

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
April 6, 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, Bernie Crawford, Janice Taylor, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Pastor Bob MacGregor, 1 citizen, and two media.

**Prayer:**

Pastor MacGregor offered prayer for Council and the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson to approve the agenda with the additional item as 8.1 (to apply for infrastructure to complete street work).

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-32).*

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

There were no disclosures.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Taylor to adopt the minutes of March 9, 2009.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-33)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to adopt the minutes of March 30, 2009.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-34)*

**Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input**

**Garden of the Gulf Museum** – Edgar Dewar presented the plans for the Museum storage building they would like to build under the Build Canada Fund (BCF). He presented the data (building plans and financial statements) to Council in hopes that he could meet the April 14<sup>th</sup> deadline for this round of funding. Mr. Dewar wondered where the building could be placed and thought that the area by the Town maintenance building would be very tight for space.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson that the Town supports the BCF application from the Museum Board for the construction of a storage building.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-35)*

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Taylor that the Town supports the Cultural Spaces Canada application from the Museum Board for the construction of a storage building.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-36)*

**Resolution in support of TCAP funding application – the CAO** explained the request from TCAP.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford that the Town of Montague supports the BCF Application from the TCAP Cooperative.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-37)*

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

None.

**New Business:**

1. **A motion to apply to the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for infrastructure money to complete street and sidewalk work.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Taylor that the Montague Town Council make application to the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for infrastructure money to complete street and sidewalk work and that the application be designated as Priority 1.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-38)*

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$135,587.99.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-39)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$17,781.07.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-40)*

**Correspondence Requiring Action:**

1. **A proposal from the Commissionaires for bylaw enforcement in Montague.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to write a letter stating that we did not require their services at this time.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-41)*

2. **A letter from Commissioner on Land and Local Governance outlining some of the issues he is mandated to address.**

After discussion, Council decided to leave this matter to Councillor Doucette who has agreed to head a Committee to draft a response.

3. **Letter from Ann Dewar requesting a letter in support of her application for a liquor license for Sir Isaac's & Mr. Gabe's Restaurant and Pub (former Doc. Johnston's).**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to write a letter of approval.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-42)*

4. **A package from FPEIM outlining the Annual Meeting to be held in Montague and requesting the names of delegates.**  
No action taken.
5. **A letter from Crime Stoppers requesting support.**  
Council decided to send them an application for funding as per the grants and donation policy.
6. **A letter from Canada Post requesting nominations for the 2009 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards.**  
Councillor Crawford suggested contacting Jim Nimmo and Swarna Chandrasekera for suggestions for Literacy Awards.

**Correspondence For Information:**

1. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour Minister Hon. Carolyn Bertram in reference to the meeting held between herself and Council.**

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

1. **Councillor Taylor**  
Highlighted the Canada Tree and funding for it and a tour guide; stated that the on-line Canada Games contest was going well; said that we should have the results of the Energy Audit by week's end; that the Feasibility Study will go to Cabinet by the end of the week; and that Emerson Murphy has a rat problem next door at 244 Locust Street. A decision was made to contact the building's owner about the issue and try to find a solution.
2. **Councillor Robertson**  
Attached as Appendix "A".
3. **Councillor Crawford**  
Stated that the snow removal had left some damage around the Town and it looks like there is quite a bit of work to be done to fix it, but King Enterprises will be fixing it in the near future and he asked people to be patient; and Councillor Crawford stated that there would be an Administration and Personnel Committee meeting tomorrow to start work on a policy to deal with items such as vacation, sick leave, RRSP contributions, health plans, etc.
4. **Councillor MacFarlane**  
Stated that he was recanting his previous notice of motion to bring forward a

bylaw to divide the Town into wards before the next municipal election in November.

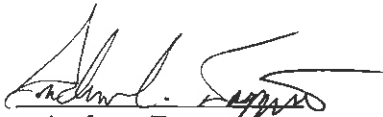
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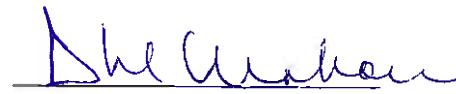
- 1. RCMP Report**  
As written. No questions.
- 2. Animal Control Report**  
As written. No questions.
- 3. CAO Report**  
As written. No questions.
- 4. Development Permit Report**  
No questions.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to adjourn.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-43)*

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
David Mabon  
Deputy Mayor

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Report for April 2009

Liaison to Heritage Rivers  
Chair for Communities in Bloom  
Liaison to Library  
Council Rep to the Council of the Disabled

Good Evening your worship, CAO Andy, fellow Councillors, members of the gallery. It is great to see spring after a long, hard, cold and snowy winter.

I attended a number of meetings this month. Some of them was discussing the budget.

Congratulations on the budget Councillor MacFarlane. It is not an easy job when finances are limited but you managed to put together a good budget with a little over.

One item in the budget I am very pleased to mention is money ear marked to have an automatic lock on the front door here at Town Hall. We have talked about this since the first year we were here. This will mean that everyone has the same access to enter the building without help even in a wheelchair. As Council rep to the Council of the Disabled this is a good news story. I will be checking the daily paper tomorrow to see this reported as the good news story it is. Everyone should have the same access to public buildings regardless of physical ability, whether they are able to walk or in a wheelchair or whatever.

We hope to get this done as soon as weather permits.

We have entered the Communities in Bloom program again this year and we will be putting a large effort into this program and trying our best to "WOW" the judges when they come in July. They will come July 23 and will be judging July 24. So let's all make a great effort and make Montague "Bloom"

Communities in Bloom has a slogan- people, plants and pride.... growing together and this captures the essence of the program. The benefits of this program are wide spread with a sense of community pride and a feeling of accomplishment generated through participation and everyone wins.

The Communities in Bloom program is more than just planting a few flowers. It is about Tidiness, Environmental Awareness, and Community Involvement. And this is where we need lots of volunteers. We need to show the judges that we are proud of our Town. Then there is Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Tree and Urban Forest Management, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, and the last one is Turf and Groundcovers.

We are judged on all these categories. Last year in 2008 we scored 82.6 out of a hundred and we got five "blooms". We may have scored more but we lost in Community Involvement. So we need to do a volunteer recognition evening where we can hand out some certificates and serve a piece of cake and a cup of tea and maybe have some music too. Just to show the volunteers that we do appreciate them.

As liaison to the library I am excited to see the new library soon to be ready to move into.

As liaison to Heritage Rivers I missed the March meeting as it was the same evening as one of the budget meetings I attended. And that's my report