

Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay

June 13, 2024

Dr. Roddie Community Center

Call to Order:

Mayor Ron MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Attendees:

Mayor: Ron MacInnis

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

Guests:

Kurt Hillier

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (443-06-13)**

Adoption of Minutes:

The approval of May 16/24 minutes was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (444-06-13)**

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No councilors declared any conflict in the agenda.

Business Arising from Minutes:

The mayor and council restated that they do not want to take control of the rink but strongly want to see something happen whether it be to make the space functional or tear it down. A general meeting should be called, and a letter will be sent from the mayor and council to the Rink Committee regarding the issue.

Also, the new rescue truck is arriving a little later than anticipated. It will arrive around the first week of July and once the equipment from the old truck is transferred to the new one the tendering process will begin.

Financial Report:

A review of all accounts was given by the CAO. It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan to approve the financial report. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (445-06-13)**

New Business

The first item on the agenda was to discuss the current deck upgrade taking place at the Campground. The contractor completing the project, Kurt Hillier joined the meeting to address a few challenges with the deck project and some suggestions he's made to ensure

its safety and longevity. The entire deck has been demoed, which was not part of the original plan, and an amendment has been made to the RGI application to increase funding for the new deck costs. Kurt offered two suggestions for the mayor and council to review, and one was to reduce the back end of the deck where there used to be a lifeguard and to reconsider the deck color choice due to heat. The mayor and council considered his suggestions but were in agreement that they did not want to reduce the deck size as it's the deep end of the pool and the space is needed for older kids to jump in and is often where people stretch out to enjoy the sun. It was also agreed that due to time constraints we go ahead with the decking that we have so that the job can be finished as soon as possible. This direction was given to Mr Hillier and he was reminded it was very important that the work be completed as soon as possible as the campground is in full operation when school closes on the 27th.

Next on the agenda, Councilor P. Milligan addressed the mayor and council regarding a conversation he had with a Canada Post representative about where they could place a new cluster box unit in the community. Councilor P. Milligan felt that Bayshore Road seems like an easily accessible place that is safe from heavy traffic and more sheltered than other areas from the elements. The mayor and council agree with this location.

Councilor P. Milligan also shared that he and the other Housing Committee members had a meeting with Darryl Bradley, Senior Advisor of Housing, Land and Communities. The programs that are currently offered aren't as enticing for developers as some that were previously offered that developers in Morell had taken advantage of. However, PEI Federal Government announced over \$25 million in new financial support programs will help build the infrastructure needed for approximately 700 new construction-ready residential lots. The Housing Committee will continue to watch for opportunities and if/when something more enticing comes along perhaps council will discuss the possibility of selling land to a developer.

The mayor addressed the recent purchase of the maintenance truck for the community. Craig Campbell will use the truck for all of his daily work-related tasks, and it will be parked at the Dr. Roddie Center on evenings and weekends. The CAO will look into getting community decals made for the truck. It is the policy of the community that the truck only be driven by the maintenance supervisor, Craig Campbell and the CAO will verify this with the insurance company.

The utility operator, Greg Jay has mentioned that the grass needs to be cut around the lagoon as well as the trees removed. Councilor P. Milligan talked to Councilor J. MacKinnon earlier in the day regarding this and G&P Trucking can cut around the lagoon and Mayor R. MacInnis can help with a flail mower he has to get down around the sides. Craig Campbell and his summer staff will take care of the tree removal.

Next on the agenda was the discussion regarding the UV light project. The CAO has been spending a considerable amount of time over the past 2 months trying to finalize the AER

report with Curtis Lumsden but has run into multiple different issues. The possibility of downsizing the UV Light project doesn't seem to be a realistic option and the community either needs to pay back the money to the Gas Tax account that has been spent on preliminary work for the UV light project or proceed with the project, and in a timely manner.

The mayor and council feel strongly that the preliminary work that was paid for was necessary in order to see if the project was even a possibility for the municipality. It has become apparent that the ongoing costs are going to be greater than the mayor and council feel are feasible as well as the fact that they feel the lagoon is working very efficiently as it is. The council want the CAO to contact Curtis Lumsden, Project Officer of Transportation and Infrastructure and ask that he or his manager have a meeting with council regarding the amounts owing to the Gas Tax account. The CAO will contact Curtis Lumsden and keep the mayor and council informed. It was also a suggestion that the CAO contact John Dewey, Executive Director of FPEIM for some help regarding this matter.

Last on the agenda the CAO shared that the Volunteer Committee had been awarded the Island Community Food Security Program Grant in the amount of \$9600.00. The CAO has become aware that this grant isn't issued until the project is entirely completed therefore, she has asked to borrow money from some of the accounts with larger amounts and transfer to the Volunteer Committee bank account she has created in place of the previous Community Cupboard Account. When using the standard operating account in the General bank account it becomes too confusing to keep a balance of the Volunteer Committee funding. When the grant money is received the CAO will reimburse the accounts she borrows from accordingly. The mayor and council agree that this is a reasonable request and the CAO can perform these transfers and reimburse the accounts when the cheque is received.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (446-06-13)**

Mayor:  CAO: 