

Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay

November 16, 2023

Dr. Roddie Community Center

Call to Order:

Mayor Ron MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm

Attendees:

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

Guest:

Isabel Lewis

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (388-11-26)**

Mayor Ron moved to the first item on the agenda to have Isabel Lewis speak on behalf of the Circle Club Request.

Isabel Lewis spoke on behalf of the St. Peters Circle Club in request of community support in setting up and taking down tables for the weekly activities that are held at the Circle Club. It has been decided that Craig Campbell will add these tasks onto his daily duties going forward.

Adoption of Minutes:

The approval of August 31/23 minutes was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (389-11-26)**

The approval of October 26/23 minutes was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (390-11-26)**

The approval of November 1/23 minutes was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor J. Sheppard. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (391-11-26)**

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No councilors declared any conflict in the agenda.

Business Arising from Minutes:

None to report.

Mayor Ron MacInnis took the opportunity to introduce and welcome Ernestine Bradley to the Council as the successful applicant for the CAO position. She began employment on November 13, 2023.

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 approve the financial report.

YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (392-11-16)

New Business

The Council members discussed having a formal written Volunteer Proposal prepared by the potential Volunteer Committee. The goal is to review said proposal and then decide on an annual budget moving forward for community events that the volunteer group oversees and allows them to allocate those funds based upon event costs.

The CAO read a letter from Mr. Frank Chaisson regarding housing and gaining access on Route 2. There was conversation among Council with many members in favor of allowing housing and lanes on Route 2 however, after further discussion it was agreed upon that this didn't really fall within the municipality's jurisdiction henceforth being unable to support the specific request as the rules within the village do not apply to the request.

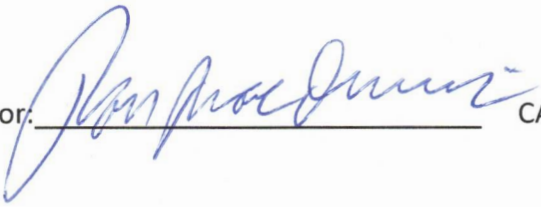
The CAO spoke to Council regarding the Reception Centre Resiliency Fund and shared quotes that have been given by both Chandlers Motor Repair and Jamieson Electric for both propane and diesel generators. A decision has been made to proceed with a diesel generator from Chandlers as they had the lowest price. We are awaiting electrical and plumbing quotes and once they are received, we will proceed with the application which also includes a shower facility in order to meet the requirements for a Reception Centre that offers emergency measures to the community.

Councilor P. Milligan led the Council in an explanation of potential renovations to the Fire Department with regard to creating enough space for the new truck. The Council agreed to do the least costly renovation which will require moving a wall further into the training space. In the event that the Department do not have enough room they have the option of using the Dr. Roddy Center for their training sessions. They also agreed to go ahead with an application to do the study on the buildings in the community.

A discussion was held by Council to review the St. Peters Campground seasonal rate. It was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor J. MacKinnon to increase the seasonal rate by \$225.00. The new seasonal rate moving forward is \$1710 plus HST. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (393-11-26)**

Lastly on the agenda the CAO spoke to the possibility of a mileage increase as it's been the same for quite some time though the price of gas has increased significantly. It was discussed and decided that the mileage would increase from 30 cents a kilometer to 50 cents a kilometer. This was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (394-11-16)**

It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (395-11-16)**

Mayor:  CAO: 