



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday April 27, 2015**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Council Members Present: Mayor Roger MacKay; Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy; 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 Bev Heighton

Absent: Councillor Charlie Sutherland

Visitors Present: A number of Westville residents

Media Organizations Present: The Advocate; East Coast FM

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 Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the tentative agenda. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald asked if an ad had been placed for the Pictou County Housing Authority member. CAO Rice informed council that the ad would be advertized in the next couple of weeks.
- 4.2 *MacDonald*
Councillor White thanked Mayor MacKay and CAO Rice for the letter that was sent out regarding Rivers Bend Mill and Groupe Savoie's shortage of their

supply of hardwood.

- 4.3 Councillor MacDonald asked when the Town of Westville website would be updated. CAO Rice informed council that two staff members will be getting trained on this and that dates were yet to be confirmed.
- 4.4 Councillor MacDonald asked if there has been a decision on the Information Center in Pictou and if it will still remain closed. Mayor MacKay informed Council that a meeting had been held with regards to opening and the Province will not be opening the center. DEANS are looking at opening the information center for the coming season.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police** - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 **Fire Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.3 **Recreation Report** - *It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded.*
Councillor MacDonald complimented Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill on her report. *Motion carried.*
- 6.4 **Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report** - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy 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. Deputy Mayor Murphy 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 **Animal Control Report** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.8 **Building Report** – None
- 6.9 **Glen Haven Manor Report** – Councillor White informed council of an article that was in the paper regarding cut backs and he stated that Glen Haven Manor would not be affected by the cut backs.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Groupe Savoie**
CAO Rice read a letter that was sent to Premier McNeil with regards to the Industrial Approval for Northern Pulp and how it will affect Groupe Savoie Westville Mill in the future. After some discussion it was decided that the information would be available to the public at the Town Office. Councillor MacDonald asked that the information in the letter be confirmed. CAO Rice will research the information.
- 7.2 Thank You Card**
CAO Rice read a Thank You card from the Bantam AA's Crushers for the use of the gym. The group also gave a \$100.00 donation to the summer program.
- 7.3 Pride Flag Raising Ceremony**
CAO Rice read an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony in New Glasgow on June 22nd, 2015 at 12 noon.
- 7.4 Recreation Nova Scotia**
CAO Rice read a letter from Recreation Nova Scotia. The letter contained information regarding the Municipal Recreation and how they are committed to enhancing the lifestyles of communities in Nova Scotia. Recreation Nova Scotia also invited the Mayor, Councillors, Wardens, CAO's, Clerks and Recreation Directors/Coordinators to attend a half-day session in conjunction with UNSM with regards to the Provincial Recreation Shared Strategy. It was decided that CAO Rice, Councillor White and Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill will attend.

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Town of Westville Policy – Rental Cost 1st Draft**
CAO Rice presented a Town of Westville Policy – Rental Cost to Council. Councillor Murphy asked if this Policy would also include the equipment in the gym. CAO Rice said that a separate Policy for equipment rental is being looked at. After some discussion,
Councillor White moved to adopt the Town of Westville Policy for Rental Cost. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Royal Canadian Legion – Veterans Service Recognition Books**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion. They are looking for support with printing the annual Veteran's Service Recognition Book. The book is designed each year to recognize and honor many of Nova Scotia and Nunavut's Veterans.
Councillor MacDonald moved this request to the Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.3 The Salvation Army – Red Shield Campaign**
CAO Rice read a letter from The Salvation Army regarding their Red Shield Campaign kickoff being held on May 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council discussed that this would be taking place on the same night as the Regular Council Meeting. After a discussion,
Councillor MacDonald moved that the Regular Council Meeting schedule for May 25, 2015 be rescheduled to May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. so that Council could attend the Red Shield Campaign special event. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8.4 Town of Westville 2015 Property Tax Exemption

CAO Rice presented the Town of Westville 2015 Property Tax Exemption. *Deputy Mayor Murphy moved to accept the Town of Westville 2015 Property Tax Exemption. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

8.5 Finance Meeting

Councillor MacDonald asked if a date could be set for a finance meeting. CAO Rice advised that it would be more beneficial to set a date for a finance meeting when the budget is ready.

8.6 Walter Duggan School

Deputy Mayor Murphy wanted to give the Walter Duggan Home and School a shout out on their strength training. They had support from the Fire Department and the Police Department. Mayor MacKay also informed Council that Walter Duggan School were the World Champions of the "WOW" Reading Challenge by reading one million books. Mayor MacKay congratulated them on a job well done.

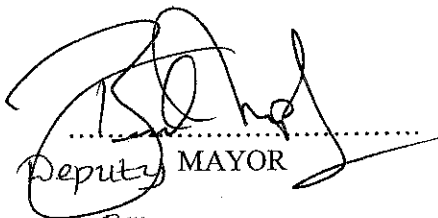
9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

10.1 *Deputy Mayor Murphy motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 6:35 pm. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

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Deputy MAYOR
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RECORDING SECRETARY