



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 24th, 2013**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Council Members Present:	Deputy Mayor Lennie White; Councillor Charlie Sutherland; Councillor Bernie Murphy; Councillor Lynn MacDonald
Town Employees Present:	CAO Kelly D. Rice; Superintendent of Public Works Samuel Graham; Recording Secretary Vicki Heighton
Absent:	Mayor Roger MacKay
Visitors Present:	A number of Westville residents
Media Organizations Present:	94.1 FM; Pictou Advocate

1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

- 1.1 Deputy Mayor White called the meeting to order, welcoming all in attendance and called for a moment of silence for former Police Commissioner Dexter Vint.
- 1.2 Deputy Mayor White stated Mayor MacKay will be absent this evening due to illness.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1 *It was motioned by Councillor Murphy to approve the tentative agenda and was seconded by Councillor Sutherland. Motion Carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Murphy to approve the minutes of the January 27th, 2014 regular Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald noted there was a position for the Board for the Housing Authority and asked if they have advertised as Mrs. Bailey was not able to serve on the board this year. CAO Rice noted they have not yet.
- 4.2 Councillor MacDonald also asked about the school closure and asked if they could contact the appropriate member of the school board to get the results from the surveys that were sent to the parents of the school. She noted they are planning on putting \$3.8 million into renovations at MacLeod.

- 4.3 Councillor MacDonald also mentioned the Municipal Alcohol Project has its first phase completed. She would like a link of the report put on the town's website. Councillor MacDonald asked if they knew what the Westray Campaign is and CAO Rice stated there is a presentation and they will receive an invite shortly. Councillor MacDonald asked if they were going to move forward with the shared services with getting a fire inspector. CAO Rice noted they do not have all the information but will hopefully have it by the end of next week. Councillor MacDonald noted it is good they are getting a detailed report from the Mayor's and Warden's meetings.
- 4.4 Deputy Mayor White updated council on 8.4 the REN and noted there was going to be a meeting for the CAOs and CAO Rice noted it has been postponed. Deputy Mayor White noted he remains concerned that it is not moving.
- 4.5 Deputy Mayor White asked if there was any information on a meeting with the railway. CAO Rice stated they are registered with Transport Canada with regards to the transported goods and after the registration is complete the local railway will want to meet.
- 4.6 Deputy Mayor White mentioned 8.7 the Governance Study in the previous minutes he stated he did receive a reply from the minister. He stated the minister apologized for the delay but they wanted to do due diligence on the terms of reference and felt the time was necessary to make sure when it comes back that there will be a consensus to proceed with the study.
- 4.7 Deputy Mayor White noted on 8.9 the presentation to Lisa Haley's parents and that the women's Olympic hockey team was successful in taking home the gold medal.

5. PRESENTATION – Sanitary Sewer System Assessment – Oliver Browning

- 5.1 Oliver Browning did a presentation on the Sanitary Sewer System. He stated there were various complaints in some areas experiencing significant sewer back-flow and basement flooding. There were four phases to the study. Phase I was background information including the mapping of the sewer system, survey of local residents, review of historical information and review of known issues. Phase II was data collection, Phase III was collection of system analysis and Phase IV is reporting; which is the phase they are in now. In phase II a questionnaire was issued to all residents of the Town of Westville and they received a 13% response rate which Browning noted was a normal response. In phase II Browning stated there were eight manholes selected and executed as temporary flow monitoring locations. He stated the flow monitoring duration was between July 7, 2013 and August 27, 2013. The "wet flow" occurred on July 26, 2013 and there was 32mm of rainfall and the "dry flow" occurred on July 19, 2013. Browning noted the flow measurements were obtained in 5 minutes intervals and reported in 10 minute intervals. Browning stated in phase III the data collected was analyzed for dry flows verse wet flows, the sensitivity of sanitary sewer flows to precipitation, theoretical allowable verse measured actual inflow and infiltration, rainfall derived inflow and infiltration and sanitary sewer flows verse the population densities. Browning went over the estimation of problem sources, the impacts of excessive inflow and infiltration and the evaluation of options for remediation. Browning noted his recommended actions which are to develop a sanitary sewer system remediation plan which identifies and prioritizes the streets and areas to repair or replace the sanitary sewer system infrastructure. In his presentation he ranked the eight manholes that were selected.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the laterals were done improperly. Browning noted some of them were just smashed into the side. Deputy Mayor White stated they now have the recommendations and asked about the costs. Browning noted it is a big issue and they are not sure how much of it is damaged and will need to be replaced and will need to do more investigation on definitive areas to determine the cost. Councillor MacDonald noted area four has been identified as a problem point and asked if they are getting complaints. Superintendent Graham stated they have complaints that people cannot flush. Deputy Mayor White noted area four starts at Whitman Drive and goes down Cowan St. to North Main St.

Councillor Sutherland moved to accept the report as presented and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Motion carried.

Mr. Harold Chabassol asked what happens if the town doesn't proceed with the laterals what is the liability on that. Browning stated that he could not answer that.

Deputy Mayor White thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown thanked the council.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 *Councillor Murphy moved to accept the financial report and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald.*

Councillor MacDonald asked if Verhagen was the demolition on Acadia St. Superintendent Graham stated it was.

Motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Police Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 7.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Fire Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 7.3 *Recreation Report - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Sutherland that the Recreation Report be approved as presented.* Councillor Murphy noted they are working on the strategic planning review and are asking for a youth rep that is still in school and 16 years of age or older.
Motion carried.
- 7.4 *Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 7.5 *Environmental Health Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Environmental Health Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.*
- 7.6 *Transportation Report – It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Sutherland to approve the transportation report as presented. Motion Carried.*
- 7.7 *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.*
- 7.8 *Building Report – It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Sutherland that the Building Report be approved as presented.*

Councillor Sutherland noted it is nice to see two new homes being built in Westville.

Motion carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 St. Bees Church

CAO Rice read a thank you card from St. Bees Church for the town plowing their parking lot. Deputy Mayor White acknowledged Department of Public Works.

8.2 Marathon of Respect and Equality

CAO Rice read the letter stating on Thursday May 1st, 2014 there is a Run Against Racism in Pictou County and they are having their kickoff event April 22nd, or 29th and they will notify everyone when it has been finalized.

8.3 DARTNS

CAO Rice read the letter from DARTNS hoping council would support them.

8.4 Feed Nova Scotia

CAO Rice stated Feed Nova Scotia was submitting their annual report. Deputy Mayor White noted the fire department does a food drive prior to Christmas every year.

8.5 Aberdeen Health Foundation

CAO Rice noted they were giving notification of their annual general meeting. It is being held on Thursday February 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pictou County Wellness Centre in the Advocate Room and they also have their report to the community.

8.6 Clara's Big Ride – Bell Let's Talk

CAO Rice read the letter from Bell Let's Talk regarding the event Pictou County "Voices" for Mental Health being held on April 16th, 2014, as part of Clara's Big Ride for Bell Let's Talk; and noted they are looking for a donation of an item or monetary contribution for the event when Clara stops in New Glasgow. She noted the funds raised will be used to provide an evening with Clara Hughes in support of mental health at the Pictou County Wellness Centre and towards The Families Matter Education Program which provides family-focused support and resources for those living, or directly affected by someone with a mental health problem.

Councillor MacDonald moved to buy dinner for two from each restaurant in the town as a donation and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor White stated they need to make sure they cover all the restaurants.

8.7 Pictou County Women's Centre

CAO Rice stated the letter is stating they are looking to expand their program for young women and girls to broaden their focus to include programming specific to senior women. They would also like to provide opportunities for young women between the ages of 13 and 18 to develop their self-esteems through leadership and community development initiatives. In the letter they also noted the town's donation from last year helped raise almost \$9,000.

Councillor Murphy moved to give what they gave last year and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Motion carried.

8.8 Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star

CAO Rice read the letter stating their annual meeting is July 14, 15 and 16th in Stellarton and they are creating a booklet with advertisements for sale.

Councillor MacDonald moved to accept this as information only and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

9. PAC RECCOMENDATIONS

9.1 Langille Development

Councillor Sutherland moved to accept the recommendations from the PAC Committee regarding the Langille developments and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor White noted the dates on the letters will have to be changed and CAO Rice stated they will be effective today.

9.2 Unsightly Administrator

Councillor Sutherland moved to accept Zachary van Rossum and Roland Burek as the new Administrators for the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Motion carried.

10. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 2014 Heritage Conference

Deputy Mayor White noted Councillor MacDonald volunteered to be a representative for the 2014 Heritage conference.

Councillor Murphy moved to appoint Councillor MacDonald to be the representative of the 2014 Heritage Conference and was seconded by Councillor Sutherland. Motion carried.

10.2 HCMS

Councillor MacDonald stated HCMS is designated for closure and \$3.8 million is appointed to W.A. MacLeod for repairs. She has requested that council get the information from the surveys that were sent out to the parents. She also stated it does not make sense as the school was given a clean bill of health. Councillor Murphy stated there is a lot that does not make sense and he does not think they will get answers but believes they have to continue to have a strong voice or they will not see results.

Councillor MacDonald moved to contact the school board and get the results from the surveys that were sent out to the parents and was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Sutherland stated it is never a good thing to have a school close.
Motion carried.

Councillor MacDonald moved for Mayor MacKay to write to the Minister of Education asking about the money being spent and in the end analysis ask if the school is not going to be used what is going to become of it and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor White noted there should be a letter sent to the minister to look at the school. He noted there is a process and there will be an open meeting on March 3rd. Councillor MacDonald stated she is concerned about the quality of education.

10.3 2014 Property Tax Exemption

Councillor MacDonald moved to accept the 2014 property tax exemption and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

10.4 War Memorial and Post Office Property

CAO Rice stated council received a letter and the post office is in the process of surplus. She noted there were two offers. One offer was to sell site to the town at market value and they would sign a new lease with the post office and the second

option would be to move the war memorial land to the town at no cost. Councillor MacDonald asked if we could have the war memorial brought to a higher standard. Deputy Mayor White stated it is just the property.

Councillor Murphy moved to have the war memorial parcel transferred to the town at no cost and to advise that the town is interested in the purchase and was seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Motion carried.

10.5 Creative Pictou County

CAO Rice stated the town won an award and there was a cash allotment of \$1400 and wanted to ratify their decision of how to disburse the funds. Deputy Mayor White stated they were going to divide the \$1400 between the three groups in the town that contributed. They were the Canada Celebration Committee, the War Memorial and Miner Monument and the Garden Club.

Councillor Sutherland moved to accept the disbursement of funds to the three groups and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

10.6 2014 Municipal Boundary Review

Councillor MacDonald moved to table the discussion until the April Council Meeting to read over again and was seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion carried.

10.7 Pictou County Regional Library Signage Request

Councillor Sutherland stated they have received money for signage for the library to be posted. CAO Rice noted the library is providing the signs and they are looking for public works to put them up.

11. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

11.1 Morris Campbell noted at HCMS it is more than kids that are already there. He noted the students at Walter Duggan Consolidated received the survey as well and there is a meeting on March 3rd at Walter Duggan Consolidated. Campbell also noted the Town of Westville cannot afford it.


11.2 Nicola Boone stated she is a postal worker and they have a resolution they would like people to sign to keep their jobs. She noted Canada Post is trying to privatize the postal service. She noted they were hoping it would have been put on the agenda for this evening's meeting. CAO Rice stated she had just received it this morning and did not have time to review it.

11.3 Morris Campbell asked what was going on with Glen Haven Manor. Deputy Mayor White stated it is designated to be replaced and there may possibly be two facilities.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

12.1 *Councillor Murphy motioned to adjourn the public meeting and Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

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DEPUTY MAYOR


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RECORDING SECRETARY