

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Sept. 8, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor David Mabon called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, Janice Taylor, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Pastor Mark Reeves, 7 members of the public and 3 media.

Prayer:

Pastor Mark Reeves offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Deputy Mayor David Mabon

Deputy Mayor David Mabon welcomed everyone present and stated that he was “pinch-hitting” for Mayor McGowan while she was recuperating from surgery and wished her all the best. Deputy Mayor Mabon stated the following from his portfolio: that Councillor Doucette would be bringing forward a motion from the Economic Development Committee and that the Museum had reasonably good attendance this summer with only about a 5% drop in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-94).

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Crawford to adopt the minutes of August 11, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-95)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adopt the minutes of August 7, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-96)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adopt the minutes of August 21, 2008.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-97)

Business Arising From Minutes:

Councillor MacFarlane inquired about the follow up to the MacPhail's concerns and was informed by the CAO that Allan Greene had visited and the concerns had been addressed.

Sackville Street -

We have not been able to successfully negotiate for the relocation of Sackville Street. The CAO will need to know the wish of Council.

Councillor MacFarlane inquired as to the status of the negotiations and was informed by CAO Daggett that they appeared to be at a stalemate.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to forget the deal to relocate Sackville Street and pave and fix Sackville Street back the way it was.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-98)

There was some discussion on the matter mostly revolving around the time frame growing ever shorter to complete the engineering and construction and the inability to work out all the details of the negotiations. Councillor MacFarlane questioned about the installation of the retaining wall when the street was paved back in its original position and was informed by CAO Daggett that it would need to be replaced and that the Town may be required to cover the cost.

Community Grant Policy –

Council has met and discussed the policy. Is it the wish of Council to accept the policy as now presented?

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the policy as written.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-99)

Deputy Mayor Mabon commented that he was pleased as he had waited over 20 years to see a policy document enacted.

New Business:

Motion to commit proceeds of MRHS land sale to Wellness Centre -

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to forward the proceeds of the Montague Regional High School land sale, minus expenses, to the Wellness Centre fundraising efforts.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-100).

Building on Mill Street –

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to declare the building on PID 196048 located at 3 Mill Street as surplus and put the building to tender to be removed.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-101)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$63,105.18.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-102)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$19,675.15.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-103)

Councillor Doucette remarked that he appreciated the new accounting and description method being used thanks to the Treasurer.

Correspondence:

1. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat informing us that we have been approved for the Water Extension Phase 2 under the Building Canada Fund.**

For info only.

2. **A letter from Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour informing of training sessions to provide information and hands on guidance on the new PSAB financial reporting requirements commencing January 1, 2009.**

For info only.

3. **A thank you note from the Centre for Performing Arts.**

For info only.

4. **A letter from the RCMP re: prosecution of Municipal Offences.**

For info only.

5. **An email from Samantha Murphy outlining the requirements, or lack thereof, for the Town to hold Special Meetings.**

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor that notices of Special Meetings be publicly advertised (on the Town sign and if time permits, by print media, radio or by any other method) for three days (72 hours) & our policy be parallel to that of the cities of Charlottetown and Summerside.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-104)

Delegations and/or Special Speakers:

Jock Beck – spoke on behalf of Gary Fraser, Chair of Brudenell and thanked Council for their cooperation in the combined study for water and sewer services extension into Brudenell and for the cooperation between the communities.

Shelley ? – inquired why the Town doesn't have a list of all the services and programs available for children. She was informed that Council is hoping to have that and is hoping to hire a Recreation Director for the Wellness Centre in the near future.

Pastor Mark Reeves – stated that foster care is very important and he thought the Town should have some way to recognize foster parents in and around the Town. He suggested a plaque or certificate could be instituted.

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

a) Councillor MacFarlane

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

b) Councillor Robertson

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

c) Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette report is attached as Appendix "B". He also stated that the VIP Golf Tournament had raised about \$6500 after expenses.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council accept the recommendation made in Section 7.1 of the DesRoches study and authorize the Economic Development Chair to take steps to implement that recommendation. (*Section 7, Recommendation 1. It is recommended that the Town of Montague take steps to create a small and effective team to focus on the creation and championing of a plan which will see the Downtown Core Area appropriately redeveloped as part of an economic development strategy for the region, and for the Town that is at its centre.*)

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-105)

There was discussion that a meeting should be called involving Council, the Economic Development Committee, Waterfront Development Committee, and the interviewees from the DesRoches study, and from that group to find the "champions" that will make the Committee effective.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to investigate funding sources for a Recreation Coordinator in conjunction with the Wellness Centre who would also be responsible for advertising, promotion, and festivals for the facility.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-106)

Councillor Crawford

Councillor Crawford began by stating that he, Councillor Taylor, and Sarah Jane Bell of SEA would be meeting with an individual from Jacques Whitford to begin the "Energy Audit". He thanked Jock Beck for coming from Brudenell and for

Brudenell's cooperation with the services study soon to be started. He stated it was great to be working together. From his portfolio, the following items were noted: Streets – some citizens have been having problems with storm water lately.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Taylor to set up a committee to develop a policy dealing with driveways, culverts, trees, and drainage and that the policy includes responsibilities. Allen Greene, Maintenance Supervisor and Council to be on Committee.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-107)

Water and Sewer Commission – Water Extension Phase 2 on the way very shortly as well as the 6" water line to service the Wellness Centre and MRHS sites. There are still some water and sewer bills outstanding and, although collection has happened, there are still some outstanding accounts. Councillor Crawford would like a policy developed as to how the collection should take place. He would like to have a reasonable policy for informing people and getting these bills paid.

Deputy Mayor Mabon suggested that the Water and Sewer Commission sit down and develop a policy. Councillor Crawford agreed. Deputy Mayor Mabon also suggested that Councillor Crawford may want to speak to Charlie Hickens regarding the energy system the hospital utilizes.

d) Councillor Taylor

Councillor Taylor's report is attached as Appendix "C". Councillor Taylor also stated that discussions were ongoing for the Canada Tree.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette that:

Whereas, the Town of Montague is currently trying to rebrand itself as the Hub of Kings County, a service center for all in the region, and,

Whereas, the Town of Montague is concerned about the revitalization of the region, population growth, and economic stability, and

Whereas, the town of Montague is actively seeking new and innovative ways to promote the town in a positive manner, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Town of Montague actively pursue the promotion of the Town and its assets by way of Eastlink TV Advertising and the creation of a new and creative website.

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-108)

Public Comments/Concerns:

None.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

1. RCMP Report

None.

2. Animal Control Report

As written.

3. CAO Report

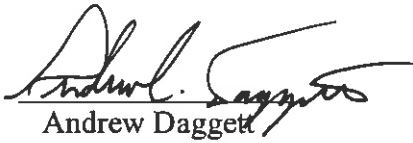
As written. No questions were asked.


Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (08-109)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.


Andrew Daggett
CAO


David Mabon
Deputy Mayor