



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday August 27, 2018**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Council Members Present:	Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy Councillor Lynn MacDonald Councillor Charlie Sutherland Councillor Lennie White
Staff Present:	Kelly D. Rice – CAO Amanda Cyr – Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Mayor Roger MacKay
Public in Attendance:	Yes
Media Organizations Present:	The Advocate

1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

- 1.1 Deputy Mayor Bernie 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 as presented. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018 Council Meeting. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 Councillor MacDonald inquired as to whether thank you letters were sent to Alma and Stellarton Fire Departments for their assistance on July 1st. CAO Rice responded that they had not been sent yet but would be soon.
- 4.2 Councillor White asked if the Town's current smoking by-laws would be applicable in relation to recreational cannabis use. CAO Rice stated that the current smoking by-law would be amended to include cannabis use and once drafted it will come before Council to be reviewed and approved.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Financial Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Police - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Police Reports as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.***

Councillor Sutherland commented that this was a great Police Report, noting it is incredible that such a large number of people come into Town during July 1st celebrations with such little disruption. He would be interested next year in setting up a traffic counter to get a feel for how many people attend.

- 6.2 Fire Report – *It was moved by Councillor White to accept the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.***

Councillor Sutherland acknowledged the great job done on July 1st, referencing the tragic fire that occurred and the hard work done by the Fire Department.

- 6.3 Recreation Report – *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***

Councillor MacDonald congratulated the summer recreation program, stating that her own grandchildren were enrolled this summer and had a great experience.

- 6.4 Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - *It was moved Councillor Sutherland to accept the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***

- 6.5 Environmental Health Report (Water Treatment) - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.***

Councillor Sutherland commented on the exceptional water quality and quantity given the dry summer.

Councillor White asked why the number of service leaks has been so high. CAO Rice responded that a number of factors have contributed to this, including the winter conditions as well as ageing infrastructure.

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

- 6.7 Animal Control Report – *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Animal Control Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.***

- 6.8 Development/Building/Planning Report – *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Building Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.***

Councillor White commented that it is nice to see more demolition permits than building permits, as there are several unsightly properties that need to be addressed.

- 6.9 Unsightly/Dangerous - None**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 **RCMP Annual Report**

CAO Rice stated that the RCMP Annual Report is available in the office if anyone is interested.

7.2 **Molly's Rainbows Society**

CAO Rice read a request from Molly's Rainbows asking for a contribution towards their 14th Annual Carnival of Rainbows being held on September 15th.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to move this request to Finance. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.

7.3 **Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner (OIPC)**

CAO Rice read a request from the Office of Information & Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia to proclaim September 24th – September 30th “Right to Know Week” in the Town of Westville.

Deputy Mayor Murphy read a proclamation declaring September 24th – September 30th Right to Know Week in the Town of Westville.

7.4 **The Municipality of Barrington**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Warden of Barrington expressing their concerns with respect to Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Boards decision to allow oil and gas drilling off of Halifax.

7.5 **Pictou County Seniors Festival**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Seniors Festival Committee thanking Council for the contribution to this years Festival.

7.6 **Riverview Volunteer Association**

CAO Rice read a Thank You card from the Riverview Volunteer Association for the donation from the Town of Westville.

7.7 **Prostate Cancer Canada**

CAO Rice read a request to proclaim September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Deputy Mayor Murphy read a proclamation declaring September 2018 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Westville.

In recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, the Post Office will be illuminated in blue for the month of September.

7.8 **Glen Haven Manor**

CAO Rice stated that the audited financial statements from Glen Haven Manor are available in the office.

7.9 **Jenna Foley**

CAO Rice read a Thank You card from Jenna Foley in appreciation for Council's contribution to the Award she was presented with during graduation ceremonies at Northumberland Regional High School.

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Councillor MacDonald encouraged people to get out and support the Annual ALS Run taking place on September 29th in Westville.
- 8.2 Councillor Sutherland announced that funding for the Urban Garden Project has been approved by the Aberdeen Hospital Foundation which will get underway next spring.
- 8.3 Deputy Mayor Murphy congratulated the Pictou County Padres for winning the Midget A Provincial Championship and noted that 9 of the 13 players are former Westville area athletes.

9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

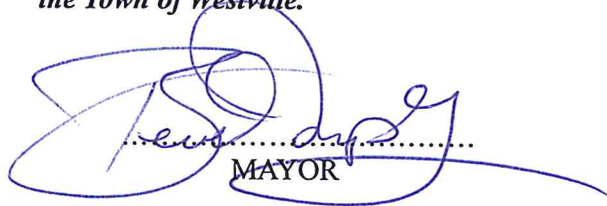
- 9.1 **Art Sinclair – 1688 Reservoir Street**
Mr. Sinclair asked if the report of legal costs regarding the C.F. Construction matter were available yet. CAO Rice responded the numbers are not ready yet as they are just now completing everything. Mr. Sinclair also asked if there has been any action taken against open fire pits in town. CAO Rice informed Mr. Sinclair that Council is in the process of reviewing all by-laws. Councillor MacDonald stated that the Province of Nova Scotia website posts rules as to when it is legal to have open fires within the Province.
- 9.2 **Tom Clark – 2362 Cowan Street**
Mr. Clark shared his concerns regarding the cell phone tower that Eastlink proposes to build on Cowan Street. He would like to know why the Town is entertaining this idea, as Town residents have already voted against this in the past. Specifically relating to the location that Eastlink proposes as the location for the tower, Mr. Clark feels this should be designated a historical site commemorating the first baseball diamond in Canada. He stated that he has spoken to the Heritage Ministers office as well as other constituency offices and they agree that this is a travesty. Mr. Clark feels this location would bring tourists to the Town similar to the traffic generated by the Military Museum. Councillor White informed Mr. Clark that there is a subsidence issue in this area which prevented recreational development when it was looked into in the past for the Trans Canada Trail, and could be why the baseball diamond was not preserved. Deputy Mayor Murphy explained to Mr. Clark that Council did indeed say no to this proposal several years ago, which resulted in Eastlink negotiating with a private land owner to place the tower at another location in Westville. Councillor White told Mr. Clark this decision is out of Councils hands, that there is no zoning law that could prevent this if they receive federal approval, and encouraged Mr. Clark to attend Eastlink's public meeting on September 4th.
- 9.3 **Doug MacNeil – 2422 Cowan Street**
Mr. MacNeil recalled another company years ago proposing to put up a cell phone tower and said this is deja vu all over again. He suggests that Council check with Municipal Affairs in Halifax for a deed to the land that Eastlink proposes to put the tower on. He feels that this land was donated to the residents of the Town and for \$5000 a year this is not what the people want. Deputy Mayor Murphy told Mr. MacNeil that if Eastlink is not allowed to put the tower at this location on Cowan Street they will put it on the Main Street, where a private landowner has agreed to give them access. CAO Rice stated that she would check with Municipal Affairs on this. Council informed Mr. MacNeil that they do not want this anymore than the residents do, however it is out of their hands and subject to Industry Canada approval. All residents with concerns are encouraged

to go to the public meeting being held on September 4th to ask questions and voice their opinions.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 10.1** *Councillor MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.


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RECORDING SECRETARY