



**Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Commencing at 6:00 pm*

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	Mayor Roger MacKay; Deputy Mayor White; Councillor Charlie Sutherland; Councillor Bernie Murphy; Councillor Lynn MacDonald
<b>Town Employees Present:</b>	CAO Kelly D. Rice; Superintendent of Public Works Samuel Graham; Development Officer Roland Burek; Recording Secretary Vicki Heighton
<b>Absent:</b>	None
<b>Visitors Present:</b>	A number of Westville residents
<b>Media Organizations Present:</b>	94.1 FM; Pictou Advocate; The News

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**1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order welcoming everyone in attendance.
- 1.2 Mayor MacKay called for a moment of silence for the Day of Mourning. He noted there is a ceremony taking place in New Glasgow this evening and Mayor Glenn MacKinnon was laying a wreath on behalf of the Town of Westville as they were not able to attend.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 Mayor MacKay asked to have the Governance Study/MOU under New/Unfinished Business added to the agenda.
- 2.2 *It was motioned by Councillor MacDonald to approve the tentative agenda and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Sutherland to approve the minutes of the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 regular Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- 5.1 *Councillor White moved to accept the finance report as presented and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.*

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Police Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Fire Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.3 *Recreation Report - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Recreation Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.4 *Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.5 *Environmental Health Report - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Deputy Mayor White that the Environmental Health Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.6 *Transportation Report – It was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor MacDonald to approve the transportation report as presented.*  
Councillor Sutherland noted the transportation department started winter duties in November and there have been 49 weather events. He stated the department has been worked off their feet and wanted to sincerely thank the Public Works Department.  
Councillor MacDonald stated she was glad to see that there was continued training taking place.  
*Motion Carried.*
- 6.7 *Animal Control Report – It was moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Animal Control Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6.8 *Building Report – It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Deputy Mayor White that the Building Report be approved as presented.*  
Councillor MacDonald questioned page three of the report concerning MacQuarrie Ave. She asked if it was for subdividing a lot. Development Officer Burek stated that there were four lots and there was a request to combine them and he would guess the fourth lot would be about a quarter of an acre but still has to be migrated.  
*Motion carried.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Heart and Stroke Foundation**  
CAO Rice stated the letter is regarding National Health and Fitness Day. She noted Senator Nancy Greene Raine has introduced Bill S-211 “An Act to establish a national day to promote health and fitness for all Canadians”. CAO Rice read the letter wanting council to pass the resolution.  
*Councillor MacDonald moved to adopt the resolution to name the first*

*Saturday in June National Health Day and was seconded by Councillor Murphy.*

Councillor Sutherland asked if that was the same day as the ALS Walk. It was stated that it was.

*Motion carried.*

**7.2 Letter from Alan MacLeod – War Memorial**

CAO Rice noted a gentleman whom is a native Nova Scotian and has spent lots of time in the United States and Nova Scotia has written a letter concerning Westville's War Memorial. This man is a historian and he believes Westville has the best monument in the world. She noted he sent information with a name of someone in Halifax if they have questions about the bronze portion they can help. Councillor MacDonald stated she would like to see the information be passed on to the committee. CAO Rice noted it already has been. Councillor MacDonald stated that it is very important that it is done properly.

Councillor White stated he believes a copy of the letter should be given to the press.

Councillor MacDonald noted that Doug Porter stopped in to see her at work and gave her information regarding the monument and on the artist. The information stated how unique the monument was as well.

**7.3 July 1<sup>st</sup> Princess Pageant**

CAO Rice read a letter from Jo-Anne Pittman representing the July 1<sup>st</sup> Princess Pageant asking to have a ballet box for the Little Misses in the hallway of the Town Hall.

*Deputy Mayor White moved to allow a ballot box in the Town Hall for the Little Miss Pageant and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.*

**8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1 REN**

Deputy Mayor White stated there has been no meeting but was told there was going to be one soon and hopes to be able to attend. CAO Rice noted the Mayor and she attended a meeting and it was on the agenda.

Mayor MacKay noted he suggested the Spring Workshop and they could meet there.

**8.2 Board Member 144 CEF**

*Councillor MacDonald moved to nominate Councillor Sutherland for the Board Member for 144 CEF and believes he will do a good job and was seconded by Councillor Murphy.*

Councillor Sutherland was very proud to accept.

*Motion carried.*

**8.3 Taxi License**

*Councillor MacDonald moved to approve the taxi licenses and was seconded by Deputy Mayor White. Motion carried.*

**8.4 Municipal Boundary Review**

CAO Rice noted they have to go through it with the review this year and with Developer Burek's help they are almost ready to send their application to the utility review board. She noted they require council to make their decision and give them directive in regards to whether they are looking at staying with a ward, two wards or member at large. Planner Burek noted he has been working on a background report. He noted a minimum of two options have to be presented for council to consider and council does have to have a public consultation.

### **8.5 Regional Intermunicipal Planning Strategy**

CAO Rice stated there is an update in council packages and it describes what steps have been taken and what steps are to come. She noted Planner Burek has been reviewing the drafts at this point and he has until May 1<sup>st</sup> to submit his comments to the draft prior to it being reviewed by everyone. CAO Rice noted it is a very large document and once Planner Burek and staff has had their input she suggests when the draft comes back that she and council meet with Planner Burek and go through the document.

Planner Burek noted he thinks it is important that citizens are involved through a good open public consultation process.

Councillor MacDonald asked if Planner Burek was doing the drafts. Planner Burek stated he was the primary author of the original drafts and has discussed it with the director of planning with the province.

### **8.6 Governance Study MOU**

CAO Rice noted it was tabled at the last council meeting due to Deputy Mayor White being away and it was concerning the announcement of the Memorandum of Understanding by New Glasgow. Mayor MacKay stated that Mayor MacKinnon from the Town of Trenton sent a letter to each of the New Glasgow council, Pictou council and the Municipality and Town of Stellarton has also sent a letter wanting a member from their council on the MOU committee and thinks Westville council would also like to send a letter to be part of what is going to possibly take place. Councillor MacDonald noted the letter from Mayor MacKinnon's letter is excellent and has a lot of good points. She believes in the letter they should state some of Mayor MacKinnon's concerns and ask for a response by a specific date. Councillor Murphy and White also agreed.

Councillor White stated that he would like all six municipalities working together and Westville needs to make it clear they strongly want to be part of it.

Councillor MacDonald stated she believes people are getting tired of hearing about the governance study and agrees with Mayor MacKinnon in his letter that someone else come in and mediate the issue.

*Deputy Mayor White moved to send a letter to the Town of New Glasgow, Town of Pictou and the Municipality of Pictou County and copied to the Town of Stellarton and Town of Trenton and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.*

## **9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

**9.1** Councillor MacDonald wanted to note that the Westville Police Force is now on facebook and they are finding it to be a very useful tool.

**9.2** Councillor Sutherland congratulated the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library and thanked public works for getting the signs put in. He noted on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am there is a bussing meeting in New Glasgow.

Councillor Sutherland noted that he has information on central housing that he is going to pass along to the CAO. He noted Westville hosts a large share of Pictou County Social Housing and there is some money available and think if they can get Charlie from the Health Authority it would be a top priority.

**9.3** Morris Campbell from North Main St. asked if Highland Consolidated Middle School was a dead issue. Mayor MacKay stated he spoke with the Premier on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April and noted they sent all the information as a register letter. The Premier promised him he would read it. Mayor MacKay stated they want to turn the keys over to the town on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor White noted the committee suggested that our school board

review their decision based on the new process they are putting in. The school board here did not adhere to their request and was the only school board that did not.

**10. IN-CAMERA**

**10.1** *Deputy Mayor White motioned to go to an in-camera session and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Motion carried.*

**10.2** *Councillor MacDonald moved to return to the regular council meeting at 7:30pm and was seconded by Deputy Mayor White. Motion carried.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**11.1** *Deputy Mayor White motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:34pm and Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

*Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.*

  
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MAYOR

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY