



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 26, 2015**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

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

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

Regrets: Mayor Roger MacKay

Visitors Present: A number of Westville residents

Media Organizations Present: The Advocate; The News

1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Deputy Mayor Murphy 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 Councillor MacDonald to approve the tentative agenda with additions. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as amended. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

3.2 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the amended minutes of the May 5, 2015 Special Council Meeting as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Councillor MacDonald asked if an ad had been placed for the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority Board member. CAO Rice informed council that an ad had been placed.

- 4.2 Councillor MacDonald asked if there has been any progress with the visitor information center opening for the season. CAO Rice informed council that DEANS is putting forward a proposal to the Nova Scotia Government to open the Visitor Information Centre this season. DEANS are looking at a licensing agreement until October 31, 2015 and they are hoping the Province will agree.

Councillor Sutherland stated that Westville's Exit 21 Information Center should be a priority, as well as the Visitor Information Center in Pictou.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Westville Rotary Club

Dr. Dignan informed council that the Westville Rotary Club received a request to purchase sun screen dispensers for Acadia and Victoria Park. The Rotary Club are considering this but, they have several questions for council to consider. If the Rotary Club purchases a dispenser where would it be kept? Who would provide the sun screen for the dispensers? Would permission forms need to be filled out by parents if used by summer recreation?

Councillor Sutherland congratulated the Westville Rotary Club for bringing this project forward and for all the work they do for the town.

6. EXPENDITURES REPORT

- 6.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Expenditures Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

- 7.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

- 7.3 *Recreation Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor White complimented Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill on her report. Councillor MacDonald noted that Sasha Barnard was the Trails and Active Transportation Summer Intern for Westville in partnership with Clean Nova Scotia. CAO Kelly Rice also stated that there will be two students for nine weeks that will also be working on the trails project.

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

Councillor Sutherland stated with new legislation coming that will require reducing waste, we will need to do some more work in this area.

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

- 7.6 **Transportation Report** – *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.*
Councillor Sutherland noted the new walk way Public Works has constructed leading into the library.
- 7.7 **Animal Control Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.8 **Building Report**- *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Building Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7.9 **Glen Haven Manor Report**
Councillor White informed council that the alzheimer’s unit referred to as Whispering Pines, will be moved to the first floor. It opens onto the gardens and Councillor White stated it will be an improvement for residence.
- On June 25, 2015 there will be a volunteer recognition dinner at the Summer Street Industries.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 **Pictou County Pride Week 2015**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Committee requesting the support of the Town of Westville in this year’s events. Pictou County Pride week is an annual week-long event designed to raise awareness, and build support for diversity in the community. It is taking place June 22 – 28, 2015. Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict and withdrew from discussion.
Councillor Sutherland moved this request to the Finance Committee. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.2 **Thank You Card**
CAO Rice read a Thank You card from Rebecca DeCoste for the donation of the fifty dollars to the Music Festival Awards.
- 8.3 **Fusion Festival**
CAO Rice read an invitation from the Multicultural Association for the Fusion Festival annual event to celebrate growing cultural diversity and foster a welcoming community for all, Saturday, September 26, 2015. They are inviting the Town of Westville to consider sponsorship support for this event.
Councillor MacDonald moved this request to the Finance Committee. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.4 **Pictou County Walk for ALS**
CAO Rice read an invitation to the Town of Westville to support the 2015 Pictou County Walk for ALS which will be held June 6, 2015. Councillor MacDonald informed council that Mayor MacKay has made a commitment to speak at this event.
Councillor MacDonald moved this request to the Finance Committee. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

8.5 Funding Request Acadia Park Mural

CAO Rice read a letter from Vincent Joyce regarding a donation towards refurbishing the mural depicting the history of the coal mining days in Westville. The mural is located on the back of the Windows & Doors building in Westville. CAO Rice informed Council that the owner of the building was notified and agreed to the refurbishing. After some discussion Council would like further information on this project and will make a decision at the next Council meeting.

8.6 Pictou County 4-H

CAO Rice read a letter from the Trophy Committee of the Pictou County 4-H. The group is looking for sponsorship for the awards/trophies which will be presented to 4-H members at their Celebrate 4-H Night in November. *Councillor White moved this request to the Finance Committee. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Taxi License

Councillor White made a motion to approve the taxi license applications as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

9.2 Purchase of Post Office Building

CAO Rice brought forward information regarding the purchase of the Post Office Building. She informed Council that the Canada Post lease will expire March 31, 2017 rather than the full five years as originally discussed. The purchase price remains the same.

9.3 Monarchist League of Canada

CAO Rice read a letter from the Monarchist League of Canada with suggestions for events that would be held to honor the Queen's Anniversary. Councillor MacDonald suggested that it be put on the Town of Westville website to see if there is any public interest in holding an event.

9.4 Aberdeen Hospital Expansion

CAO Rice read a Recommendation Report regarding the Financing Agreement for Phase 1 of the Aberdeen Hospital renovations.

Councillor White made a motion to guarantee the Town of Westville's share of the funds for the Aberdeen Hospital expansion as per the report submitted and with the Pictou County Shared Service Authority being the financing body for the project. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

10. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Marilyn Cameron – Acadia Street

Ms. Cameron asked Council if there were any updates on the resident that is next to her property that is boarded up. Ms. Cameron also asked Council what can be done with regards to residence that have fire pits in their backyards. She is wondering if there is any by-law or regulations with regards to this. Ms. Cameron said she finds it is a nuisance to other residence that wish to have their windows open or to sit outside in their own backyards.

Deputy Mayor Murphy informed Council that it is under the nuisance by-law. Councillor White suggested it be looked at with regards to the fire pits. CAO Rice will look into the by-law.

Sandy Cyr – Cyrs Lane

Mr. Cyr was wondering what is being done with the Highland School property. CAO Rice explained the property has been sold and that the new owner has eighteen months to acquire his occupancy permit. The new owner is looking at developing it into apartments and office space.

Mr. Cyr asked if there was any information on the vacant lot on Church Street. Councillor MacDonald believed that the property was sold to Vince Auto Recycling. CAO Rice will look into this.

Mr. Cyr also thanked Council for discussing the Aberdeen Hospital development with the public and keeping them up to date on what is happening.

Morris Campbell – North Main Street

Mr. Campbell asked that Council continue looking at the money that the Town of Westville will be responsible for putting towards the Aberdeen Hospital development. He stated that it is the residence money and he doesn't want to see the Town of Westville committing to more than they can handle.

FINAL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Murphy welcomed MLA Tim Houston to the Council Meeting.

Councillor Sutherland recognized that Dr. Forbes retired after 38 years of service to the Town of Westville and area. Councillor Sutherland stated a community in Cape Breton has benefitted from a program that was a community improvement grant for a small town and thought Westville might benefit from the same type of program. Councillor Sutherland thanked Sobeys for the upgrades that have been done to Foodland.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

11.1 *Councillor White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY