

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
Jan. 12, 2009 – 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, Virginia Winter, Merrill Scott, Nick Price and Charles Theriault (Canadian Tire), Rodney Smith (Marlborough Media), Peter Wu and several members of the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society, and 2 members of the media.

**Prayer:**

Pastor Mark Reeves offered prayer for this meeting.

**Opening Remarks: Mayor Pat McGowan**

Mayor Pat McGowan opened her remarks by looking back on 2007/08 and the 4 “Healthy Town” objectives including physical health, financial health, mental health and social health. She highlighting some of items she perceived as positives, and some of the items she perceived as negatives. On the positive side was: the cleanliness of Montague thanks to Town maintenance staff; the new Wellness Centre construction; the Downtown Incentive Package and Streetscape project; the friendliness of the Town; the use of LED lights; the Waterfront; the DesRoches Study; the Senior’s College; the Water Phase 2 project; and several other projects and highlights. Mayor McGowan mentioned the following “disappointments”: the lack of an administrator during the first few months of the mandate; the lack of Christmas lights at the Waterfront; and the Remuneration Bylaw passed by Council. She hopes that 2009 will be a banner year for Montague and hopes that someone will recognize all that we have in Montague and consider building a hotel here.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-01).*

**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 December 8, 2008.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-02)*

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

Councillor Taylor stated that she would have Canada Gameswear items for display at next month's meeting as there was not a large selection available yet.

**New Business:**

**Resolution in support of Development Permit application.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the Town of Montague supports and approves the Development Permit Application dated Nov. 19, 2008 from Terrain Group on behalf of Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-03)*

Nick Price and Charles Theriault from Canadian Tire came forward and answered questions regarding the development. They stated that there would be about 20 employees hired and that the store would be about half the size of the one in Charlottetown. They also explained that hiring and wages would be up to the new manager.

**New Website unveiling.**

Rodney Smith came forward and demonstrated the new website for Council and the those in the gallery. Mayor McGowan congratulated Rodney, Kristie and Councillor Taylor for all their hard work.

**W/S Rate Study.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon that the Town of Montague send the results of the Water and Sewer Rate Study to IRAC with the recommendations of the W/S Corporation.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-04)*

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$48,864.19.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-05)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$24,160.73.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-06)*

**Correspondence:**

- 1. An email from Virginia Winter informing Council of projects being undertaken at the Centre for Performing Arts.**  
For info only.
- 2. A thank you letter from the Lions Club.**

For info only.

**3. An email from Matthew McCarville expressing interest in helping if Montague is considering investigating wind energy.**

For info only. Councillor Taylor informed that she had been working on a similar project and hoped to have more info in the near future. This matter was left with Councillors Taylor and Crawford.

**4. An email informing that IRAC will be holding public hearings January 20<sup>th</sup> on Maritime Electric's proposed rate increase.**

For info only.

**5. An email updating on the status of our Energy Audit.**

For info only.

**6. Information about the Island Communities Fund.**

For info only.

**Delegations and/or Special Speakers:**

**1. Mary Kent**

Ms. Kent came forward and presented the details of a Restorative Justice Program called the "SNAP Program" (Stop Now and Plan). It is an internationally recognized, evidence based program for troubled and "forgotten children" between the ages of 6-12 years and their parents. Ms. Kent stated that there are 3 pilot project slated for the spring and she is looking for interim funding to get the pilot programs up and running.

**2. Allison Schellekens**

Ms. Schellekens informed Council about "Instructional Hockey", a program to introduce kids to hockey in a noncompetitive manner. She has 17 children signed up and is requesting that the Town donate money to help purchase jerseys. This item was left to Councillors MacFarlane and Taylor.

**3. King Young**

Peter Wu, Executive Secretary for the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society came forward to explain the monastery idea they have for the Lobster Shanty property. Mr. Wu gave a brief introduction on who they are, what they're going to do, and also to ask what they can do for Montague.

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

**a) Councillor Doucette**

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

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor to submit the application to HRSDC for funding for the Wellness Centre position (Recreation Director).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-07)*

Mayor McGowan also made note that the Fire Department curling team won the bonspiel will host the 2009 fire department curling tournament.

**b) Councillor Crawford**

Councillor Crawford stating the following items within his portfolio:

Festivals and Events – the New Year’s Skate was well attended and live music was great. He thanked Benji and the rink group for their support.

He mentioned that he had attended a meeting in Charlottetown regarding the “Energy System” application he thinks this is a very important project that would save money and he gets more committed with each meeting as this is an example of what could be done.

Christmas Lights – Councillor Crawford stated that the lights looked great and he has heard no complaints since the change.

Waterfront Development – are looking to erect a building in the small parking lot modelling the old freight shed.

Library – attended a meeting that was exciting due to the enthusiasm of the Friends of the Library group. Councillor Crawford also expressed that he was impressed with Ms. Schellekens’ presentation and will be supporting it 100%.

**a) Councillor Taylor**

Councillor Taylor’s report is attached as Appendix “B”. She highlighted the following areas in addition to her report.

Recreation – the Eastern School District is interested in expanding programming to possibly include the new Wellness Centre and the pool.

Town Promotion – PR for the town included the new website, the TV ad, and advertising in the Island Living magazine.

She then brought forward a "point of order" and outlined, from *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Ed.* (adopted in Feb. 2008 by Council as the governing rules of order), the ways in which she feels Mayor failed to follow the acceptable procedure for chairing a meeting at the Dec. 8, 2008 Regular Meeting. Councillor Taylor used the following citations from *Robert's Rules* as examples: Pg. 28, lines 10 to 15; Pg. 29, lines 1 and 2; Pg. 31, lines 10 to 24; Pg. 33, lines 23 to 27; Pg. 382 and Pg 383.

At the end of her point of order, C. Taylor requested that the Mayor state her error in interpreting the rules, apologize to C. Taylor and members of Council for not following the rules, and that the point of order be recorded and presented in the Minutes of the January meeting. The Mayor stated that she "did not recognize C. Taylor's motion and that she was within her rights as Chairperson for the meeting" not to do so. Her reason for not recognizing the motion was that "we would be discussing this as a Council, which we did" (in reference to Council discussing this matter at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Jan. 8, 2009). Mayor

McGowan stated that “we were not prepared to make a motion at that time” and thanked Councillor Taylor for pointed out the issue but “did not feel she was in the wrong”. Mayor McGowan also stated that she was Chairman of the meeting and hoped we could keep things positive. Councillor Taylor again stated that the Mayor was “out of order” based on *Robert’s Rules* to which the Mayor replied that “if you (Councillor Taylor) have a problem, perhaps you can meet me in my office and we will discuss it” as her “door is open”.

**b) Councillor MacFarlane**

Councillor MacFarlane’s report is attached as Appendix “C”. He also stated that he feels we should actively pursue a hotel.

Mayor McGowan referenced a motion in June 2008 to “price for the purchase of 8 computers” and inquired who ordered and purchased the computers? She explained that as Mayor she did not have one. She explained that she had received one that “sat on her desk and did not work” for a few days and that it was reconditioned when she was under the impression that we were buying new ones. She also inquired about the support and training that was supposed to come with the computers.

Councillor MacFarlane explained that he felt the motion was to purchase the computers. He was not aware of the status of the “jump drives”. CAO Daggett explained that the Mayor’s computer was sent back as she stated she did not want it as it “did not work”. The CAO explained that he had it working but took it back at the Mayor’s request. There is another computer coming but it was on back order. Mayor McGowan asked Councillor Doucette if he was aware that the computers would be refurbished. He explained that we received two tenders from local suppliers (and one from Charlottetown) and purchased from the lowest tender as per the original motion. Deputy Mayor Mabon stated that he thought the money was allocated in the budget and at that time the intent was to buy them. Councillor Crawford asked if the Mayor still wanted a computer and, after she replied that she did, stated that we would get one.

**c) Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Deputy Mayor Mabon gave the following reports from his portfolio:

Planning Board – met to review the Canadian Tire application and another application that will be coming forward soon.

Museum – attended the museum Christmas function.

Public Works – the ditching on Yeo Crescent is completed for now and will be finished in the spring. Snow removal is going well.

Economic Development – there will be something coming forward soon.

**d) Councillor Robertson**

Councillor Robertson’s report is attached as appendix “D”. She corrected Councillor Crawford by stating that he had met with the Library Board, not the Friends of the Library. She also circulated a list of items needed for the library.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Virginia Winter – brought to Council’s attention the launching of the first movie night at the Centre for Performing Arts. It will be held on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with the showing of “Mama Mia”. She is inviting people to come as their favourite movie character and is hoping in the future to have something similar to a “So You Think You Have Talent” contest. She stated that they will be doing movies every weekend. She is also looking for a Councillor to act as a liaison between the Centre and Council.

Merrill Scott – updated council on the Wellness Centre project. He also mentioned the meeting with the Library Board to work out some of the details for the new facility.

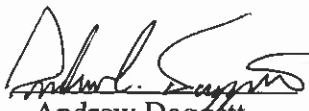
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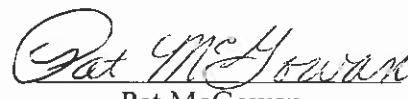
- 1. RCMP Report**  
As written.
  
- 2. Animal Control Report**  
As written.
  
- 3. CAO Report**  
As written.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adjourn.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-08)*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
Pat McGowan  
Mayor