

## **Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay**

August 31, 2023

Dr. Roddie Community Center

### **Call to Order:**

Mayor Ron MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

### **Attendees:**

Mayor: Ron MacInnis  
Councilors: Bill Milligan, Cathy MacKinnon, Jerry MacKinnon, Jason Sheppard, Brenda Curran and Philip Milligan

### **Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor B. Curran that the agenda be approved as presented. **Yes : 6 Nay: 0 Motion Carried. (374-08-31)**

### **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

No Councilors declared any Conflict in the Agenda.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

It was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan that the minutes for the June 15 meeting be approved as presented. **Yes: 6 Nay: 0 Motion Carried (375-08-31)**

### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

### **Financial Report:**

A review of all accounts was given by the CAO. It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to accept the financial report as presented. **Yes: 6 Nay: 0 Motion Carried (376-08-31)**

### **New Business**

The first item on the agenda was to rename the Complex after Jim MacAulay who worked tirelessly to keep the facility rented and in pristine shape. All present were in favor of this and Cathy offered to contact Lauretta and Owen Parkhouse to discuss when the dedication would be. Debby advised that the dumpster from Label construction was at the Hall and Craig and the summer staff were helping with the removal of garbage and setting up for people coming in to view and purchase with monetary donations to the Community Cupboard.

A Housing Committee was formed and includes Philip Milligan, Dean Lewis and Eric MacInnis. Philip informed Council that they would meet to come up with ideas and would report back to Council.

A discussion followed on the Government rental of the available space at the Complex and that we still don't have a date for the meeting, but Sidney is working on it so hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Next on the agenda was the topic of sewer rate increase. A letter from Greg Jay was circulated noting that we haven't had an increase since 2006 and that prices for everything is going up. When the UV light is installed, there will be an increase in operating costs so we need to prepare for that as well. It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard that an application be sent to IRAC to increase sewer rates to cover increased costs and it was seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **Yes: 6 Nay: 0 Motion carried (377-08-31)**

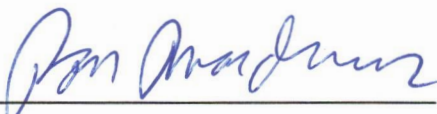
The CAO provided an explanation on the Gas Tax account. The process that was in place for the last number of years wasn't the correct one. This year when the balances were checked by the Province the discrepancy was found. 5 % of the taxes were being put through the Gas Tax account and it shouldn't have been. The Gas Tax accounts are audited so the Government and Municipality assumed it was right. We had to transfer funds from the Complex to cover this shortfall in the Gas Tax. We didn't lose any money but there is a stipulation on how it is spent now. Going forward the proper process will be in place.

Cathy spoke about the Reception Center Resiliency Fund and what it would cover. It was moved by Councilor B. Milligan that we change the Primary reception Center from the Dr Roddy to the Complex and it was seconded by Councilor C. MacKinnon. **Yes: 6 Nay: 0 Motion Carried (378-08-31)** It was discussed that we should get an up-to-date quote for a generator from Chandlers as we currently have one from Jamiesons.

The Campground Wishlist was discussed with the two most important ones being getting some gravel on the top row at the park and the driveway and Jerry said he will have a look. We also need the roofs done on the office and the canteen. Will get Craig to check with Dougie, we have been waiting to get a quote from Northside Roofing but haven't heard back.

Cathy advised that the Blueberry Festival have 90 days to get estimates for the Bounce Pad and for site prep work and it won't cost the Campground anything. It will be in the middle by the Splash Pad.

It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. **Yes:6 Nay:0 Motion Carried (379-08-31)**

Mayor:  CAO: 