



**Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Commencing at 6:00 pm*

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

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

**Absent:** None

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

**Media Organizations Present:** 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 at 6:00 p.m. in the Westville Council Chambers welcoming everyone in attendance. Mayor MacKay called for a moment of silence in honour of Stellarton's Deputy Mayor George Megeney who passed away recently.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 *It was moved by Councilor MacDonald to approve the tentative agenda. Councilor Sutherland seconded.*  
Councilor MacDonald added Municipal Alcohol Project under New/Unfinished Business.  
*Motion Carried.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councilor Murphy to approve the minutes of the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded.*  
Councilor MacDonald asked to change the name "Financial Report" to "Accounts Payable Report" as she feels it is a mere reflection of the information on the report. Council agreed.  
*Motion carried.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 4.1 Councilor Murphy asked for an update on the Children Playing Sign on Queen Street. CAO Rice stated she will get an update.

- 4.2 Deputy Mayor White stated all units signed on to pursue REN4 and he is just waiting for a date for the next meeting.

## 5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT

- 5.1 CAO Rice stated Council had received the report that would allow for three uncollectable tax accounts to be written off for year end.  
*Councillor MacDonald moved to accept the report as presented. Councillor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
- 5.2 *Deputy Mayor White moved to accept the Accounts Payable Report as presented. Councillor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police** - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as presented. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 **Fire Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Fire Report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.3 **Recreation Report** - *It was moved by Councillor Murphy to approve the Recreation Report as presented. Councillor MacDonald seconded.*  
Councillor Murphy stated as a parent he was very satisfied with the program this year. Councillor MacDonald noted she was very impressed with the Summer Recreation Coordinator's final report. It was very thorough and informative.  
*Motion carried.*
- 6.4 **Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as presented. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.5 **Environmental Health Report** - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Environmental Health Report as presented. Councillor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.6 **Transportation Report** - *It was moved by Councillor Murphy to approve the Transportation Report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion Carried.*
- 6.7 **Animal Control Report** - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor White to approve the Animal Control Report as presented. Councillor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.8 **Building Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Building Report as presented. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Service Nova Scotia Minister Mark Furey**  
CAO Rice read a letter regarding issues that were discussed at a meeting. The first issue was the location of the Glen Haven Manor Facility and the Town's desire to have it located in the town. Honourable Furey asked the Minister of Health and Wellness and he has advised the intended location is the current location given its proximity to the Aberdeen Hospital.  
The second issue was the possibility to have the Province declare land it owns

near Exit 21 surplus and transfer it to the town. It was reaffirmed from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal that the Province is required to charge market value when selling land.

The third issue was the Governance Study, and Honourable Furey stated the Government will provide appropriate support if the willingness to move forward is there but amalgamation will not be forced by this Government.

**7.2 Honourable Peter MacKay**

CAO Rice read a letter from Honourable Peter MacKay regarding the Westray Amendments. She stated the Town did forward a letter to the Honourable Lena Metlege-Diab.

**7.3 Reply John Atherton Director General**

CAO Rice noted this was in response to a letter we sent with concerns to cutting of funding for the Adult Literacy program in the Province. According to this letter the Federal Government has not cut or changed any funding to the Provincial Government and he also wrote to the Provincial Minister for clarification. The Province gave notification their funding was being changed but according to the Federal Government it has not.

**7.4 Thank You – Donald and Rita MacPherson**

CAO Rice read a thank you card from Donald and Rita MacPherson for the flowers and certificate for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**7.5 Jimmy Hawboldt/Fred Lays Memorial Road Race**

CAO Rice read an invitation for Council to participate in the Jimmy Hawboldt/Fred Lays Memorial Road Race on September 1, 2014 The organization asked if Mayor MacKay or a representative from Council would say a few words during the event. Mayor MacKay plans to participate.

**7.6 NS Moves Fund**

CAO Rice stated Council have a copy of a letter that Active Pictou County Physical Activity Leader Rae Gunn wrote to the Provincial Government in support of the NS Moves Fund. Westville has recently received a grant for \$10,000 for trail development from NS Moves.

**7.7 Empire Company Limited**

CAO Rice noted Council was invited to the Annual Shareholders meeting for Empire Company Limited.

**7.8 Parkinson SuperWalk 2014**

CAO Rice noted the Pictou County chapter of Parkinson Society will be hosting the Super Walk on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and would like to invite Council. Mayor MacKay stated he will be participating.

**7.9 St. F.X. Varsity Soccer – Adopt an Athlete**

CAO Rice stated they have a request to Adopt an Athlete to help subsidize their cost to travel. Council agreed to make personal contributions and encourage the public to do the same.

**7.10 Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association**

The Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association are asking the Town of Westville to proclaim September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month.

*Mayor MacKay moved the Town of Westville proclaim September 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

**7.11 Memorandum of Understanding – Municipality of Pictou County, Town of Pictou and Town of New Glasgow**

Mayor MacKay stated Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the MOU. Councillor MacDonald noted she was concerned about there being a minimum cost of \$25,000; she feels it could cost more.

Deputy Mayor White suggested they accept the document for discussion. Council will meet In Camera September 8<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the MOU.

**8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1 Highland Consolidated Middle School – Update**

CAO Rice circulated to Council a draft KFP for Highland Consolidated Middle School.

**8.2 Boundary Review**

CAO Rice confirmed with Council the public meeting for the Municipal Boundary Review will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and advertising will begin this week.

**8.3 Jerry Lane/Campbell's Road Developments**

CAO Rice circulated to Council reports from Town Planner Roland Burek and Town Engineer Oliver Browning regarding developments on Jerry Lane and Campbell's Road.

*Councilor Sutherland moved to set up a meeting with Planner Burek and Town Engineer Browning regarding the Jerry Lane and Campbell's Road developments. Councilor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

**8.4 PC Clean Air Group**

Deputy Mayor White stated he attended a Mayor's and Warden's meeting where there was a presentation from Pictou County Clean Air Group. He stated there is a lot of statistical information that is available on the Pictou Clean Air website. Deputy Mayor White noted the group is not looking to shut the mill down, just wants it cleaned up. He suggested for the group to develop a resolution of what they are looking for in specific terms and they said they would do that.

**8.5 Municipal Alcohol Project**

Councilor MacDonald circulated an update to all of Council regarding the Municipal Alcohol Project and if they have any suggestions or comments to please forward to her.

**9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

**9.1**

- Morris Campbell asked if Westville was to join the Memorandum of Understanding do they have to go with what is there or are they able to add to it. Mayor MacKay stated Westville will have their say just like everyone else.
- Mr. Campbell asked where the Government was planning on putting Glen Haven Manor. Deputy Mayor White stated he sits as a representative on the board and when the announcement was made there was no reference where the facility was going to be located.
- Mr. Campbell asked why the public does not get a package. CAO Rice stated that no one was looking at them and were leaving them behind. Mayor MacKay stated they could have a package ready for anyone who wants one at the Town Office the day of the Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor White stated the minutes and reports are not a public document until they are approved by Council. CAO Rice stated some things contain

personal information but she will put something together for the next meeting.

- 9.2 Councilor MacDonald asked if we could post the Memorandum of Understanding on our website as it is a public document now. CAO Rice stated she will check the legality of it. Deputy Mayor White stated that the towns of Stellarton, Westville and Trenton whom are not involved in the MOU are doing a Service Delivery Review. He also stated there were references made in the press when the MOU was signed as to why Westville, Stellarton and Trenton were not present. Deputy Mayor White stated they were not present because they were never asked to be present, they were never asked to be a participant in the developing of the MOU. He also stated that all three of our towns made a formal request that they would like to be at the table to develop the MOU with them and were denied.
- 9.2 Joe Green stated he would like a better structured water bill with more details. Mayor MacKay stated they would look into it.

10. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

- 10.1 *Councilor MacDonald motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:18 pm. Councilor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

*Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the June 23rd, 2014 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.*

  
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MAYOR

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY