

**Town of Montague  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Chambers  
Nov. 9, 2009 – 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Pat McGowan called this meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Attendance:**

Mayor Pat McGowan, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Bernie Crawford, Janice Taylor, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Cpl. Donna McMurrer, Robert Jay, Peggy Whitlock, Merrill Scott, two media and two public.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-123)*

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

There were no disclosures.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to adopt the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-124)*

**Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input**

Peggy Whitlock – Ms. Whitlock addressed Council about the brightness of the lights under the Montague Bridge and wondered if they could be dimmed or changed to decrease the glare caused by them. CAO Daggett to investigate what can be done.

Merrill Scott – informed Council that his 5 year term as Chair of the Wellness Centre has ended. The wood boiler has been ordered and should be installed and operational in a couple of weeks. The signs were ordered and should arrive and be installed in about 3 weeks. He also stated that it was “excellent” working with Council and bringing this project in on time and on budget.

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**1. Swimming Pool definition**

**Proposed definition change for swimming pool as per the Zoning Bylaw:**

*Swimming Pool means an artificial body of water outside a building, excluding ponds, having more than 100 square feet of surface area, that is designed or intended to be used for swimming purposes, contains or is capable of containing a water depth of more than 24 inches, is intended to be a permanent structure or is surrounded by a permanent structure or deck/patio, but shall not include inflatable pools or pools erected on a seasonal basis*

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to accept the change to the Bylaw definition and initiate the amendment process.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-125)*

2. **Arising from the minutes of the Aug. 7, 2008 Special Meeting. Responsibility for the Town's share (\$400,000) of the extra \$1.2 million necessary to proceed with the Montague and Area Wellness Centre project**  
Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Taylor that the Montague Town Council take out a loan for \$400,000 to cover the responsibility accepted at the Aug. 7, 2008 Special Meeting of Council.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-126)*
3. **Request from the Wellness Centre Operating Board and Business Arising from the minutes of December 8, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. The Wellness Centre Operating Board has requested that the Council pursue the hiring of a "facility director" for the Wellness Centre.**  
Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to explore funding option, apply for, and subsequently hire a facility director for the Wellness Centre as per the Operating Board's request.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-127)*

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve loan for the Patrick Street lift station work. The W&S Corporation has met and agreed to approve this work after negotiations with the low bidder. The cost of this work was included in the rate study, but the Corporation will need to take out a loan of up to approximately \$200,000 to cover the work.**  
Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to approve a loan of up to \$200,000 for the Patrick Street lift station repair.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-128)*
2. **Cox & Palmer complex**  
**A development permit has been received from Cox & Palmer for their new building on Riverside Drive. Members of the Planning Board have met and discussed the application and the developer would like to get started soon on construction. Cox & Palmer are requesting that the Town sign over the right of way to them and in return they will grant a public easement over the property so fisherman (and others) can access the shore and park in the parking lot.**  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to recommend approval of the permit with the stipulation that the Town right-of-way would be turned over to Cox & Palmer with a public easement granted back to the Town.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-129)*
3. **The Town won the corporate Rotary Duck Drop prize this year (\$500) and Council needs to decide what to do with the money.**  
Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mabon to give the \$500 to the Library.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-130)*

It was further decided that the CAO would explore by what method this would be done.

**Approval to Pay Invoices:**

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Robertson to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$171,962.95.  
*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-131)*

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$28,090.04.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-132)*

**Correspondence Requiring Action:**

1. **A letter from Communities and Cultural Affairs inviting the Council to a Municipal Orientation Session to be held on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 in the Community of Kinkora. The CAO will need to register participants before Nov. 13.**  
Names were given to the CAO to register.

**Correspondence For Information:**

1. There were no items.

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

1. **Councillor Robertson**

Councillor Robertson's Report is attached as Appendix "A".

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Doucette to participate in the Festivals of Winter Lights contest for Communities in Bloom.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-133)*

Mayor McGowan was presented with a bouquet of flowers at this time and thanked for her service to the community.

2. **Councillor Taylor**  
Town Float –

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Doucette to refurbish the Town Float over the winter using the Town promotion budget.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-134)*

3. **Councillor MacFarlane**

Finance – Budget printout included in the agenda and budget is "pretty much on target".

Water & Sewer – Patrick Street lift station to be done soon.

RCMP – Thanked the RCMP for their report and let them know it was appreciated.

Councillor MacFarlane also thanked those who served, or are serving, in the military and noted that Charlottetown was going "electronic".

4. **Councillor Crawford.**

Public Works – there is a substantial amount of work being completed and it should be done soon.

Library – the Library desks will be completed soon as Councillor Crawford had committed to doing it.

Councillor Crawford thanked everyone for their work and cooperation over the past three years. He thanked Merrill Scott for all his work on the Wellness Centre and wished Peggy Whitlock all the best. He also thanked Mayor McGowan and wished Mayor-elect Collins all success.

**Information for Council/CAO Report:**

**1. RCMP Report**

Cpl. McMurrer came forward and presented the RCMP Report and answered questions.

**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 Robertson to adjourn.

*Motion Unanimously Carried (09-135)*

This meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

  
Andrew Daggett  
CAO

  
Pat McGowan  
Mayor

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Report for November 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, and members of the gallery it has been somewhat quiet this month.

Congratulations to all who were returned to council and to all who were elected for the first time. It is good to have the election over.

I attended the awards dinner for the PEI Beautification Society. The town has won again this year in the amount of three hundred dollars and a box of spring bulbs. I have planted some of these bulbs at the town sign on Wood Islands Hill. The rest I plan to plant in the front bed here at town hall. They are two kinds of lilies and yellow and pink daffodils. I would like to call a meeting for Communities in Bloom to plan for spring planting. It is never too early to make great plans.

Also we need to plan for Winter Lights as the awards ceremony is in Charlottetown this year on March four to six 2010. This is the winter phase of Communities in Bloom. The criteria include visual presentation, winter pleasures, Festive Season Celebration, Goodwill Programs, Tourism/Promotion. We may already be too late to participate this year as the registration form is dated October 15 2009 and judging takes place November 28 to December 19 2009. It will cost us three hundred and fifty dollars as well as two night's accommodations and transportation. Or we can participate by submitting a documented presentation on our Winter Festival which if I am reading it right will cost us fifty dollars. At this time I wish to make a motion to participate in the fifty dollar presentation if we are not too late.

I do not have anything to report on Heritage Rivers. They meet every two months and I had another commitment the same day.

We are still waiting to hear from our application for funding to install an automatic lock on our front door here. I do hope that sometime in the next three years we can have this done. I have talked about it for the last three years and I sure want to see it completed.

The library has moved and what a move?? If you haven't been to look around I encourage you to visit the new library at the Wellness Center and see for yourself. It is really beautiful. This library is the third used library on PEI with a large membership. No bumping shoulders now when you are looking for that special book. A big thank you to the planning committee and the fund raising committee for a job well done!!! This library will continue to grow and provide years of service to the town and area.

I want at this time to extend my best wishes to Mayor MacGowan on her retirement and to wish her all the best in the years ahead. I am sure Mayor MacGowan that you will now be able to do all those little projects we all tend to put off until we get "around to it." Thank you for all the years of service you gave to Montague and enjoy your retirement.

That's my Report

Marian Robertson