

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

February 22, 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: Cathy MacKinnon, Brenda Curran, Philip Milligan, Jason Sheppard and Bill Milligan

### **Guests:**

Jason Palmer

### **Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved by Councilor B. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Curran that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (408-02-22)**

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The approval of January 25/24 minutes was moved by Councilor C. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (409-02-22)**

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

No councilors declared any conflict in the agenda.

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

Mayor R. MacInnis and CAO, Ernestine Bradley spoke to council regarding a meeting held the day previous with the campground staff. An incentive of a \$150 gas card was offered to the campground workers to help accommodate with any gas expenses incurred when coming up to the Landing shops to provide cleaning services. They were also given contracts to mull over until March 1<sup>st</sup> and sign if they want to return to their positions otherwise the jobs will be posted to the public as we need our weekend staff which are the campground workers to perform our weekend cleaning duties.

### **Financial Report:**

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

**YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (410-02-22)**

### **New Business**

A discussion was held with Jason Palmer who spoke on behalf of the Rink Committee and answered questions from Council. Councilor C. MacKinnon was wondering what, if anything as a council, could be done to assist in whatever Jason may see as a future for the

rink moving forward. Jason expressed that an AGM is required and the need for more volunteers is imperative as there are not enough bodies to help with the upkeep as well as the administration side of things. With the current members they should be able to get an AGM but need support from within the community. He thinks that the building is structurally sound and should be used as a multipurpose facility, not an ice rink. Councilor C. MacKinnon offered to put a memo in the March edition of the Bay News to call on people in the greater St. Peter's Area to come forward with thoughts and ideas on ways to best utilize the facility as well as enlist more volunteers. If there is an indication of interest from the community, there will be a meeting to follow up in April.

After discussion with the rink committee, the CAO distributed Municipal Government Act - Disclosure Statements for each council member to take home and complete.

Next on the agenda, the CAO provided an updated price chart for rental costs at the Complex and Community Center based on a discussion and recommendations made by council at the last meeting. Council reviewed the price chart and agreed with the price adjustments. The updated price chart is attached. This was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (411-02-22)**

Morell – St. Peter's Tourism Step Program has requested a council member from St. Peter's Bay to join their committee. Councilor B. Curran has agreed to step into this position. They will be having Community meetings starting in late April, early May and the meetings are usually online through Google Meet but the Community meetings will be in person. There is currently a council member from Morell on the committee as well.

The CAO shared with Council that regarding the upcoming campground upgrades we are responsible as a community for 25% of the cost which equals \$27,500.00. An application was completed for the Rural Growth Initiative Grant and 75% will be covered by the grant. Council agreed that we must take advantage of the grant funding and pay for the expenses as a community if necessary but that we would like to try and create a Gas Tax project for these upgrades and hopefully be able to pay the community back with Gas Tax funding. It was agreed upon whether we are able to use Gas Tax money for these expenses or not that we must proceed with the upgrades.

A conversation was held regarding the Marina application that had been completed by MRSB. Councilor P. Milligan spoke to this and shared that nothing has really been done since the application was completed as moving forward has been somewhat difficult as far as communication and planning go. As it stands, Ernestine will resubmit the application in April and Councilor P. Milligan will connect with the Honorable Lawrence MacAulay for further direction.

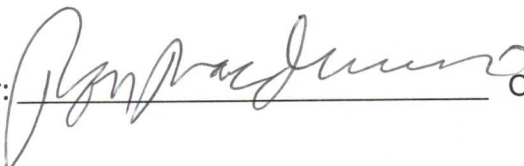
Councilor C. MacKinnon shared a picture from Shiny Paint of the proposed color choice for the Memorial Wall dedicated to Jim MacAulay. All were in favor of the color selection and

Craig Campbell will prime and paint the wall before Starla completes her work. The date for the dedication will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and all will be welcome to attend as well as formal invitations sent out to those who the family wish to have present. It will be published in the April edition of the Bay News and will be a catered event with finger food and refreshments.

Lastly, on the agenda the CAO, Ernestine Bradley's payroll review was to be completed after 3 months of employment with the Community. It was agreed upon that her pay of \$20.00/hr be raised to \$23.00/hr with another payroll review at 6 months. This was moved by Councilor P. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Curran. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (412-02-22)**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. **YES: 5 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (413-02-22)**

Mayor:  CAO: 