

Town of Westville Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 23rd, 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; Superintendent of Public

Works Samuel Graham; Recording Secretary

Vicki Heighton

Absent:

None

Visitors Present:

A number of Westville residents

Media Organizations Present:

94.1 FM; Pictou Advocate

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 Murphy to approve the tentative agenda. Councilor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 It was moved by Councilor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2014 regular Council Meeting as presented. Councilor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Councilor MacDonald asked if there was correspondence regarding the MOU being developed by the Town of New Glasgow, Town of Pictou and the Municipality of Pictou County. Mayor MacKay stated he has not received notification.
- Deputy Mayor White stated the Province held a meeting on Wednesday May 25th, 2014 in Westville regarding the formation of REN in Pictou County.

5. PRESENTATION – DESTINATION EASTERN & NORTHUMBERLAND SHORES (DEANS)

5.1 Cindy MacKinnon presented a video and a power point presentation to Council regarding DEANS. DEANS represents 12 municipal units in this area and rely on funding from each unit to support the promotion of tourism and visitor information. Their request for funding is \$72, 750. Ms. MacKinnon stated they are requesting \$1,517.77 from the Town of Westville.

Mayor MacKay thanked Ms. MacKinnon for her presentation.

Councilor MacDonald motioned to send DEANS funding request to the finance committee for consideration. Councilor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Councilor Murphy moved to accept the finance report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded, Motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 Police It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as presented. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.2 Fire Report It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Fire Report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.3 Recreation Report It was moved by Councillor Murphy to approve the Recreation Report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.4 Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as presented. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.5 Environmental Health Report It was moved by Councillor Murphy to approve the Environmental Health Report as presented. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.6 Transportation Report It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the transportation report as presented. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion Carried.
- 7.7 **Animal Control Report** Not available
- 7.8 Building Report It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Building Report as presented. Councillor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Thank you ALS Walk – Sara Watters

CAO Rice read a letter and card from Sara Watters thanking council for their support and assistance for the ALS Walk.

8.2 Pictou County Healthy Authority

CAO Rice read a copy of a letter from the Pictou County Health Authority to Health Minister Leo Glavine regarding the Aberdeen Hospital Emergency Department and Pharmacy Services Redevelopment. The letter expressed

concerns with certain aspects of the funding and timing of the project.

8.3 Response Hon. Premier Stephen MacNeil – Highland Consolidated Middle School

CAO Rice read a letter from the Hon. Premier Stephen MacNeil stating he understands Westville's concerns with the closing of Highland Consolidated Middle School but he is not prepared to intervene in this decision. Deputy Mayor White noted the Town's letter asked him to review the process of the school closure, but it is evident the Province is not prepared to do this.

8.4 Response Hon. Minister Lisa Raitt – Canada Post

CAO Rice read a letter from Hon. Lisa Raitt thanking council for their support for Canada Post and stated that she would forward our letter onto Mr. Deepak Chopra, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post.

8.5 Pictou County Senior's Festival

CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Senior's Festival requesting a donation.

Councilor MacDonald moved to donate to the Pictou County Senior's Festival in the same amount as last year. Councilor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8.6 Multicultural Fusion Festival

CAO Rice read a letter from the Multicultural Fusion Festival requesting sponsorship.

Councillor MacDonald moved to sponsor the Multicultural Fusion Festival as a Bronze sponsor for \$100. Deputy Mayor White seconded. Motion carried.

8.7 Response Hon. Peter MacKay's Office – Westray Campaign

CAO Rice read a letter acknowledging Council's support of the Westray Campaign amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada.

8.8 Highland Consolidated Middle School Proposal

CAO Rice read a letter from property developer James Barkley, thanking Council for the opportunity to visit and tour HCMS. Mr Barkley is interested in the possibility of developing the property. CAO Rice stated that she is gathering information and will present a package to council.

8.9 Westville Board of Police Commissioners Letter

CAO Rice read a letter from Chair Dorothylane Hale of the Westville Board of Police Commissioners stating that Stellarton Police Services will remain status quo for the time being.

8.10 Police Review Process

CAO Rice read a letter from Don Taylor, Chair of Stellarton Board of Police Commissioners, regarding the Stellarton police review process. The Police Review Committee made two recommendations to Stellarton Council for the Town of Stellarton.

8.11 Cost Sharing Police Chief Services

CAO Rice read a copy of a letter the Town of Stellarton will be sending to the Minister of Justice seeking support and approval for the Town of Stellarton to continue cost sharing the Police Chief services between the towns of Stellarton and Westville.

8.12 CAO Rice read a thank you card from Carol and Babs MacNeil.

9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

10.1 Doug Porter, 2210 South Main St., stated the letter Council received from the Premier regarding Highland Consolidated Middle School is the same letter he received.

He also stated he attended the Senior's Festival last year and it was a great time and hopes Council will support it.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

11.1 Deputy Mayor White motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:15pm. 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.

MAYOR MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY