



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday February 23, 2015**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

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

Town Employees Present: CAO Kelly D. Rice; Superintendent of Public Works & Water / Wastewater Services Samuel Graham; Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill; Recording Secretary Vicki Heighton

Absent: None

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 Councilor Sutherland to approve the tentative agenda. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded.*
Councilor MacDonald added supply of hardwood to mills. Deputy Mayor Murphy added NRHS to New/Unfinished Business.
Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the minutes of the January 26th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as circulated. Councilor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Deputy Mayor Murphy asked if we have heard from the Utility and Review Board regarding our Municipal Boundary application. CAO Rice stated we have not.
- 4.2 Councilor White asked for the "curbside giveaway" to be put on the agenda for the March meeting.

- 4.3 Councilor MacDonald asked if we responded to the Westville Curling Club regarding funding. CAO Rice stated we have not. Councilor MacDonald asked to send a letter stating the funding is being reviewed.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the Financial Report as circulated. Councilor White seconded. Motion Carried*

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded.**

Councillor White noted the mobile radar unit has arrived. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated the unit is being shared with the Town of Stellarton. CAO Rice stated it will only be mobile in two to three areas of Town.

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.**

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

Mayor MacKay introduced Sally O'Neill, the new Town's Recreation Coordinator. *Motion carried.*

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

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

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

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

- 6.8 **Glen Haven Manor Report – Councillor White stated there is nothing new to report.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **West Pictou Schools Catering Society**

CAO Rice read a letter from the West Pictou School's Catering Society requesting funding.

Councilor MacDonald moved this request to the Finance Committee and to obtain more information. Councilor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

- 7.2 **Pictou - Antigonish Regional Library**

CAO Rice read a letter sent by Pictou – Antigonish Regional Library to Minister Whalen regarding eliminating the provincial portion of the HST rebate on books.

Councilor Sutherland moved for the Town of Westville to write a letter in

support of the Library's letter to Minister Whalen. Councilor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

7.3 Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia
CAO Rice stated we have addressed this issue and a letter of support was sent. *Councilor MacDonald moved to send another letter of support for no Sunday hunting. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

7.4 MOU Steering Committee
CAO Rice read a letter from the Memorandum of Understanding Steering Committee stating our requests have been denied.

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy – First Reading
CAO Rice stated the Planning Advisory Committee recommends the Town accept the proposed document and move to first reading. *Councilor White moved to accept the First Reading of the Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
CAO Rice stated the document will be put on our website and a Public Hearing will be held within the next few weeks.

9.2 New Housing Authority Representative
Mayor MacKay stated he was not able to contact our previous representative but will try again by the end of the week.

9.3 Union Street Project
Superintendent of Public Works stated the excavation is finished on Union St. and he noted they have replaced the sanitary sewer as well as 600 meters of storm drain. Mr. Graham stated the Union St. residents have been phenomenal in their patience and understanding and would like to thank them. Mayor MacKay asked if they will be repaving in the spring and Mr. Graham stated they will be paving in the nicer weather. Councilor White asked if we could send the residents of that area a thank you letter for their patience. All of Council agreed.

9.4 MORE
CAO Rice read a letter regarding the Marathon of Respect and Equality inviting our community to get involved in the event on Thursday May 7, 2015.

9.5 Pictou County Economic Development Committee
CAO Rice stated this item was brought forward at the Mayors and Warden meeting this morning. Pictou County Council have an interest in organizing an Economic Development Committee with the six units in Pictou County. They are suggesting that a couple of Councilor's be chosen from each Council and they would like to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. This committee is not intended to replace of REN. Mayor MacKay asked Deputy Mayor Murphy and Councilor White to sit on the Pictou County Economic Development Committee; they both accepted.

9.6 Supply of Hardwood to Mills
Councilor MacDonald stated Rivers Bend Mill and Groupe Savoie are experiencing a shortage in their supply of hardwood. They are having to scale down their production and this is a concern to Pictou County. *Councilor MacDonald moved to write a letter to the appropriate Minister with the concerns and issues facing Rivers Bend and Groupe Savoie regarding the shortage of hardwood. Councilor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

9.7 Northumberland Regional High School

Deputy Mayor Murphy stated as a member of the School Advisory Committee he was invited by Principal O'Toole to job shadow. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated it was a great experience to learn what goes on and what is dealt with on a daily basis.

- 9.8** Councilor Sutherland stated he had an inquiry regarding Westville's long term debt, and how will the Union St. project show up in next year's indicators. CAO Rice stated that we are investing in our infrastructure and not all of that project will be debt as we are investing some of our gas tax fund in the project.

10. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 11.1** *Councilor White motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 6:56 pm. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

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MAYOR


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RECORDING SECRETARY