



**Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, July 27, 2015**

*Commencing at 6:00 pm*

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Roger MacKay; Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy; Councillor Lennie White; Councillor Lynn MacDonald; Councillor Charlie Sutherland

**Town Employees Present:** CAO Kelly D. Rice; Recording Secretary Bev Heighton

**Regrets:**

**Visitors Present:** A number of Westville residents

**Media Organizations Present:** The Advocate; The News

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**1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER**

1.1 Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Westville Council Chambers welcoming everyone in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the tentative agenda with additions. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 *It was moved by Councillor White to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald asked if CAO Rice was able to find any by-laws with regards to the use of fire pits or a nuisance by-law. CAO Rice stated she did not find any further information.
- 4.2 Councillor MacDonald asked if there had been any new information with regards to the funding request for the Acadia Park Mural. CAO Rice informed Council that they are still working on the project.
- 4.3 Councillor MacDonald asked if Mayor MacKay had been speaking with Groupe Savoie with regards to the Port Hawkesbury Paper hardwood sawlog supply agreement. Mayor MacKay will be contacting Groupe Savoie this week.

- 4.4 Councillor MacDonald asked if the Westville Curling Rink had been notified with regards to how Council will assist with the cost of repairs. CAO Rice stated they had been notified.

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 Kevin MacDonald from MacDonald & Murphy Inc. presented the Town of Westville Audited Financial Statements for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.  
*It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Audited Financial Statement as presented. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried*
- 5.2 CAO Rice reviewed the Town of Westville 2015/2016 Operating Budget. The budget had been approved at the previous Council Meeting June 29, 2015.
- 5.3 CAO Rice presented the Town of Westville 2015/2016 Capital Budget to Council.  
*It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the 2015/2016 Capital Budget as presented. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried*
- 5.4 CAO Rice presented the Town of Westville 2015/2016 Water Operating Budget to Council.  
*It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to accept the 2015/2016 Water Operating Budget. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried*
- 5.5 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Expenditures Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried*

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police** - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 **Fire Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor Sutherland complimented the Fire Department on the great job they did on the July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations.

Deputy Mayor Murphy on behalf of the Fire Department thanked the citizens for their support over the years. He informed the public that because of their support at a number of events, the Fire Department was able to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.

- 6.3 **Recreation Report** - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor MacDonald congratulated Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill and her summer staff on the great job they are doing with the Summer Recreation Program.

Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill introduced Summer Intern Sasha Barnard leading the Active Transportation Trails Program this summer. Sasha is in partnership with the Clean Foundation and has two staff working with her. She gave a brief introduction on her position and what she and her co-workers hope to accomplish this summer.

Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill presented a video on bike safety that Sasha and her co-workers filmed.

**6.4 Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.5 Environmental Health Report - *It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.6 Transportation Report – *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried.***

Councillor Sutherland complimented Superintendent of Public Works, Sam Graham and the Public Works Employees on the work they have been doing. Councillor MacDonald complimented the staff on the street and sidewalk cleaning they did during the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration.

**6.7 Animal Control Report - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.8 Building Report- *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Building Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.9 Glen Haven Manor Report**

Councillor White did not have a report. Councillor MacDonald inquired about an incident that was reported in the newspaper. After a lengthy discussion regarding the article in The News dated Saturday, July 25, 2015, Councillor MacDonald asked Councillor White if he would take Council's concerns regarding this matter to the next Glen Haven Manor Board meeting. Councillor White informed Council that the Board will be discussing the issue at the next meeting.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 Jimmy Howboldt/Lays Memorial Road Races**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Jimmy Howboldt/Fred Lays Memorial Road Race Committee. They welcome all to participate in either the one mile run / walk or the five mile race. The Committee are inviting people along the race route to set up a water station and decorate it. The water will be supplied to those that set up a water station. The Committee would like a Councillor to judge the water stations and choose a winner. Mayor MacKay asked that this information be put on the Town of Westville Website.

**7.2 Military Awareness Day**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Military Heritage Museum regarding Military Awareness Day being held August 22, 2015 in Victoria Park. The Museum requested a donation of \$50.00 which will be used to provide refreshments to the many volunteers who help the Museum on this day. *Deputy Mayor Murphy made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Pictou County Military Heritage Museum. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

**7.3 Municipal Affairs**

CAO Rice read a copy of a letter that was sent to Warden Keith Hunter the President of Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities from Minister Mark Furey.

Under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Minister of Municipal Affairs must provide to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities 12 months notice of any actions that could have an effect on revenues or expenditures of municipalities.

- 7.4 **Northumberland Regional High School Educational Society**  
CAO Rice read a Thank You letter to the Town of Westville for the donation to the Graduation Prize Fund. This year the Town of Westville contribution was presented to Matt MacKenzie for Highest in Home Trades Technology 12.
- 7.5 **Glen Haven Manor**  
CAO Rice informed Council that the audited Financial Statements for Glen Haven Manor Corporation, fiscal period ending March 31, 2015 are available. There will be a copy at the main office if anyone would like one.
- 7.6 **Town of Stellarton**  
CAO Rice read a notice of application by Sobey Land Holdings Ltd. Inc. to amend the Stellarton MPS and Land Use By-Law. The Public hearing will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 in the Town Council Chambers, Stellarton.
- 7.7 **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board-Budget**  
CAO Rice informed Council that the 2015-16 Budget for Chignecto-Central Regional School Board is now available and if anyone wishes to have a copy they can pick it up at the Town of Westville office.
- 7.8 **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board-Financial Statements**  
CAO Rice informed Council that the Audited Financial Statements for Chignecto-Central Regional School Board year ending March 31, 2015 are available at the Town of Westville office for anyone wishing to pick up a copy.

## 8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 **Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP)**  
Councillor MacDonald informed Council that the Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco (AGFT) Division of Service Nova Scotia is looking at making changes to the Liquor Licensing Regulations. After a discussion it was decided that this item would be tabled until the August Council meeting so that Council can review the document.
- 8.2 **Aberdeen Mental Health**  
Councillor MacDonald referred to the article in The News regarding the temporary closing of the Aberdeen Mental Health Unit. After some discussion Council agreed that the Mental Health Unit is very important to Pictou County and they do not want to see it closed. Mayor MacKay will be attending a meeting of the Mayors and Wardens Thursday, July 30, 2015 regarding this matter.
- 8.3 **Pump Road**  
CAO Rice reported that the Municipality was researching the ownership of the Pump Road and asked if Westville had ownership. CAO Rice did some research and informed Council that the Town of Westville has no ownership of the Pump Road but did have an easement there for water lines. CAO Rice had all the documents checked by the lawyer and a report should follow in the near future.

9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Morris


Morse Campbell – North Main

Mr. Campbell stated his concerns regarding the Glen Haven Manor. He would like to see the Board of Directors at the Glen Have Manor manner stand up for the residents.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 10.1 Councillor White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

*Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the July 27, 2015 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.*

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDING SECRETARY