



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 30, 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

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. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 3.2 *It was moved by Councillor White to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald asked if there were any updates regarding the meeting on Mental Health in Pictou County at the Mayor and Wardens meeting. Mayor MacKay informed Council that Warden Baillie had spoken to the Minister and it is a priority of the Government to get the Mental Health Unit up and running and the funds are set aside for the unit. The Province is in the process of recruiting the staff at this time.

- 4.2 Deputy Mayor Murphy asked CAO Rice when the repairs for the roof of the Town office would begin. CAO Rice informed Council that start date is December 1, 2015.

5. PRESENTATION - DEANS

- 5.1 Cindy MacKinnon did a video presentation showing some of the events DEANS took part in during 2015. Ms. MacKinnon informed Council that DEANS were able to give the Town of Westville \$1,300.00 towards their festivals. DEANS also opened and operated the VIC at exit 21 this summer with close to 5000 visitors from mid June to the last week in August. The Pictou VIC had 6100 visitors this summer with a lot of walk-ins and the feedback was positive. Ms. MacKinnon is waiting for the updated street map of Westville and then it will go to proof for the new kiosk.

Councillor Sutherland suggested to Ms. MacKinnon that the 17th Annual Parade of Lights is being held in the Town of Westville on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and that it would be a good time to get some good pictures for the brochure.

Mayor MacKay asked when the lease agreement for the Pictou VIC building was finished. Ms. MacKinnon explained to Council that it wasn't a lease agreement but a license agreement and that the license agreement expired October 1, 2015. Mayor MacKay thanked Ms. MacKinnon for her presentation to Council.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Financial Reports as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.3 *Recreation Report - It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.4 *Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.5 *Environmental Health Report - It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.6 *Transportation Report - It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*
- 7.7 *Animal Control Report - It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

- 7.8 **Building Report -** *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Building Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.*
- 7.9 **Glen Haven Manor Report-** None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 **Multicultural Fusion Festival**
CAO Rice read a thank you card from the Multicultural Fusion Festival for the Town of Westville's support.
- 8.2 **2016 Canada - Cuba Goodwill Tour**
CAO Rice read a request from the 2016 Canada-Cuba Goodwill Tour that will be taking place in Matanzas Cuba, January 30th to February 6th, 2016. The group are looking for any assistance which would go towards the cost for each player from Pictou County who will be attending.
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to send the request to the Finance Committee. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 **2016 Ship Hector Curling Bonspiel**
CAO Rice read a letter from the 2016 Ship Hector Curling Bonspiel taking place from January 22 – 24, 2016. They are requesting support in the form of an advertisement in their tournament brochure. Deadline for the ad bookings is December 4, 2016.
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to commit the same as Council did the previous year. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 **The Salvation Army-Westville**
CAO Rice read a letter from The Salvation Army in Westville looking for donations to provide Christmas meals and presents to families in need.
It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.
- 8.5 **Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia (EANS). EANS are asking all Nova Scotia Municipalities across the province to support Purple Day, March 26th, 2016 by wearing a purple ribbon in recognition of and promoting Epilepsy awareness.
It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to support Purple Day on March 26, 2016 in support of the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried.
- 8.6 **Northumberland Regional High School Boys Hockey Team**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Northumberland Regional High School Boys Hockey Team requesting support in the form of a donation or the purchase of an ad in the program. The Team will be hosting the 10th annual Danny Dorrington Memorial High School Hockey Tournament being held January 15 to 17, 2016.
It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to commit the same advertising as Council did the previous year. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried
- 8.7 **374 F/L Chisholm Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron**
CAO Rice read a letter from Capt Cathie MacIntosh, announcing Flight Sergeant Haley Graham, from Westville was awarded the Top Glider Pilot Candidate for Nova Scotia for 2015 as well as earning Top Flight Test Mark.

CAO Rice suggested that Council invite Flight Sergeant Haley Graham to the next Council meeting to present her with a certificate from the Town of Westville in recognition of her achievements. Council Members agreed.

9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Appointment – New Fire Inspectors

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to appoint Emily Jones and Tom Steele as Fire Inspectors for the Town of Westville. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.

9.2 Trans Canada Trail

CAO Rice informed Council that the Trans Canada Trail Association has identified 3 streets in Westville that can be used as connector routes for the TCT. They are requesting the approval and support from Council to connect to these road routes by signage. After some discussion Council decided to support this request.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve and support the Trans Canada Trail routes proposed for the Town of Westville. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried

9.3 Syrian Refugees

Councillor White informed Council that the United Church in Pictou and the United Church in New Glasgow are working to sponsor a family to come to Pictou County from Syria. There have been Westville citizens who have been looking at also assisting with this. Council White would like Council to stand behind any group who wish to take on this worthwhile cause. He feels it will encourage citizens to lend a hand in welcoming all refugees who may arrive in our community and/or neighbouring communities.

It was moved by Councillor White that the Town of Westville endorses and will support any group formed to assist in the recruitment and settlement of Syrian Refugees in the Town of Westville. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried

CAO Rice informed Council that Superintendent of Public Works Sam Graham also wrote a Christmas song that pertains to the Syrian Refugees and she encouraged everyone to look for it on Facebook.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Councillor Sutherland thanked the citizens of Westville for attending the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Meeting along with Councillor White and CAO Rice. Councillor Sutherland informed Council the sessions were very informative and interesting.

10.2 Mayor MacKay attended a Conference in Montreal for the Shared Service Authority on compost and recycling. He found it very interesting to learn that plastic is being recycled to use in the building of decks and bridges.

10.3 Councillor White informed Council that the Pictou County Economic Working Group had a meeting and that all six units attended. He said that all six units are going to focus on ideas for the betterment for Pictou County. Deputy Mayor Murphy agreed.

10.4 On November 11, 2015 Councillor Sutherland was in the Town of Truro. He informed Council that the Town of Truro had banners hanging from their light poles called home town hero's, saluting the men and woman who have served in

the military. Councillor Sutherland felt this was a good idea to recognize people who have served and has been contacted by citizens to possibly do something similar in Westville. Councillor Sutherland will bring a banner to the New Year's Levee to share with everyone.

11. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Linda White – Duggan Avenue

Ms. White asked if there was an update on the development of the Middle School. CAO Rice informed everyone that the developer is still working out some of the details with regards to the architectural details and he is hoping to start work the first of the New Year.

December 9, 2015 there will be a Christmas Variety Concert in the Town Hall Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting will be held on December 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 12.1 *Councillor White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the November 30, 2015 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY