

Media Release



March 10, 2021 Council Meeting Summary

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The following items were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Town Council held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 via Zoom due to the Province of PEI circuit breaker in place at the time.

Stratford CAPTURE Program Announced

The Town of Stratford will become the first municipality on PEI to partner with the RCMP on a program called Stratford CAPTURE (Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence). The program, in the final stages of being ready to launch, will allow Stratford residents and businesses who have security cameras on their property to register with the Stratford division of the RCMP. A database will be maintained by the RCMP, which is not made public, and if potential evidence may be available on one of the registered property cameras, the individual or business will be contacted by the RCMP with a request to review their camera footage. The registry is voluntary, as is each decision on whether or not to allow access of the security camera footage to the RCMP by the homeowner or business. The cameras are not owned, operated or installed by the Town of Stratford or RCMP but rather this program will allow the RCMP members to retrieve potential evidence from these cameras located on personal property if/when required.

Lot Size Variance Request Approved

A resolution was approved for two lot size variances along Georgetown Road in Stratford. The two lots will be created after subdividing a larger lot on parcel number 624676. A lot size variance was required by Council as both will be below the required lot size for a single dwelling lot located within the Agricultural Reserve Zone (A1). The parcel was originally surveyed for subdivision in June of 1980, before the Town of Stratford existed, however for unknown reasons the subdivision application never proceeded or approved at that time.

Community Campus Implementation Committee Member Appointments and Terms of Reference

Council approved the establishment of a Community Campus Implementation Committee to oversee the development of the Community Campus. The committee will include Council and staff representatives, key partners and community representatives. The Terms of Reference for the committee was also approved.

Committee members appointed by resolution will be in place for the remainder of the current term of council and include:

- Chair – Councillor Jill Burridge, Chair of Planning, Development and Heritage
- Vice-chair – Deputy Mayor Gary Clow, Chair of Infrastructure
- Councillor Steve Gallant, Chair of Recreation, Culture and Events
- Councillor Gail MacDonald, Chair of Finance and Technology
- Mayor Steve Ogden
- Cory Gray, business community representative
- Fred Horreht, resident
- Raymonde Arsenault-MacKenzie, Transportation and Infrastructure Department
- Tyler Richardson, Transportation and Infrastructure Department
- Dylan Mullally, Public Schools Branch
- Robert Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeremy Crosby, Deputy CAO and Director of Infrastructure
- Jeremy Pierce, Director of Recreation, Culture and Events
- Kim O’Connell, Director of Finance and Technology
- Jeannie Gallant, Project Manager

Switch Program Bylaw Adoption

Second reading and adoption of a program branded as the Switch Program was held. The Town of Stratford has joined with the City of Charlottetown, the Town of Wolfville in Nova Scotia, and the PACE Atlantic CIC, to develop an application to FCM for loan and grant funding to offer a PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program to the residents and businesses of these communities. The program, once implemented, will allow funds to be advanced to property owners through loans to cover the capital cost of improvements which are paid back from the savings in electricity and fuel costs.

Proclamation

Mayor Ogden officially proclaimed that March 2021 be observed as “Kidney Month” in the Town of Stratford and urges all citizens to become aware of their own kidney health, to learn about the role kidneys play in their body, to know the kidney disease warnings signs to look for, and to be aware of the importance of the organ donation registry.

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