

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
July 13, 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, Jennifer Dixon, Merrill Scott, one RCMP and two media.

Deputy Mayor Mabon presented Jennifer Dixon with an aerial photo of Montague and congratulated her for winning the “Enduring Business Award” at the recent 1st Annual Women in Business Awards.

Deputy Mayor Mabon also mentioned the passing of Allan (Bardy) Nelson and all his work with and for the Town of Montague as a former Councillor and Fireman.

Approval of Agenda:

It was decided to move the RCMP Report to Section 5.1.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to approve the agenda with the move of the RCMP Report from 12.1 to 5.1.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-61)

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to adopt the minutes of June 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-62)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adopt the minutes of June 18, 2009 Special Council Meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-63)

Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

RCMP Report – Cpl. Donna McMurrer came forward, introduced herself and gave the highlights from, and answered questions with regards to, the monthly report. Deputy Mayor Mabon mentioned that the Council appreciates the “foot patrols”.

Business Arising From Minutes:

None.

New Business:

1. Recommendation from Planning Board to make Fraser Street two-way between School Street and Riverside Drive.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to make Fraser Street two way between School Street and Riverside Drive.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-64)

2. Recommendation to register Fraser Street plan of survey.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to register the Fraser Street plan of survey.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-65)

3. K&S Development for Fisheries Building

Ian Smith has submitted the plan for the new development on Main Street. Councillor MacFarlane to address on behalf of the Planning Board.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the development as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-66)

4. Guy Malet-Veale Subdivision

Mr. Malet-Veale is requesting to be able to subdivide his property as per a 1998 plan. This item has been to Planning Board.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the Malet-Veale subdivision.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-67)

5. Lowell and Jacqueline MacDonald land consolidation

Mr. And Mr. MacDonald are requesting the consolidation of their lots PIDs 195693 and 195701 into one lot.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the MacDonald consolidation.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-68)

6. Sterling and Kathryn Campbell land consolidation

Mr. And Mr. Campbell are requesting the consolidation of their lots PIDs 451666 and 582551 into one lot.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to accept the Campbell consolidation.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-69)

7. Zoning Bylaw requirements regarding swimming pools

The Zoning Bylaw does not have a specific requirement for the depth/type of pool requiring fencing.

Council decided that Councillor Taylor and the CAO should investigate this further, get recommendations from our solicitor, and report back to Council.

8. Loan Consolidation

The Finance Committee has received proposals back in response to a loan consolidation RFP.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor to accept the proposal from CIBC (5 year maturity with 18 year amortization).

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-70)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$77,992.20.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-71)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$93,777.71.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-72)

Correspondence Requiring Action:

- 1. An email from Stephanie Dewar stating that the Town is entitled to two Canada Games Jackets and requesting sizing information for them by July 16th.**

The CAO and Councillor Taylor to look after this matter.

- 2. An email from Charles Teufert stating that Montague Township in New Jersey is celebrating their 250th anniversary on September 12th and asking if the Town would like to send a message of good will to them.**

Deputy Mayor Mabon, CAO Daggett and Treasurer Kristie Robertson to assemble a package for Montague Township.

- 3. An email from Susan Kemp stating that she would like the Town to erect 30 minute parking signs on the south side of the bridge similar to those on the north side.**

Councillor Crawford expressed concern that there should be much discussion about this item before any action is taken by Council. It was agreed that Councillor Crawford would investigate this matter and report back to Council.

- 4. An email from Richard Pound requesting the Town's support on their Canadian Olympic Committee's application to the CRTC for two television licenses for the Canadian Amateur Sports Network.**

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Doucette to send a letter of support.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-73)

- 5. A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour requesting the wishes of Council for polling stations in the upcoming municipal elections. Council needs to decide how many polling stations they want, and in what locations.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Robertson to keep the polling stations the same as the last election.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-74)

Councillor Taylor questioned if we needed four polling stations.

Correspondence For Information:

1. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour advising that the 2007/2008 “Municipal Statistical Review” has been released. A copy is available at the Town Office or on-line.**
2. **An email from the Lynda Sharpe thanking the Town for their support of the Kings County Music Festival.**
3. **An email from Richard MacEwen regarding the status of the Community Energy System Study. A summary will be provided by July 17th. (p. 41)**
4. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour advising of an amendment to the Municipalities Act has been made which changes the municipal election term lengths.**
5. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour in response to a letter from Council.**
6. **A letter from Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour advising that a copy of the new Procedural Bylaw has been filed with the Department.**

There was no action taken on any of these items.

Committee Reports: Councillors gave reports from the following portfolios:

1. Councillor Doucette

Liaison to Wellness Centre - Councillor Doucette asked if Merrill Scott, Chair of the Wellness Centre Committee, would like to report on the status of the construction.

Mr. Scott – gave a “Readers Digest” version of the construction of the Wellness Centre including the fact that the asphalt pad for the Zamboni was in, the pavement topcoat would soon be done, and most of the work was due to be completed by Friday.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Crawford to name the Wellness Centre entrance “Sullivan Drive” in respect to the Sullivan family who donated the land.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-75)

Animal Control – a meeting had been held to deal with “problem dogs” with a compromise being met.

Councillor Doucette also questioned where were the benches that the WFDC usually placed along the road.

2. Councillor Robertson

Councillor Robertson expressed sympathies to the Mayor on the loss of her mother and to the Nelson family on the passing of Bardy Nelson.

Communities in Bloom – local judging is to take place July 17 with out of Town judges to decide the winners. The National judging is scheduled to take place July 23 with a reception on July 24 at which the local winners will be announced.

3. Councillor MacFarlane

Water & Sewer – letters were sent with the quarterly bills to try and help explain the reason for the rates increase.

Finance – referenced the “year to date” information in the Agenda.

Planning – brought forward a recommendation from the Planning Board with regards to the Longhorn building at 3 Mill Street:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to have the Longhorn building demolished, the hole filled, and the street widened.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-76)

4. Councillor Taylor

Recreation – funding has been received for the Canada Tree from Communities and Cultural Affairs with the help of Stephen Lewis. Also expressed concern that the benches that were usually around the Town were not out and hoped that some of the business owners would tidy up their lots before the Canada Games.

5. Councillor Crawford

Councillor Crawford expressed sympathies to the Nelson family on the passing of Bardy Nelson.

Public Works – the Town will soon be doing some paving, curbing and sidewalk work around the Town. Deputy Mayor Mabon inquired about the worker from Kingswood Centre, Dana MacLean and his supervisor, Kristina Chapman. Councillor Crawford said they seem to be working out well.

Festival and Events – thanked the Province for the funding to help with the expenses. Also expressed that the fireworks could not be held due to poor weather and they may go during Octoberfest. Councillor Crawford thanked the merchants for their generosity in donating to Summer Days and especially thanked Sobeys, Superstore, and Kent Building Supplies.

Liaison to WFDC – Councillor Crawford stated he did not know what happened to the WFDC benches. Deputy Mayor Mabon said that the benches were in the Esso property with the grass growing up through them. Councillor Crawford said he would look into this.

Information for Council/CAO Report:

1. RCMP Report

As written.

2. Animal Control Report

As written.

3. CAO Report

As written.

4. Development Permit Report

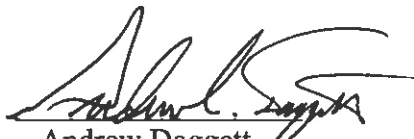
No questions.

Adjournment:

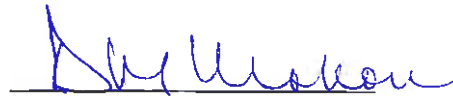
Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adjourn.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-77)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.



Andrew Daggett
CAO



David Mabon
Deputy Mayor