you take away the rights of others and she could not apologize for that. She stated that she did apologize to Councillor Doucette and anyone else within the Chambers if she had offended them but that she felt very strongly about this issue.

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**ECO-PEI funding request -**

Council met in May with Matthew McCarville, Coordinator for ECO-PEI. Council has been requested to financially support this project. Councillor MacFarlane suggested, and Council agreed, to contact Summerside after their June 25<sup>th</sup> seminar with ECO-PEI to gain feedback.

**New Business:**

**Subdivision and consolidation of properties for MRHS -**

**To accommodate land requirements for the Wellness Centre, a portion of PID 766535 needs to be subdivided and consolidated with PID 479956 and a portion of PID 599878 needs to be subdivided and consolidated with PID 194316 (map attached as Appendix "B").**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to accept the subdivisions and consolidations as presented.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-57)*

**Possible First Reading to Rezone PIDs 194316, 194274, 766535 and a portion of PID 599878 from Parks and Open Space (P) to Government and Institutional (G1) for MRHS -**

Deputy Mayor Mabon spoke on behalf of the Planning Board and stated that the Board had recommended the rezoning.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette to have the first reading and accept the rezoning of PIDs 194316, 194274, 766535 and a portion of PID 599878 as outlined in the attached map (Appendix "C") from Parks and Open Space (P) to Government and Institutional (G1).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-58)*

Councillor Taylor stated that there had been some concern from citizens as to what type of fencing would be used.

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$16,509.18.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-59)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$10,877.63.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-60)*

**Correspondence:**

1. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour regarding the changes to funding for Montague due to changes in Provincial financial arrangements.**  
For info only.
2. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat re: the recent announcement making reference to our Montague Water Extension Service project.**  
For info only.
3. **A letter from Irving Oil Ltd. Explaining changes in the operations of their convenience stores.**  
For info only.
4. **A letter from the Residential Construction Sector Council requesting development permit information.**  
For information. Council agreed to get the Office to send the information.
5. **A letter from Eastern PEI Family Violence Prevention Services requesting that Council consider displaying a “Purple Ribbon” on the Town Hall similar to Summerside.**  
Maxine McLellan was present at the meeting and will address this issue later in the agenda.
6. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat re: the recent announcement of the Island Community Fund.**  
For info only.
7. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat re: the approval of the Capacity Building Fund application to complete an “Infrastructure Sharing Proposal” study between Brudenell and Montague.**  
For information only.

**Delegations and/or Special Speakers:**

1. Sarah Jane Bell addressed Council and summarized her municipal energy audit funding proposal and read from her proposal to explain her project and request. She explained that the Town has already put in \$1000 to SEA to be used for this project and she has put a Town contribution of \$10,000 “in-kind” in the proposal. She is looking for a letter of support for her proposal.

It was agreed that the Town would send a letter of support to be written by the CAO and signed by the Mayor and Chair of Finance.

2. Maxine McLellan addressed Council and had the CAO read the correspondence sent to the Town Office. She is requesting that the Town put a “purple ribbon” on the Town Hall in support of the Eastern PEI Family Violence Prevention Committee and the SAVE group.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to allocate up to \$300 for the provision of putting the “purple ribbon” on the Town Hall (to probably be done in the fall).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-61)*

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

**a) Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Deputy Mayor Mabon began his report by congratulating Janice Taylor on being elected to Town Council. He stated that he had attended the Museum meeting and that the opening would be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He also confirmed that the Museum would be participating in the Canada Day ceremonies. He stated that the Economic Development Committee met and went over the draft of the Ken DesRoche’s study and that the final copies were now available. Deputy Mayor Mabon reported that the Seniors College would return with programs again in the fall. The Planning Board had met twice to discuss the MRHS re-zoning application. Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that he had also attended several other meetings including an infrastructure announcement in Summerside and a Finance meeting to go over the finances for the Town.

**b) Councillor Crawford**

Councillor Crawford began by stating that he was addressing the drainage problem on Yeo Crescent and that we are looking into solutions. He met with the Maintenance Dept. on a regular basis and they are going steady cleaning and mowing. They have been asked to check for tree problems in conjunction with a professional tree pruner, especially trees on Town property. Councillor Crawford stated that the Summer Days committee had met several times and things are proceeding very well and will include Canada Days. He said the upgrades to the sound system and gazebo were well underway and would be ready for Summer Days. Councillor Crawford predicted the best Summer Days yet and thanked Kathy Sandford for all her hard work. He finished his report by congratulating Councillor Taylor for her appointment.

**c) Councillor Doucette**

Councillor Doucette’s report is attached as Appendix “D”. Before starting his report Councillor Doucette congratulated Councillor Taylor and thanked the other candidates who offered their names for office.

Councillor Doucette requested on behalf of the Fire Department that we send a letter to every apartment owner in Montague and ask for a floor plan for all buildings and rooms within to assist with evacuations during an emergency. It was also suggested that the letter should call particular attention to fire escape regulations.

**d) Councillor Robertson**

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

**e) Councillor MacFarlane**

Councillor MacFarlane welcomed Councillor Taylor to Council. He stated the following on behalf of the associated committees and/or organizations:

Finance – the Provincial government will now be making monthly instalments for our tax and grants revenue and the Committee is looking into consolidating some of our loans to save on financing charges.

Waterfront Development – the docks are now in and work is being completed on the gazebo with plans being drawn for the final layout.

Canada Day – plans are proceeding well with many activities.

Seniors and Youth – finally have plans for a senior's anti-scam/fraud seminar.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to erect signs on the north and south Town signs indicating the Town website.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-62)*

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon for the CAO to price for the purchase of 8 laptop computers.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-63)*

Councillor MacFarlane also gave notice of motion for the July meeting that the Finance Committee would be presenting a policy for the awarding of grants for community organizations.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Lorne Cudmore – stated he was really looking forward to Summer Days. He inquired when they would be painting the crosswalk at the Church of Christ. He also asked as to the definition of "Conflict of Interest" and was given such. He was also wondering when the material at the end of John Beer Drive would be cleaned up? Mayor McGowan said that it would be brought to the attention of the Maintenance Dept.

**Information for Council/CAO Report:**

**1. RCMP Report**

As written.

**2. Animal Control Report**

As written.

**3. CAO Report**

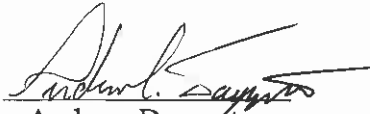
The CAO gave an oral report. No questions were asked.

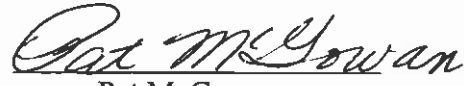
**Adjournment:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-64)*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
Pat McGowan  
Mayor