

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Oct. 13, 2009 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Pat McGowan, Councillors Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, Janice Taylor, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Cst. Donna McMurrer, Stephen Harper, Sarah Jane Bell (SEA), David Morrison, Jim MacPhee, Merrill Scott, Rita Donahoe, Greg MacLaren, Faye Fraser, two media and two public.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-100)

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-101)

Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

Merrill Scott and Jim MacPhee – gave Council an update on the Wellness Centre progress and financial information. Mr. MacPhee stated that the WC budget funds were projected to amount to \$6.74 million capital, \$70,000 for RBR Consulting, and bridge financing of about \$300,000. He stated that substantial savings have been realized due to the low interest rates and that the donations budget had been met. He assured the Council that the project is not, and would not be, over budget when the final numbers are in. Mr. Scott told Council that we are actually getting more than what was stated in the contract due to good fiscal management and that all the members of each committee working on the WC had done a great job and were “tremendous” to work with. Mr. Scott also stated that this was one of the best Council with which he was ever involved and thanked Council for their support. Councillors Robertson, MacFarlane, and Crawford all thanked Mr. Scott (and Stephen Harper) for all their hard work with this project.

Stephen Harper – Councillor Taylor came forward and presented Mr. Harper with a picture of the oldest and newest Fire Trucks as a thank you for all his volunteer work with the Wellness Centre and the Town.

Sarah Jane Bell – Ms. Bell gave a presentation highlighting the findings of the Community Energy System Study. She outlined the history of the energy audit completed by Jacques Whitford which investigated energy usage and outlined some methods for reducing such. She also offered to work with Town hall to help implement some of the recommendations. Ms. Bell then went on to explain the findings of the Community Energy System study completed by CRA which had a top recommendation of installing a “wind tower” at the Wellness Centre. Some

other suggestions included each building in study installing their own bio-mass boiler system and the Town highlighting some of the good things already being done within the Town.

The RCMP were requested to present at this time to allow them to get back to other duties.

RCMP (Cst. Donna McMurrer) – Cst. McMurrer came forward and gave the RCMP Report at this time and answered questioned. She also pointed out the slight difference in the Municipal and Provincial definitions of “jay walking”.

Business Arising From Minutes:

1. Personnel Bylaw 2009-02

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

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to have and accept second reading of the Personnel Bylaw.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-102)

2. Personnel Bylaw 2009-02

Possible resolution to enact the Personnel Bylaw, Bylaw No. 2009-02

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette that it be resolved that Bylaw 2009-02 be accepted and enacted as the Personnel Bylaw.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-103)

3. Correction to August. 10, 2009 Minutes

It has been brought to the attention of the CAO that the vote was not recorded accurately in the August 10, 2009 meeting minutes for a motion made to provide a non-financial letter of support for the REACH group. Councillor Crawford was recorded as voting against the motion and voted in favour of the motion.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to correct the Minutes of August 10, 2009.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-104)

4. Possible motion to support Curling Club application to the Island Communities Fund. A letter from the Montague Regional Athletic Complex Association was received last month requesting support for their application for infrastructure funding.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to send a letter of support from the Council.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-105)

5. A request from Communities Responding to Human Needs requesting that Council proclaim Nov. 15-22 as Restorative Justice Week 2009.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to proclaim Nov. 15-22 as Restorative Justice Week.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-106)

New Business:

1. Motion to send a letter to the Infrastructure Secretariat informing them of the Town’s intention to apply for funding for the Canada Tree “House”.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to send a letter to the Infrastructure Secretariat informing them of the Town’s intention to apply for funding for the Canada Tree “House”.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-107)

2. **Consideration of July 9, 2001 motion to not allow utility hook-ups to residents outside the Town. This motion was passed in part due to a lack of capacity. The Water & Sewer Corporation has discussed this matter and feels that there is now sufficient capacity and consideration may want to be given to rescinding the July 9, 2001 motion.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to rescind the July 9, 2001 motion.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-108)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to allow hook-ups to properties outside the Town limits subject to the Town specifications.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-109)

3. **William Rourke's appointment as Returning Officer for Nov. 2 municipal election.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to appoint William Rourke as Returning Officer for the Nov. 2 municipal election.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-110)

4. **Appointment of Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks. The list of DRO and Poll Clerks was presented at the meeting.**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to accept and appoint the people as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-111)

5. **Sidewalk Repair Tender**

We only received one bid to our call for sidewalk repair. Ostridge Bros (1983) Inc. was the only bidder for a tender price of \$29,959 + GST.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the tender from Ostridge Bros. For \$29,959 + GST.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-112)

6. **Patrick Street Lift Station Tender**

We only received one bid to our call for Patrick Street lift station repair. Kings County Construction was the only bidder for a tender price of \$206,026.91 (GST included). CBCL has examined the bid and we have their recommendation.

Item tabled until the W&S Corp. has had a chance to meet and discuss.

7. **TPW Intermediate School expansion**

TPW has submitted a plan to expand the Intermediate School. The Planning Board has met and discussed the plan and a member is prepared to make a recommendation to Council.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept and approve the application from TPW.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-113)

8. **Angela Reid Ryan subdivision plan**

Ms. Reid Ryan has submitted a subdivision plan. The Planning Board has met and

discussed the plan and a member is prepared to make a recommendation to Council.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to accept and approve the subdivision as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-114)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$69,975.77.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-115)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Crawford to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$38,689.76.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-116)

Correspondence Requiring Action:

- 1. An email from the Dept. of Environment, Energy and Forestry regarding work that is required to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in both the short and long term.**
This item to be discussed at the next W&S Corporation meeting.
- 2. A letter from Patti Seres requesting representation from Council at the Norsemen Memorial "A" Tournament being held from Nov. 5-8. The Coordinating Committee would like Council Representation at the Opening Ceremonies and trophy presentations.**
Councillor Taylor will attend on behalf of Council.

Correspondence For Information:

1. There were two items. No action taken.

Committee Reports: Councillors gave reports from the following portfolios:

1. Councillor Taylor

Councillor Taylor's Report is attached as Appendix "A".
Recreation -- True Sport Movement

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to support by making a resolution to join the True Sport Movement.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-117)

Councillor Taylor also thanked Councillor Crawford and Hon. Minister McKinley for their work in fixing the Tim Horton's entrances.

2. Councillor MacFarlane

Councillor MacFarlane's Report is attached as Appendix "B". Councillor MacFarlane also thanked Council and wished them well in the election.

3. Councillor Robertson

Councillor Robertson's Report is attached as Appendix "C". Mayor McGowan remarked that the hanging baskets were the best she had ever seen and congratulated Councillor Robertson.

Councillor Doucette

Councillor Doucette's Report is attached as Appendix "D".

Liaison to the Wellness Centre – Councillor Doucette stated that the dance recently held at the Wellness Centre was well run and went well. He also feels that Council should consider the findings of the Corpus Sanchez Report.

Opening of the Wellness Centre:

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor to have the Grand Opening of the Wellness Centre on Jan. 14th or 15th during the Norsemen Hockey Tournament.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-118)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to donate \$250 to ROMA in the spirit of regional cooperation.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-119)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor Taylor to sponsor a seat in the Georgetown Playhouse Theatre for \$250 in the spirit of regional cooperation and to help with their fund raising campaign.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-120)

Councillor Doucette also read a document which is attached as Appendix "E".

4. Councillor Crawford

Festivals – Oktoberfest went well despite the weather, partly due to the new Waterfront "Shed" being available. Councillor Crawford also commented that he was assured that the WFDC is entirely in favour of the Canada Tree building going on the turn table area.

Public Works – there is a substantial amount of work being completed on Locust and Mill Streets along with sidewalk repairs and paving at various areas.

Library – the Library desks will be completed as soon as the correct wood can be sourced.

Councillor Crawford stated that he was approached by Allison Schellekens to once again support the "Instructional Hockey Program" that they provide. Councillor Taylor stated that she had also talked to Ms. Schellekens and she had agreed to apply for funding using the Grant Policy.

5. Deputy Mayor Mabon (given by Councillor Crawford)

Museum – the Museum is looking for a letter of support for a funding application for a work program.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to send a letter of support for the Museum Board funding application.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-121)

Information for Council/CAO Report:

1. RCMP Report

Given earlier in Agenda.

2. Animal Control Report

As written.

3. CAO Report

As written.

4. Development Permit Report

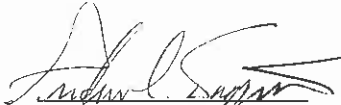
No questions.

Adjournment:

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

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-122)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.



Andrew Daggett
CAO



Pat McGowan
Mayor