

**Town of Montague
Regular Council Meeting
Town Chambers
Dec. 14, 2009 – 7:00 pm**

Call to Order:

Mayor Richard Collins called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Collins announced the structure for the 5 new Committees that had been formed and announced that the budget would come down at the March 8, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

Attendance:

Mayor Richard Collins, Deputy Mayor David Mabon, Councillors Marian Robertson, Peter Doucette, Janice MacBeth (Taylor), Peggy Whitlock, John MacFarlane, CAO Andrew Daggett, Cpl. Donna McMurrer, Michael Page, Seana Evans-Renaud, and two media.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to approve the agenda with additional item 11.3 – Deputy Mayor Mabon wishing to address Council regarding Christmas lighting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-136)

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

There were no disclosures.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Whitlock to adopt the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-137)

Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

Seana Evans-Renaud – Ms. Evans-Renaud is the new Principal of the MRHS and addressed Council regarding the Town/School relations and the Town's involvement in the opening of the new school. She expressed that close relations between the school and the Town are very important and that the new school opening, possibly happening in April, should be a Town celebration. She is also very interested in exploring any partnering possibilities. Ms. Evans-Renaud responded to questions from Council and informed them that the cafeteria menu had been improved and she was interested in possibly incorporating the nearby recreational facilities (TCAP and Wellness Centre) into the school curriculum.

Michael Page – Mr. Page addressed Council about his frustration with the slippery conditions at the bottom of Locust Street and his subsequent concern about not being able to get to work. He stated that, for years there had been a "salt box" placed in that location by Council, but it was not being well maintained and he hoped that Council would support the salt box placement being continued and maintained.

Chair of Public Works John MacFarlane stated that the Committee would look into the issue Deputy Mayor Mabon promised "to look into the matter and see what we can do about it".

RCMP Report - Cpl. McMurrer came forward and presented the RCMP Report (for October 2009) and answered questions.

Business Arising From Minutes:

None

New Business:

1. Wellness Centre / TCAP land swap.

The Town has been contacted about the possible land swap. This would give the Town all the Wood Island park property to the north of the entrance and allow for the installation of the Wellness Centre sign. TCAP would also gain sufficient property for future expansion.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to approve as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-138)

Approval to Pay Invoices:

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the General Accounts Payable for \$66,274.38.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-139)

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to pay the Water and Sewer Accounts Payable for \$290,282.30.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-140)

Correspondence Requiring Action:

1. Request from the Waterfront Development Corporation for the Town to budget \$27,000 and provide a letter of support for their “Dock Repair and Replacement” application to the Island Communities Fund.

It was decided that the Council should meet with the WFDC for discussion before any decision could be made.

2. Municipal Code of Conduct

A “Code of Conduct” has been forwarded to all municipalities from the FPEIM. It was prepared through FPEIM's Building Municipal Capacity project, and a memo from President Bruce MacDougall introduces this new model document.

Moved by Councillor MacBeth, seconded by Councillor Doucette to adopt the PEI Municipal Code of Conduct.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-141)

3. Semi Annual FPEIM Meeting (p. 15)

An invitation from FPEIM to the Semi Annual Meeting in Summerside on January 9, 2010.

Councillors would check their schedules and advise of their attendance.

Correspondence For Information:

1. A letter from FPEIM advising Council that they are proposing a change to the FPEIM Constitution which would cap any membership fees to \$50,000. This proposed amendment will be voted on at the Semi Annual Meeting in Summerside in January.

Information only.

2. **A letter from FPEIM President Bruce MacDougall inviting Council to join the True Sport Movement.**

This item was completed in September.

3. **A note of congratulations from Ewan Clark at Cox & Palmer.**

Information only.

4. **A letter from Frank Dolan, Chairperson of the Montague & Area Library Board, requesting the appointment of a Councillor to sit on the Library Board.**

Councillor Whitlock agreed to serve on the Board.

Committee Reports: Councillors gave reports from the following portfolios:

1. **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee has discussed the financing offers for the \$400,000 loan for the Wellness Centre.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Doucette to accept the CIBC offer of 4.15% locked in for 5 years and amortized over 10 years.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-142)

2. **Vacation Time**

As per the Personnel Bylaw, any unused vacation time is to be paid out at year end. Council needs to decide how they want to handle this.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to go to Committee of the Whole (8:24) to discuss this matter.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-143)

The meeting was called back to order by Mayor Collins at 9:15.

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacBeth to pay the current year arrears to staff as per the Personnel Bylaw and defer decision on the remaining amount until no later than the February meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-144)

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacBeth to remove the penalty suffered for those not re-elected in the November election by paying the balance of the term honourarium to those not re-elected.

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-145)

3. **Christmas Lighting**

Deputy Mayor Mabon informed Council that we have five “extra” Christmas lights that we could place on telephone poles.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mabon, seconded by Councillor MacBeth to have the five extra Christmas lights installed on poles (two on the south side of the bridge and three on the north).

Motion Unanimously Carried (09-146)


Information for Council/CAO Report:

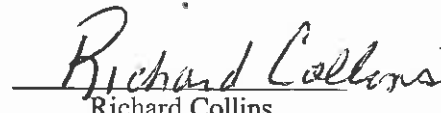
1. **RCMP Report**
Given earlier.
2. **Animal Control Report**
As written.
3. **CAO Report**
As written.
4. **Development Permit Report**
No questions.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Doucette, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane to adjourn.
Motion Unanimously Carried (09-147)

This meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.


Andrew Daggett
CAO


Richard Collins
Mayor