

Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay

March 27, 2024

Dr. Roddie Community Center

Call to Order:

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

Attendees:

Mayor: Ron MacInnis

Councilors: Cathy MacKinnon, Brenda Curran, Jason Sheppard and Bill Milligan

Guests:

Debby MacKinnon joined in case there were questions from the public regarding the proposed budget as she could speak more accurately to the changes in last years budget and the new one for 2024 as she didn't leave her position as CAO until December, 2023.

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Councilor B. Curran and seconded by Councilor J. Sheppard that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (423-03-27)**

Adoption of Minutes:

The approval of March 21/24 minutes was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (424-03-27)**

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No councilors declared any conflict in the agenda.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Councilor C. MacKinnon mentioned that she has done some research regarding a charitable number for the Community Cupboard but will gather more information and bring this info to the next meeting for review.

Financial Report:

A review of all accounts was given by the CAO. It was moved by Councilor B. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to approve the financial report.

YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (425-03-27)

New Business

Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed 2024 budgets for each account; General, Complex, Fire Dept, Campground and Sewer one more time after waiting for the public to join the meeting to discuss any budget concerns, wishes or disputes. They also reviewed a Ballfield budget for 2024 submitted by Randy Byrne. No public attended the meeting and the approval of the 2024 budget was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor C. MacKinnon. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (426-03-27)**

Next, on the agenda the CAO presented the Fire Department's request to have a loan of \$43 000.00 at the Morell Credit Union approved for their new rescue truck coming in the next few months. The council reviewed the breakdown of the loan and discussed that when the old truck sells, they will put that lump sum payment on the loan to reduce the duration and decrease incurring interest. The old truck will go up for tender and Councilor J. Sheppard might oversee this process as he has experience with this. The approval of the Fire Department's loan was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (427-03-27)**

The CAO shared with the Mayor and Council that she had been talking to Chris Blaisdell who is our Rural and Regional Development contact person and he confirmed that it is not too late to add campground internet upgrades to the existing RGI application. The CAO is working on a quote from Starlink and will share those costs with Council as soon as possible and add to the current application if moved by Council.

The CAO, Ernestine Bradley shared with the Mayor and Council a quote for health insurance through the Chamber of Commerce for herself. She also had a quote for Craig Campbell but he already has health insurance and passed. The quote was reviewed and the request to have the Community pay fifty percent of the monthly premium which is \$68.14/month and \$817.68/year was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor B. Curran. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (428-03-27)**

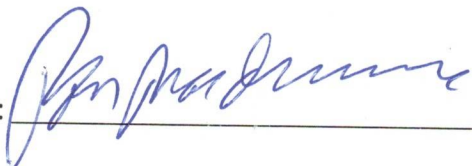
The CAO brought forth a request from the maintenance foreman, Craig Campbell who is seeking reimbursement from the community for the wear and tear on his vehicle which he uses for work duties. Mileage covers the wear and tear on a person's vehicle but because he uses his trailer for work duties and that exceeds what mileage reimbursement covers the mayor and council agree to approve the cost of two new tires for his trailer to perform work duties with it. The reimbursement of two new tires was moved by Councilor B. Curran and seconded by Councilor C. Mackinnon. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (429-03-27)**

The CAO shared with the mayor and council that when we have construction tenders of any sort of \$5000 and above that they should be listed on the Government Tenders and Procurement website for transparency purposes as all surrounding and especially local businesses should have the awareness of these jobs and the chance to submit a quote. This was agreed upon by the mayor and council and moved by Councilor B. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Curran. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (430-03-27)**

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor C. MacKinnon to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (431-03-27)**

Mayor:



CAO:

