



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday March 30, 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 and Bev 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. Mayor MacKay introduced Bev Heighton who will be replacing Vicki Heighton as Administrative Assistant while she is on maternity leave.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the tentative agenda. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*
Deputy Mayor Murphy added Highland Consolidated Middle School to New/Unfinished Business.
Councillor Sutherland declared a conflict of interest regarding the letter of correspondence from Northshore Events.
Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the February 23rd, 2015 Regular Council Meeting as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald asked if we have heard from the Utility and Review Board regarding our Municipal Boundary application. CAO Rice stated we have not.
- 4.2 Councillor MacDonald asked if we responded to the Westville Curling Club regarding their funding request. CAO Rice stated no. Councillor MacDonald asked to have a letter sent stating their funding request is being considered.
- 4.3 Councillor MacDonald asked if we responded to the West Pictou Catering Society. CAO Rice stated that yes, they were informed the request has been sent to finance committee. Further information from West Pictou Catering Society has been received.
- 4.4 Councillor MacDonald asked if a member has been chosen for the Pictou County Housing Authority. Mayor MacKay said that he was in contact with the former representative and she is not able to fill the position. CAO Rice stated that an advertisement will be placed in the paper for a new member.
- 4.5 Councillor MacDonald asked if a letter had been sent to the Minister with regards to the Rivers Bend Mill and Groupe Savoie's shortage of their supply of hardwood. CAO Rice stated that more information was needed.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

5.2 REMO

CAO Rice stated Council had a copy of the proposed REMO Budget for 2015/2016. After a discussion, it was moved by Council to move the REMO Budget to the finance committee.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to refer the REMO Budget to the finance committee. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor White 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.*
Councillor MacDonald complimented Sally O'Neill on her report. *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 Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.6 **Transportation Report** – *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded.*
Councillor MacDonald thanked the Public Works Employees for the job they are doing on the snow removal.
Motion Carried.
- 6.7 **Animal Control Report** - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.8 **Building Report** – None
- 6.9 **Glen Haven Manor Report** – Councillor White stated there is nothing new to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association (LORDA)**
CAO Rice read a letter sent by Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association regarding their 2015 Direct mail fundraising campaign.
Councilor MacDonald moved this request to the Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.2 **Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association (LORDA)**
CAO Rice read a letter sent by Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association. They are seeking volunteers to join the Board of Directors and ask if we could inform the members of our organization. Councillor White suggested this information be put on the Town of Westville's website.
- 7.3 **Northshore Events**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Northshore Events regarding a Spring Fling Fundraiser dedicated to the Heighton/Mainville and Dort families. Councillor Sutherland declared a conflict of interest. Councillor MacDonald stated that a monetary donation is not possible as the Northshore Events is a private business. Mayor MacKay encouraged the public to support this event if they wish to. Deputy Mayor Murphy suggested the letter be put on the website.
- 7.4 **CHAD Transit**
CAO Rice read a letter from CHAD Transit requesting an annual contribution to their operating funds. Mayor MacKay asked the Executive Director of CHAD Transit Danny MacGillivray if he was prepared to make a presentation. Danny MacGillivray gave a very informative presentation on how CHAD Transit makes our community safe and accessible for all. Mr. MacGillivray also explained how their funding dollars are used. Mayor MacKay thanked Mr. MacGillivray for his presentation.
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to move this request to the Finance Committee. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.5 **Pictou County Trails Association (PCTA)**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Trails Association (PCTA) asking that the Town of Westville commit to creating funding for a permanent trails coordinator position for Pictou County, supported by all municipal units.

- 7.6 **deCoste Entertainment Centre**
CAO Rice read a letter from the deCoste Entertainment Centre outlining options and benefits for donations, sponsorships and corporate memberships.
It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to move this request to the Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8. **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1 **Robert Dean- MacKay Street, Westville**
Mr. Dean submitted an envelope to Council.
- 8.2 **Curbside Give Away Weekend**
Councillor White presented information regarding a curbside give away weekend. He stressed that this would reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill. Councillor White stated this was a great way to get rid of your unused items. After a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons to a curbside give away weekend Mayor MacKay suggested that Council will discuss it further.
- 8.3 **Closing of the Provincial Visitor Information Centre**
CAO Rice stated that DEANS is putting a proposal together to have the Provincial Visitor Information Centre opened for this summer.
After lengthy discussion it was agreed that this is an essential service and everyone wants the Pictou Center opened.
- 8.4 **RENS**
CAO Rice updated Council on REN4. CAO Rice recommended that Westville take a step back for one year and do some work in house.
Councillor White moved to accept CAO Rice's recommendation to step back from RENS for one year. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.5 **Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy**
CAO Rice stated the Planning Advisory Committee held a public hearing and it was decided to delay the second reading until the change in the wording is completed. The public can submit their concerns until April 24, 2015.
- 8.6 **Highland Consolidated Middle School**
Mayor MacKay informed the Public that Council has entered into an agreement with a Developer to remediate the HCMS into rental units. Mayor MacKay thanked CAO Rice for her work on this project. CAO Rice stated the developer is planning on 41 to 43 residential units as well as commercial office lease space. Further information will be released in the future.
- 8.7 **Occupation Health and Safety Conference**
Councillor Sutherland reported that he had attended the Occupation Health and Safety Conference and the conference was very interesting and informative. There were presentations on train derailments and recommendation. Mayor MacKay thanked Councillor Sutherland for his report.

9. **QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Francois Rochon – Angell Street

Mr. Rochon complimented the Town of Westville employees on their snow removal efforts this winter and although he agreed to let Public Works pile some snow on his property, he is concerned about flooding around his property. Pictures were provided. Mayor MacKay thanked Mr. Rochon for his comments and will pass his concerns on to the Public Works Department.

Morris Campbell – North Main St.

Mr. Campbell asked Councillor White if there was any further information on the replacement of Glen Haven Manor. Mr. Campbell asked why there have been no meetings for the last two months. Councillor White explained that due to weather conditions there has been no meetings of the Board and that there has been no further information on replacement at this time. Mr. Campbell has concerns on where the Glen Haven Manor will be located and was sure there had been a decision made to this regard. After a discussion, Mayor MacKay thanked Mr. Campbell for his concerns.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

10.1 Councillor White motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 8:43 pm. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

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MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY