

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
March 9, 2009 – 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, Kristie Robertson, Rodney Smith, Debbie Johnston, Mark Reeves, and two media.

Prayer:

Pastor Mark Reeves offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Deputy Mayor David Mabon

Deputy Mayor Mabon opened by stating that he was filling in for Mayor McGowan who was in hospital in Charlottetown. He noted that there were some changes being made to the Agenda and explained the reasons why. He highlighted that the “Delegations, Special Speakers, and Public Input” section was being moved further up in the Agenda to accommodate speakers and citizens sooner in the evening. He also noted the “Councillor Reports” would now be “Committee Reports” and Councillors would only be reporting if there was something of significance to bring to Council.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to approve the agenda and the new Agenda format.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-13).

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 February 10, 2009 with the adjournment time changed to 7:10.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-14)

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Taylor to adopt the minutes of February 23, 2009.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-15)

Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

Debbie Johnston – addressed Council about the problem with runoff water at her property at 14 MacDonald Ave. She stated that the property had been the same since

1955 with no changes, and that water runoff from the adjacent lot and street was a problem. Ms. Johnston brought to Council's attention Section 7.8.1 of the Zoning Bylaw 2008-02 which states "No permanent building shall be erected or placed without showing the pattern and allowing for surface water run off on the lot so as not to cause damage or water run off onto adjacent lots". She wants to "have someone qualified to come and look at the property and make some suggestions as to a solution" and to try to solve the problem. She also stated that she wants to hear back from someone before doing anything and is not expecting Council to do it all.

Business Arising From Minutes:

1. Canada Gameswear.

Councillor Taylor addressed Council about purchasing "Gameswear" for the Town staff to wear on Fridays and also brought forward the idea of an online contest to build excitement for the Games and to draw attention to the Town website. Winners of the contest would receive gameswear as prizes.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to purchase Canada Gameswear for staff and for online contest with one draw per month for the online contest to continue until the Canada Games.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-16)

2. Build Canada Fund Application for feasibility study for community energy system.

Councillor Taylor addressed Council and stated that she had been advised to redirect the Build Canada Fund application for a community energy system feasibility study to the Gas Tax Funding program.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to redirect our application for funding of a study to explore the possible types of green energy to be used in a community heating system, to the Gas Tax fund, rather than the Build Canada Fund, and subject to tendering process, if there be an additional municipal contribution necessary, we can proceed with an amended total subject to council approval, to the previously approved ten thousand dollars approved contribution.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-17)

New Business:

1. Storm Water, Ditches and Trees Policy (SWDT 1).

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor to adopt the policy and add 8.iv) stating that the items in Section 8 apply to Section 6 and 7.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-18)

2. Proclamation Policy (P 1).

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adopt the policy as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-19)

3. Special Committee structure.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adopt the Special Committee structure as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-20)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$44,177.63 (Original amount of \$55, 637.12 – KCC invoices totaling \$11,459.49, as the KCC bills may be returned to the WFDC).

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-21)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$33,926.70.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-22)

Additional Item:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to add the additional item as 10.6 under “Correspondence Requiring Action”.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-23)

Correspondence Requiring Action:

- 1. A notice regarding the upcoming FPEIM Annual Meeting to be held in Montague.**

After some discussion, Council decided to form a Committee, Chaired by Councillor Doucette, to draft a presentation for the Commissioner.

- 2. An invitation to take part in the VIP Golf Tournament to be held in Brudenell on July 15, 2009.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to attend and take part in the tournament.

Motion Withdrawn

After discussion, Council decided that we would attend but that there was no need for a motion in order for us to participate.

- 3. An invitation to take part in the Canada Games Golf Tournament to be held in Glasgow Hills on June 23, 2009.**

Council decided not to participate.

- 4. A letter from UPEI requesting permission to digitize “A View From the Bridge” to be used in their collection.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to grant permission so long as it was ok with the Museum and author(s).

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-24)

- 5. A letter from FCM regarding the “Lights Out Across Canada For Earth Hour”.**

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Robertson to participate and turn off lights and also to promote via the Town sign and website.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-25)

6. **A request from Ivan MacInnis, Old World Pizza for a letter of support from Council for a Provincial liquor license. One of the requirements of the Provincial licensing process is for the proponent to obtain a letter of support from the community Council.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Taylor to write a letter in support and send.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-26)

Correspondence For Information:

1. **A communication from the Chair of the Canada Games Committee.**
2. **A letter from the CAW as a follow-up to communication requesting that we purchase all our transit buses and trolley cars from Canadian suppliers.**
3. **A letter from the Canada – PEI Infrastructure Secretariat regarding their collection of data.**
4. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour in reply to a letter from the Mayor. (p. 40)**
5. **A letter from FCM advising of the FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards DVD. The DVD is in the office if Council wants to view it. (p. 41)**
6. **A letter from Councillor Taylor to Peggy Flynn and the SWITCH Group of MRHS. (p. 42)**
7. **A thank you from Merrill and Barb Scott. (p. 43)**
8. **A thank you from Theresa Naddy and family. (p. 44)**
9. **A letter from Friends of the Games. (p. 45)**
10. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat stating that an extension to the ICSP deadline until Aug. 30, 2009 has been approved. (p. 46)**
11. **An email from IRAC stating that the rate application has been received. (p. 47)**
12. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour outlining the breakdown in the municipal grants and equalization funding. (p. 48)**
13. **A letter from the Canadian Ringette Championships acknowledging our inability to host a portion of the tournament in April. (p. 50)**
14. **A letter from the Infrastructure Secretariat stating that MHI will be collecting information for them this year. (p. 51)**
15. **A letter from the Provincial Treasury outlining the procedure by which municipalities realize payment for outstanding charges in the event of a Provincial Tax sale.**

No questions were asked on these items.

Committee Reports: Councillors gave reports in the following order with the following resolutions and/or motions:

1. Councillor Doucette

Reported that the Wellness Centre was proceeding on time and on budget. He also highlighted the document containing 14 FPEIM recommendations that they would be presenting to the Provincial Government and had been sent to all Councillors.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council no longer hold “in camera” Committee of the Whole meetings except to deal with land, labour or legal issues.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-27)

There was clarification on this during discussion that the intent of this motion was to eliminate the “pre-Council” meetings that Council had been having before each monthly meeting.

2. Councillor Robertson

Showed Council the “Certificate of Appreciation” that had been designed to be given to foster parents in the area.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford that Councillor Robertson signs the certificates on behalf of Council.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-28)

3. Councillor MacFarlane

Stated that Finance Committee had been meeting twice a week, that all of Council would be meeting for last two meetings, and the Budget would come down on March 30th. He also commented on the SNAP Program and that he had met with reps from the program and discussed their hope to set up in Montague. They are requesting between \$21,000 and \$28,000 per year in order to operate the program.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council not participate as the funding request was too much.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-29)

Councillor MacFarlane stated that he would contact the SNAP Program reps on behalf of Council. He also gave notice of motion that he would be bringing forward a motion next month to return to the ward system for the November Municipal election.

4. Councillor Taylor

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette that Council go “paper free” for Council Agendas.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-30)

5. Councillor Crawford

Stated that the Hamilton/Montague Good Will Games would be taking place this weekend for the last time in the Iceland Arena. Requested that Councillor Taylor take part in the Opening Ceremonies as the Councillor in charge of Recreation. Councillor Crawford also invited Robert Benoit to speak as the Chair for the Summer Days Parade this year.

Mr. Benoit stated that there were presently 14 entrants registered, that the parade would be going ahead, and they were hoping for a major sponsor for the event. Councillor Crawford thanked Councillor Doucette for his help with completing applications for funding. He made mention of the new “freight shed” being built on the waterfront and that he had requested permission from the south side shed owners to paint their buildings.

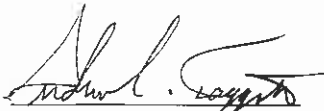
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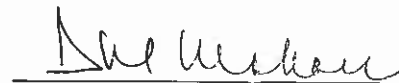
1. **RCMP Report**
As written. No questions.
2. **Animal Control Report**
As written. No questions.
3. **CAO Report**
As written. No questions.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to adjourn.
Motion Unanimously Carried (09-31)

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.


Andrew Daggett
CAO


David Mabon
Deputy Mayor