

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
Sept. 14, 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, three media and nine public.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to approve the agenda with the removal of items 5.1 and 12.1.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-91)*

**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 the August 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-92)*

**Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input**

The Special Speaker was not present for the meeting.

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**Borrowing Resolution** - This item was brought to Council last month and it was decided to accept the proposal from the CIBC for borrowing funds and terming out some of our line of credit. They require a more specific resolution in order to finalize the transaction.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to accept the Credit Agreement from CIBC dated August 19, 2009, with credit facilities as follows:

- Credit A: Operating line for \$10,000, at Prime plus .50%
- Credit B: Demand Instalment Loan for \$1,829,000, with a 5- year term and an 18 - year amortization. The interest rate and payment amount will be set at draw down.
- Credit C: Demand Instalment Loan for \$675,000 at Prime plus .50%
- Credit D: Demand Instalment Loan for \$750,000 at Prime plus .50%".

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-93)*

**New Business:**

**1. KEM Holdings Inc. Subdivision.**

**KEM Holdings has submitted an application for subdivision and development of properties 197756 and 693572. They intend to purchase PID 693572 and consolidate it with part of PID 197756 and construct a duplex on the new lot.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the subdivision and development as presented.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-94)*

**2. Tender Award for Road Improvements Project.**

**CBCL gave a recommendation for the award of the Road Improvement tender opened Thursday. They needed to ensure that all criteria were met and figures were accurate.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the lowest tender from Kings County Construction.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-95)*

**3. Personnel Bylaw 2009-02.**

**Possible first reading of the Personnel Bylaw, Bylaw No. 2009-02.**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept first reading of the Personnel Bylaw 2009-02.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-96)*

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$45,124.63.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-97)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$479,933.41.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-98)*

**Correspondence Requiring Action:**

**1. A letter from the Montague Regional Athletic Complex Association requesting support for their application for infrastructure funding.**

As this falls under Councillor Taylor's portfolio, she suggested that she would discuss this matter with Council within the next month and prepare a letter for them in October.

**2. An email from Marguerite Arsenault informing of an upcoming meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm to discuss the possibility of a Montague Area Sport Council.**

Councillor Taylor and the CAO will attend.

**3. A letter from the Town of Wolfville, NS inviting Council to their "Compost Field Day" on Wednesday, Sept. 23 where they will demonstrate their**

**pesticide free approach to sports field maintenance.**

No action.

4. **An invitation to the *Progress* Top 101 Awards Reception on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.**  
No action.
5. **A letter from True Sport inviting Council to join their group by passing a resolution to join the True Sport Movement.**  
Councillor Taylor will investigate to see if it fits with our Proclamation Policy.
6. **A letter from Communities Responding to Human Needs requesting that Council proclaim Nov. 15-22 as Restorative Justice Week 2009.**  
No action.

**Correspondence For Information:**

1. There were four items. No action taken.

**Committee Reports:** Councillors gave reports from the following portfolios:

**1. Deputy Mayor Mabon**

Economic Development – there was a letter sent to Town business owners advising them of a meeting at which the possible formation of an “Advisory Group” would be established to help the Economic Development Committee.

**2. Other Committee Reports**

Several Councillors submitted electronic reports prior to the meeting but did not give a verbal report. Electronic reports attached.

**Information for Council/CAO Report:**

**1. RCMP Report**

No report this month.

**2. Animal Control Report**

As written.

**3. CAO Report**

As written. The CAO answered one question regarding the “Wind energy for Rinks” project by stating that there has been no further information.

**4. Development Permit Report**

No questions.

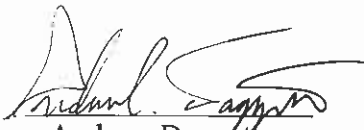
The Mayor congratulated two new businesses in Town, Sir Isaac’s & Mr. Gabe’s restaurant and the new store in the mall, Setting the Trend. She thanked Deputy Mayor Mabon for assuming the Chair during her absence and questioned the “Standing Committees” make up. She questioned if the Water and Sewer Bylaw # 30 had been changed since it states therein that the Water and Sewer Committee members are appointed by the Mayor. The CAO informed that the bylaw had not been changed. She


also questioned the RCMP contract. At this point Councillor Taylor rose on a “point of order” and requested that the Mayor stay to the agenda. The Mayor questioned Council if there would be any objection to her asking one more question, at which time Councillor Taylor expressed her objection, rose on a “point of order”, and again requested that the Mayor stay to the agenda. Mayor McGowan continued with the meeting as per the agenda.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to adjourn.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-99)*

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
Pat McGowan  
Mayor

*Taylor*

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**Canada Tree**

The Canada Tree was a huge success for the Town, we have estimated that in the time that the Tree graced our Waterfront, we had over 5,000 visitors. It was a huge team effort and all the volunteers are thanked for their support, and the support of fellow councillors, who all played a role during the Tree's stay. Notable mention of Tommy McLeod, Andy Daggett, Kathy Sandford, Krisite Robertson, I am so pleased to work with such high energy, effective people.

The Unveiling was very well attended, we had representation for all levels of government, and we had great news coverage for the day despite the rain. The reception was catered by the Kingswood Center and it was also well attended. We had tremendous support from the people of Montague and surrounding areas, all of whom we spoke to had expressed their desire to have the Tree remain here in Eastern PEI.

The Aspin Family has agreed that Montague will be the Home of the Canada Tree, and we are now embarking on a project to construct a suitable home for it on the Waterfront. The committee is meeting weekly to take the steps to undertake this project. We are now in the initial stages of planning.

**Recreation**

The 2009 PEI Mutual Canada Games Torch Relay was held August 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This was the first event of the Games, running the Torch from one end of the Island to the other. I was part of relay team that participated by running in the Relay and I organized the BBQ in Montague at the Freight Shed at the end of day one of the Relay. Thanks to the participants and the Fire Departments of Murray River, Montague and Belfast for the Escorts that they provided. Many thanks also to the RCMP escorts that led the Relay into Montague with Kara Grant and fellow runners.

The BBQ had a great turnout and I was pleased that so many people turned up to support the Canada Games.

**Media/Town Float**

We have just updated the website to include some of the Canada Tree Photos, we will be beginning to put together our PEI Tourism Ad for 2010, and we will be putting a thank you in the local paper thanking the volunteers for their community support throughout the Canada Games and during the Canada tree's stay.

## **Environment**

**We will be having a stakeholders meeting regarding the Feasibility Study next week, we will also be looking at the Energy Audit as a reference tool for our long term sustainability planning.**

## **Additional Information**

**I have met with Hon. Ron MacKinley and Gerard Morrision from TPW and I have been advised that they will be repairing the entrances to the Tim Horton's where the catch basins are located. This work should be repaired in the next two weeks.**

MacFarlane

Councillor Report  
Sept 14/2009

1)Chair of Finance Committee:

Things are moving along nicely. Included in the agenda is a more clarified borrowing resolution as requested by CIBC. This originally was approved at the August meeting but a more clarified resolution is required.

We are entering the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year and a detailed budget report will be presented at the October meeting.

2)Chair of Seniors/Youth:

I am working on possible seminars for Seniors/Youth with the RCMP.  
Dep.Mayor Mabon has organized and held the Seniors College registration for this winter-thanks to Dep.Mayor Mabon.

3)Chair to Montague Water/Sewer Corp:

Construction of the final phase of the water infrastructure is almost complete. Re-installation of properties/line flushing and water testing is continuing. Letters to residents for information purposes are being prepared and will be sent out in the near future. After completion,all residents of the Town of Montague will have access to a safe, potable water service finally. Hats off to former Councils who had the foresight to begin this process many years ago.

4)Town Liason to RCMP:

I have met with Sgt.Rae MacCormack of the RCMP and discussed various topics that have been brought up such as:

- 1) vandalism
- 2) speeding within the Town
- 3) spot checks
- 4) bicycle helmet usage
- 5) Seniors/Youth safety programs
- 6) by-laws
- 7) littering
- 8) increase/decrease of violent crime
- 9) RCMP funding for municipal projects
- 10) Monthly RCMP report

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It was a very informative and favorable meeting and some of the topics of the discussion have already been addressed. Others will be addressed as well in the near future if not already done so.

Respectfully submitted

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Councillor

Doucette

**Montague Town Council Meeting,  
Monday, September 14, 2009  
Report, Councillor Peter Doucette**

**Council Representative to the Wellness Centre Committee  
Council Representative to the FPEIM  
Council Liaison to the Montague Volunteer Fire Department  
Councillor Responsible for Animal Control  
Councillor Responsible for Unsightly Premises**

**Wellness Centre**

- The Montague and Area Wellness Centre Board of Directors has recommended January 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> be the Grand Opening of the regional centre to coincide with the hosting of the biggest hockey tournament in our area, the annual Norseman Tournament. I will be moving the acceptance of this recommendation at the October council meeting.

**FPEIM**

- The regular meeting of the FPEIM will be held this Thursday evening, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Federation Office, after adjourning for the July and August meeting

**Council Liaison to the Montague Volunteer Fire Department**

- Estimates are being gathered for the provision of generator power, as reported at last month's meeting

**Councillor Responsible for Animal Control**

- The Animal Control Report is included in the meeting package.

**Councillor Responsible for Unsightly Premises**

All letters to unsightly property owners have been sent and results of these notifications will be reported next month.

**Other items to be considered:**

- **Contributing to the Annual Roma Feast – last year we contributed \$250.00**
- **Contributing to the purchase of one seat to support the Georgetown Playhouse - \$250.00**
- **Letter of support to Federal Minister responsible for the location of the Coast Guard Station to be located in Georgetown**