

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

**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, Rev. Barb Wright-MacKenzie, Merrill Scott, 2 members of the media.

**Prayer:**

Rev. Barb Wright-MacKenzie offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

**Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan**

Mayor McGowan welcomed everyone present and stated that, in conjunction with the Legion, a very successful road toll was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> in support of the Run 4 Wishes campaign and raised \$4395. The run also included a fire truck escort for the runners, a reception after the run, and a helicopter visit. In all, the campaign had raised nearly \$62,000. Mayor McGowan also informed Council that we had received an autographed plaque of appreciation from the runners and they made special mention of Kathy Sandford and all her hard work to help them out. Mayor McGowan participated in a “chowder challenge” along with some local MLAs and she helped judge the Saint Peter’s Blueberry Festival parade. Mayor McGowan made mention of the Special Council meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> where Council made a motion to accept responsibility for the extra \$400,000 necessary to enable the Wellness Centre project to proceed. She stated that we have been working on a letter of acknowledgement for those celebrating anniversaries of 50 years or more and birthdays of 90 years or more and that she is hoping that Council will consider immediately removing the carpet from the office. She also wished belated birthday greetings to Councillors Robertson and MacFarlane, Cathy Gill, and an upcoming happy birthday to Councillor Doucette.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-83).*

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

There were no disclosures.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to adopt the minutes of July 14, 2008 with amendment (correct spelling of Morell).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-84)*

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**New Subdivision Bylaw -**

We have received a list of amendments from Glenn Roberts for both the Subdivision Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw. These will update the Subdivision Bylaw, align it with the Zoning Bylaw, and remove any discrepancies within either. Planning Board has met to review these amendments.

This item to be addressed in Deputy Mayor Mabon's report.

**Sackville Street TPW letter –**

We have received a letter (enclosed) from TPW expressing some concern over the relocation of Sackville Street. The CAO will need to know the wish of Council before proceeding with negotiations (ie. How wide the street has to be, the removal of parking spaces, and the Windows on the Water deck issue).

This item tabled until a site visit could be arranged.

**New Business:**

**Motion to accept the Agreement to Donate Lands from Irving Oil Limited -**

This item was tabled until Council could gather more information.

**Canada Tree –**

**Council has the opportunity to have the Canada Tree donated to the Town as a center piece around which to develop festivals and tourism. There are many details which will need to be elaborated, but Council needs to decide whether they are willing to forward an “expression of interest” to begin negotiations for this work of art.**

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson that the Town Council of Montague accept the Canada Tree within certain conditions and establish a proper location for it.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-85)*

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$20,039.78.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-86)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$5,964.50.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-87)*

**Correspondence:**

- 1. A letter from Barry Jenkins re: concern for what is happening with the old Irving property.**

It was decided to reply to Mr. Jenkins and explain what can be done at the property.

**2. A letter from Arlene and Merrill MacPhail.**

It was decided to reply to send the Maintenance Supervisor over to have a look and establish a maintenance schedule for inspection of sidewalks and the streets. Mayor McGowan suggested that CAO Daggett contact the MacPhail's to see if they want to meet to discuss their concerns.

**3. An email communication from Speed Skate PEI providing information on their programs.**

It was agreed to put a link to their website from the Town website.

**4. An email from FPEIM requesting a municipality to host the 2008 FPEIM semiannual meeting.**

Councillor Doucette to look after this item and arrange for Montague to host on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**5. A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat requesting confirmation that Montague has secured its 1/3 share of the amendment request of \$1.2 million.**

For info only.

**6. A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat re: the denial of a Capacity Building Fund application for a Municipal Bylaw Officer.**

For info only.

**Delegations and/or Special Speakers:**

None.

**RCMP Report (moved from item 14.1):**

Sgt. Fogarty came forward at this time instead of later in the Agenda. He introduced himself and answered questions about the RCMP report.

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

**a) Councillor Taylor**

Councillor Taylor's report is attached as Appendix "A". Councillor Taylor also addressed items from last month's meeting and stated that she had spoken with Don Jardine regarding climate change and coastal erosion and she is hoping to get him to make a presentation to Council in the future. She also has been down to investigate the "white effluent" at Vessey Creek but did not see anything unusual.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Crawford that:

**Whereas,** the Town of Montague supports a Green Community Energy System for the new Wellness Center and the new Montague Regional High School, as a long term sustainable way of heating and cooling and,

**Whereas**, the scope of the proposed feasibility study was beyond the financial commitment proposed in the Municipal Energy Audit application request previously submitted, and,

**Whereas**, further investigation has determined that the Build Canada Fund may help offset the costs of the proposed feasibility study, with Federal and Provincial funding amounting to 2/3's of the cost of the proposed study, and,

**Whereas**, a feasibility study is required to determine the appropriate heating/cooling systems for these regional facilities in order to reduce the Town's operational costs and greenhouse gas emissions, therefore

**Be it Resolved**, the Town of Montague contribute a 1/3 share of the proposed feasibility study cost, pending approval of our application to the Build Canada Fund. The Town of Montague's financial commitment is not expected to exceed \$10,000.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-88)*

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to get the Maintenance Dept. to build 6 bike racks at a cost of about \$125 each.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-89)*

**b) Councillor MacFarlane**

Councillor MacFarlane's report is attached as Appendix "B".

Councillor Taylor requested that the WDC consider where the Town could place the Canada Tree. Councillor MacFarlane will take it to them for consideration.

**c) Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Deputy Mayor Mabon made the following statements with regards to his portfolio: Planning Board – met July 28<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed amendments for the Subdivision By-law and Zoning Bylaw where applicable.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor Doucette that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and move forward with the amendments for first and second readings.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-90)*

Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that the next Planning Board meeting would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month; Economic Development Committee – next meeting to be held in September; Museum - had reasonably good attendance this summer. Deputy Mayor Mabon also stated that on October 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be over 20 Heritage Awards given out in Montague.

Mayor McGowan questioned whether anything would be done to improve the signage on town streets signs. Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that we had already done some but would look into whether anything further could be done.

Councillor Taylor questioned whether the Economic Development Committee, the Waterfront Development Commission and Council had met to prioritize the 2004 study recommendations and questioned if we could have a meeting with all of those organizations to discuss the new DesRoches study? Deputy Mayor

Mabon stated that they had not met but we could, and that he and Councillor MacFarlane would arrange it.

**d) Councillor Robertson**

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

**e) Councillor Doucette**

Councillor Doucette report is attached as Appendix "D". He also brought forward a new Computer Policy for review and stated that he had no problem leaving it until we had a chance to study it in more detail.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that Council accept the offer from Jim MacPhee to be Chief Financial Officer of the Wellness Centre project.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-91)*

**f) Councillor Crawford**

Councillor Crawford began by thanking the Fire Department for their contribution to the Wellness Centre fund raising by holding a "Casino Night". He stated he went to the Saint Peter's Blueberry Festival with Councillor Doucette and was pleased to see the 50 Plus Club in attendance as well as Mayor McGowan. He learned that we need to have something to protect the electronic equipment from the rain while on the float. Councillor Crawford thinks there is an extreme foliage growth this year and feels that there are some "Stop" signs being obscured. He will have the Maintenance Dept look into it. He also stated that there would be a 6 inch water line going in soon from MacDonald Ave. to the Wellness Centre area, that Phase II of the water extension should soon be approved, and we're looking into the Yeo Crescent water drainage issue.

Councillor Robertson questioned if sewer would be upgraded along with the water? Councillor Crawford replied that he did not think so.

Councillor MacFarlane inquired if the Maintenance Department had dealt with the tree trimmer about the "dangerous" tree maintenance? Councillor Crawford replied that the person had been very busy but will be doing it soon.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Merrill Scott – informed council that the Wellness Centre Committee had submitted a new application for an office coordinator through HRDC; that he will be "revitalizing" the Wellness Centre Committee to get "jobs" for everyone; that the Eastern Graphic has donated ½ page ad to stimulate donations; that he was pleased with the meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>; and that he was very pleased with the volunteers and all their hard work.

**Information for Council/CAO Report:**

**1. RCMP Report**

As presented earlier.

**2. Animal Control Report**

As written.

**3. CAO Report**

As written. No questions were asked.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Robertson to explore options to replace the existing office carpet with alternative floor covering.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-92)*

**Adjournment:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-93)*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.



Andrew Daggett

CAO



Pat McGowan

Mayor