

Rural Municipality of St. Peter's Bay

May 22, 2025

Dr. Roddie Community Center

Call to Order:

Mayor Ron MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm

Attendees:

Mayor: Ron MacInnis

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

Guests:

Amber Jenkins (STEP Program)

Joelyne Taylor (St. Peter's Blueberry Festival)

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Councilor J. Sheppard and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan that the agenda be approved as presented. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (528-05-22)**

Adoption of Minutes:

The approval of April 24/25 minutes was moved by Councilor B. Curran and seconded by Councilor B. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (529-05-22)**

The approval of May 8/25 special meeting minutes was moved by Councilor B. Curran and seconded by Councilor P. Milligan. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (530-05-22)**

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 J. Sheppard to approve the financial report. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (531-05-22)**

New Business

The first item on the agenda was an update from Councilor B. Curran who attended the FPEIM AGM on behalf of the mayor and council of our municipality. She shared a noteworthy point from the meeting regarding PEI Municipal leaders considering a resolution on the creation of a provincewide recreational levy.

She also shared that she submitted 2 applications for nominees of the Canada Volunteer Award Program from St. Peter's Bay which if chosen would receive a monetary award to help fund their volunteer community endeavors, ie: Community Cupboard and St. Peter's Meals and Events.

Following Councilor B. Curran's updates as she is also a member of the STEP committee, she arranged an introduction from Amber Jenkins whom along with Craig Ono has taken on the position of STEP manager(s) for the areas of St. Peter's Bay and Morell. Amber joined the meeting at 7:42 pm to share that she has been active within the community initiating conversation with local business owners, committees, residents, the Development Corporation as well as mayor and council to see what types of projects people feel would be valuable to St. Peter's Bay that meet the criteria of STEP funding. It was shared that having the trail lit would be extremely beneficial to capitalize on the beauty of our sunsets overlooking the Bay as well as to enhance our trail during the tourist season, which in turn would provide an influx in customers at our local Campground and Landing Shops perhaps. This is also a project that would benefit the residents and not just tourists, which is something to keep in mind as well.

Next on the agenda was the review of the Day Camp being held at St. Peter's Campground for the summer of 2025 which was proposed by Joelyne Taylor of the St. Peter's Bay Blueberry Festival. Due to the job having been posted since April 4th and there having been no strong candidate for the supervisor position and a full registration list, it had been decided to cancel the camp in time to allow parents to secure alternate childcare and not leave them stranded. The CAO shared a memo with parents to forewarn them that the Camp may not operate as planned due to lack of staffing and the job posting would remain open until May 23rd while also allowing council the chance to review the liability concerns as well as staffing options. To be clear, nobody outside of this office was asked to recruit staff but a memo was sent to parents with resumes to be submitted to the CAO. There was also confusion regarding who would come forward to take on the necessary roles to ensure this project was executed properly given policy and procedure to run a Day Camp are outside the mayor, council and CAO's scope and apparently not the job of the supervisor to be hired.

Joelyne Taylor attended the meeting to answer questions and go over details regarding her proposal and confirmed that she and other individuals with the proper training and experience would help to create policy as well as to ensure that she had lined up certified coverage for the supervisor on days they need off which should help alleviate stressors regarding proper staff coverage. She shared that the revenue had exceeded her initial calculation of \$4079.48.

In future for proposals of this magnitude it would be recommended that the proposer attends the meeting in-person to discuss the project thoroughly with the mayor, council and CAO and a decision be made at the following meeting after all details have been reviewed.

It was moved by Councilor B. Milligan and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to approve the Day Camp for Summer 2025. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (532-05-22)**

Next on the agenda the mayor and council reviewed new quotes sought out by Councilor J. Sheppard for a lawnmower for the St. Peter's Campground.

It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor B. Curran to purchase the Kubota Z252KW54, 54' deck, Kawasaki engine, folding roll bar, suspension seat for \$9000.00 plus tax from the Campground Bank Account. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (533-05-22)**

The mayor and council reviewed a request from Amy McCarron, School Counselor at Morell Regional High School with regard to anybody who they felt was a worthy candidate for the Mary Burge Bursary. The mayor and council advised the CAO to respond to MRHS to express that if there is a student graduating from within St. Peter's or nearby area(s) that they would be happy for the school to select a recipient.

The CAO shared the proposed location of the Community Cupboard building at the Complex as there were concerns expressed by renters who would have difficulty gaining access to the back of the building as needed. Members of council as well as the mayor said they would find a location for the building that worked for everybody. The building will begin construction next week.

Adjournment It was moved by Councilor J. MacKinnon and seconded by Councilor C. MacKinnon to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. **YES: 6 NAY: 0 Motion Carried (534-05-22)**

Mayor:  CAO: 