

Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay

October 17, 2024

Dr. Roddie Community Center

Call to Order:

Mayor Ron MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Attendees:

Mayor: Ron MacInnis

Councilors: Brenda Curran, Jason Sheppard, Jerry MacKinnon and Philip Milligan

Guest:

Tim Hopkins

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (461-10-17)**

Adoption of Minutes:

The approval of September 26/24 minutes was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor J. Sheppard. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (462-10-17)**

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No councilors declared any conflict in the agenda.

Business Arising from Minutes:

None to report.

Financial Report:

A review of all accounts was provided by the CAO and shared with the mayor and council. It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to approve the financial report. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (463-10-17)**

New Business

The first item on the agenda was to speak with our guest, Tim Hopkins regarding internet upgrades specifically at the St. Peter's Campground and possibly at the Jim MacAulay Complex and Dr. Roddie Center.

Tim had been working with the previous CAO, Debby MacKinnon pre-hurricane Fiona and has been in contact with the current CAO, Ernestine Bradley for the past few months obtaining information regarding a FibreOp internet upgrade.

He provided funding options that the community could tap into when proceeding with the upgrade: Universal Broadband Fund, Prince Edward Island Broadband Fund and Atlantic Broadband Fund.

Tim can secure a network connection with his company, but we would need to have somebody else distribute the internet signal to the rest of the campsites beyond the campground office. He estimates the financial responsibility of the community to be around \$13 000.00 to install the dedicated internet connection with his company after accessing rebates and funding. Excluding funding the total estimate is \$29, 137.00. A mesh network is what he recommends and that would be provided through a distribution business. He said he would put Jeff Packet in touch with us who works on the distribution end of things. The community would have to sign a 60 month – 5 Year contract on top of the initial cost to install the network. If the signal goes down for more than 24 hours they owe us.

Tim will provide Ernestine with quotes for the campground, complex and community office to share with the council at the next meeting.

The CAO shared with the mayor and council that from the profit of the rescue truck the fire department planned to retrofit the cascade system for the new truck. The mayor and council agreed to this expense coming from the profit of the new truck and anything not spent would be applied to the loan.

The maintenance supervisor requested 6 new rectangular tables for the Dr. Roddie center as the current ones are old, heavy and not in very good shape. The mayor and council advised that the maintenance supervisor get a quote for 6 new tables, and they'll revisit this request.

The CAO provided maintenance truck quotes from dealerships of both new and used trucks. It was discussed that an 8-foot box doesn't seem to be necessary, and we will likely be purchasing a trailer anyway so to proceed with putting out a tender for a new truck to dealerships with our specifications. A crew cab might also be less expensive than a single cab, which wasn't initially anticipated, and it was decided to buy outright rather than finance. To meet the needs of the community a maintenance truck is necessary, and the taxes might need to be raised to generate the revenue to help cover the cost of payments. Councilor J. Sheppard will take care of drafting a tender and the CAO will distribute it to dealerships to see what they come back with and share with council at the next meeting to review.

It was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor J. MacKinnon to purchase a new truck. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (464-10-17)**

The CAO shared an updated rental contract with the mayor and council as she'd been asked to update it with a few specifications in previous months. They agreed with the rental contract and to ensure that it is included that any damage caused by renters will be charged to them.

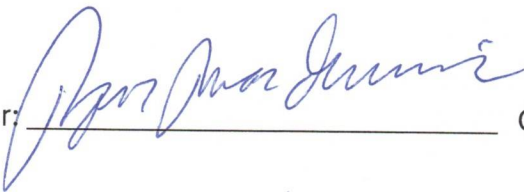
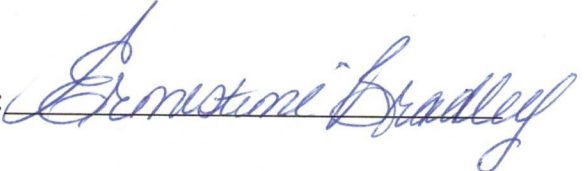
There was also a discussion around the request for land to develop. Council feel that this is a challenging situation where they would like to help those looking to develop within the community to increase housing options, but it would set the precedence for being able to

fulfil this type of request in the future and it's not something that is easily done given there is no planning policy in place at this time. We are unable to move forward on this matter currently.

There was a brief discussion regarding the social media discussions taking place on the Community Facebook page regarding the roundabout and people feeling frustrated that they were not notified or that somehow the decision was in the hands of the mayor and council. It is not something that the community or village of St. Peter's decided to put there. However, for years the municipality has been going to highways out of concern for that corner and how dangerous it has been. This decision was federal and provincial, not municipal and we are happy that the issue is finally being addressed before there is a serious accident.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor J. MacKinnon to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. **YES: 4 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (465-10-17)**

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