

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
Nov. 10, 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, Christopher Nicholson, and 7 members of the public.

**Prayer:**

Christopher Nicholson offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

**Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan**

Mayor Pat McGowan welcomed everyone present and stated that all of Council was present. She also stated that she was thankful for the good weather and hoped that it would continue.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-125).*

**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 October 14, 2008 with the amendment of changing the Opening Comments from Deputy Mayor Mabon to Mayor McGowan.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-126)*

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**Request from Norsemen “A” Tournament -**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to give up to \$300 for the Norsemen “A” tournament.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-127)*

**Tax Incentive Program -**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to approve the Tax Incentive Program as presented at the October 14, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-128)*

**New Business:**

None.

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$164,090.18.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-129)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$20,276.16.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-130)*

**Correspondence:**

1. **A letter from the “SWITCH” group at the Montague Regional High School stating that they would like to see the new Wellness Centre as a completely smoke-free property.**  
Councillor Taylor has made an appointment with the SWITCH group and she and Councillor Doucette will follow up.
2. **Council has been contacted by 911 Services about possible changes to the numbering of Queen’s Road. There will be a letter coming soon requesting the Town to consider making these changes for safety sake.**  
Left to the Administrator and Cathy Gill to work out.
3. **An email invitation from Nicola Kemp informing of the Stakeholder Forum on Community-Based Prevention, Education, and Early Intervention of Youth Substance Abuse and Addiction "Changing the Lens".**  
For info only.
4. **Emails (7) in support of leaving the “Purple Ribbon” displayed year round.**  
Councillor Robertson inquired if the Purple Ribbon would be a permanent fixture. Mayor McGowan stated that it was to be permanent.

**Delegations and/or Special Speakers:**

None.

**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”. She also congratulated

Councillor Crawford and those responsible for Octoberfest.

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Taylor to send a certificate of appreciation to Foster Families in Eastern PEI.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-131)*

**b) Councillor Doucette**

Councillor Doucette report is attached as Appendix “B”. He also stated that he hoped all would get out and attend Remembrance Day services. He mentioned the role of Holland College and the Academy of Learning in regional development. Councillor Doucette expressed concern with regulations that do not allow students to attend the colleges and draw EI to help financially support them. Councillor Doucette to write a letter to MP Gail Shea and the Minister of Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour expressing his concerns. Councillor Doucette also stated that he fully supports Deputy Mayor Mabon in the project he is exploring around the history of harness racing in the area.

**c) Councillor Crawford**

Councillor Crawford stating the following items within his portfolio:  
Water and Sewer Commission – the 6” water line to service the Wellness Centre and MRHS sites is just about completed on Douses Road; Phase II of the water extension project may not take place this fall but Yeo Crescent will be ditched.  
Public Works – the Christmas tree light retrofit has been completed by the Maintenance Dept. and Councillor Crawford thanked the maintenance for their cooperation and gave them high praise for their work and thanked the CAO for helping with public works and water and sewer. Councillor Crawford also scolded Councillor Robertson for setting such a high standard with Communities in Bloom.

Mayor McGowan thanked Maintenance Supervisor Allan Greene for 30 years of service to the town.

**d) Councillor Taylor**

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

**e) Councillor MacFarlane**

Councillor MacFarlane’s report is attached as Appendix “D”. Councillor MacFarlane thanked the veterans and all those who were serving in our armed forces. He also suggested that the Harness Racing Association consider a “memorabilia room” at the Wellness Centre.

**f) Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Deputy Mayor Mabon gave the following reports from his portfolio:  
Planning Board – meet the fourth Monday of each month and had discussed such items as the amendments to the subdivision and the zoning bylaws.  
Economic Development – the DesRoche’s study is complete and a couple of people are working on recommendations.

Holland College – would be relocating to the Downeast Mall in the near future.  
Seniors College – is up and going full tilt.  
Museum – had a great year, this being their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Barb MacCormac and Donna Collins do great work along with the students who are there through the summer. Hughie Graham and Deputy Mayor Mabon are spearheading the Harness Racing display. Deputy Mayor Mabon requested that the Mayor write a letter to the Museum Board thanking them for all their hard work, to which she agreed.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Lorne Cudmore – reported that he was pleased with the Museum and other heritage endeavours and the Town. He mentioned Remembrance Day and gave stats to show why war, although sometimes necessary, is very wasteful. He also questioned whether the users of the Library were asked about the move to the Wellness Centre, something he felt should've been done.

Rodney Smith – reported that he enjoyed the work he was doing and has enjoyed working with Council.

**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.

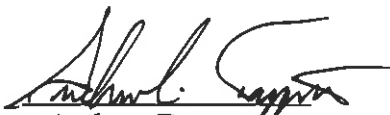
Mayor McGowan requested that the Development Permits be posted on the bulletin board and a copy be placed in the monthly agendas.


**Adjournment:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (08-132)*

This meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
Pat McGowan  
Mayor