

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2020
Approved Minutes

DATE: November 12, 2020
TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Derek Smith; Darren MacDougall; Jill Burridge; Steve Gallant; Gail MacDonald; Robert Hughes, CAO; Jeremy Crosby, Deputy CAO, and Director of Infrastructure; Kevin Reynolds, Director of Planning, Development, and Heritage; Jeremy Pierce, Director of Recreation, Culture, and Events; Kim O’Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Wendy Watts, Community and Business Engagement Manager; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Nil

GUEST: Jonathan Ross and Chris Beauvais

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

Mayor Ogden took a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we gather is the unceded territory of the Mi’Kmaq people, and we pay our respects to the indigenous Mi’Kmaq people of this territory past, present, and future.

Mayor Oden also took a moment to acknowledge and thank the veterans for the life we have today.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and those who may be viewing via Facebook.

2. PRESENTATION TO CLAIRE WALKER

Mayor Ogden welcomed special guest Claire Walker. We invited Claire to come to the Council meeting this evening to celebrate her work for the Town of Stratford for the past 23 years. She started as an assistant gardener, and then served as lead gardener for the past 14 years as a permanent staff member. Her hard work and dedication, coupled with her caring nature and positive attitude, has endeared her to all staff members who had the pleasure of working with her.

Throughout her 23 years with the Town, Claire never seemed to have a bad day. She was constantly encouraging and supportive of those who worked beside her. She always went out of her way to make sure those around her were taken care of, and always exhibited a “can do” approach with everything she worked on.

Residents will have noticed the beautiful flowers, trees, and shrubs that were lovingly planted and cared for by Claire and her team. The Town of Stratford is indebted to her for the time, effort, and loyalty that she has shown throughout the years.

Claire, your smiling face and warm personality will be greatly missed. We hope that retirement brings you the opportunity to relax and enjoy life and allows you the enjoyment of facing each day with the same “can do” approach you brought to our workplace. We encourage you to visit often, and to bring your smile and sense of humor with you! We wish you the best of luck and CONGRATULATIONS on your retirement.

Claire, I invite you to come forward to receive a plaque and small gift to recognize your service to the Town of Stratford. At this time photos were taken.

3. PRESENTATION BY JOHATHAN ROSS RE: 2023 CANDA GAMES

Chris Beauvais introduced himself and then turned the floor over to Johnathan Ross, who gave a brief history of the Canada Games. He then proceeded to give a Power Point Presentation (attached to these minutes). Following the presentation Mr. Ross stated that what they are asking for would amount to \$25 per resident which can be amortized over four fiscal years starting in 2021. There would be a number of rights and benefits given to Stratford as a partner and Stratford would be engaged all the way along. It was noted that the mandate of the Canada Games is to create legacies in mid to small communities across the nation.

Mayor Ogden thanked both Jonathan and Chris for their presentation and advised them that their request will be discussed, and we will get back to them as soon as possible.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow, and seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Held earlier in the agenda.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Jill Burridge and seconded by Councillor Derek Smith that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

8. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Following is a list of meetings and events attended by the Mayor since the last Council meeting:

- Chaired regular Committee of the Whole, as well as a special Committee of the Whole
- Met with a group interested in locating a Canada Games facility in Stratford
- Attended a virtual Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) meeting
- Reviewed audit reports of the Town financial statements with the auditors
- Attended a workshop on waterfront design
- Met with the Honourable Natalie Jameson, Minister of Environment and Capital Area Communities regarding Stratford issues
- Met with the Honourable Jamie Fox about sharing services in the capital region
- Recorded a Remembrance Day message
- Attended a Capital Area Development Corporation (CADC) shareholders meeting
- Interviewed by media about our approach to Remembrance Day and the results of the Annual Resident Survey
- Attended the Veterans Recognitions Awards Ceremony in Charlottetown
- Spoke with several residents about various issues
- Attended to the day to day affairs of the Town.

Councillor Gallant asked Mayor Ogden to elaborate on his meeting with Minister Fox about sharing services with the capital region. Mayor Ogden replied that he was asked to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of policing options for Stratford. From that meeting, there was a proposal that the CAO's would work together and make a request of the Minister to do a study and look at what the best policing option might be for Stratford and the capital area.

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

Report was included in the agenda package. The CAO was happy to report that the negotiations for the community campus land has been completed and we now have signed documents from the land owners. There is still lots to be done; however, the land acquisition was a great hurdle to pass, and the province has been made aware of the agreement and a copy was sent to them.

The CAO also thanked Council for allowing the staff team building to go ahead last Friday; the staff really appreciated it. Staff had some fun, as well as some serious discussion. Staff team building is part of the Town's on-going quest to make this the best place we can for staff to work.

Mayor Ogden thanked CAO Hughes for all his work on the land acquisition adding that he did a fantastic job, because there were a lot of challenges to overcome. Councillor Gallant agreed that a great job was done in securing the land.

11. SAFETY SERVICES

a) Report

The report was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that most of the information included in this report was discussed at the last Council meeting. The biggest issue currently is the calming traffic efforts, and it is being worked on.

Councillor Smith stated that it is time in our mandate to have a turnover in our committees and he wanted to thank everyone on the Safety Services Committee for their efforts over the past two years; it was greatly appreciated.

Councillor Gallant asked if we were looking to have crossing guards, or are we looking at an electronic device. Councillor Smith replied that we have to remember that we don't own the roads in the Town, and we will need to talk to the province to see what we can implement. Councillor Gallant felt it would be best to have a person and not an electronic device looking after the children. The director of infrastructure Jeremy Crosby added that we are dealing with the provincial government in regard to our request. He added that Cornwall is going through a similar pilot program and we are watching to see what they are doing and how the provincial government is going to help. It was also indicated to us that there could be some signalization at some of the intersections, and it could be a permanent solution that is there throughout the day. So, there are some options, and we will be getting back to the Safety Services Committee and Council when we have more information. Councillor Burrige noted that there is only one crosswalk on Glen Stewart Drive and she felt that there should be at a minimum of at least one more crosswalk for the second school, and we should look at the bigger picture. There are a lot of busy intersections where kids need to cross such as the Stratford Road and the Kinlock Road and she would like to see something at the key intersections. Jeremy added that we are looking at some traffic calming to slow the traffic down before it gets to the school.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that it is a big undertaking, and it involves training. There is also a liability issue. However, he agreed that we need it, but felt some of the onus should be on the province.

Mayor Ogden stated that his understanding is that the Safety Services is looking at the issue and will be making a recommendation to Council, but he added that he would like to see action on it as soon as possible. He would also like to get the thoughts of the Home and School Association.

Jeremy noted that the leg work was done in 2016 and at that time Council decided not to go with a crossing guard. We are now watching to see how Cornwall gets along with their pilot program. He added that we will have the information in time for budget discussions.

Councillor Gallant stated that our town is growing, and background checks would need to be done. Councillor Smith stated that we sub-contract Humane Society and we could possibly contract a company to do the crossing guard work.

b) Street Light Report

No report

c) RCMP Report

The report for the month of October was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that he did ask to have an RCMP office attend the meeting, but Glen Dudley is still in the Nova Scotia area on the fishery dispute and the second in command was unavailable. He reviewed the report noting that it was a standard month for the Town.

Councillor Gallant asked what happens when an officer is out of the Town for a few months dealing with another issue – do the overtime hours increase and Councillor Smith replied that the RCMP contract states that they can move people out of the area for certain lengths of time, and he asked the CAO if he had anything to add. The CAO replied that he will ask the RCMP if they have back filled for Glen Dudley and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Councillor MacDonald stated that several months ago we lost our month to date comparison and now we have lost our year to date. She asked Councillor Smith if he could follow up to see if we can get the month and year to date back in the report and he replied that he would follow up.

Councillor MacDougall stated that he had some concerns regarding the response time, and it is in regard to our recent resident survey. He added that they are not necessarily his concerns, but if you refer to the survey 34% of the respondents expressed having only some confidence in the RCMP. Which arguably could be less than a reasonable amount of confidence. Councillor MacDougall stated that his argument would be that the confidence level has to do with our policing model versus the individual. In that survey

only 51% of respondents believe the RCMP is approachable and easy to talk to. Only 50% believe the RCMP is ensuring the safety of the citizens in our area. Only 49% of those surveyed believe the RCMP is adequately enforcing the law. Only 45% of those surveyed believe the RCMP is treating people fairly. Only 42% of those surveyed believe the RCMP is supplying information to the public in a way that can reduce crime. Councillor MacDougall stated that the number that stood out for him was that only 40% of the residents believe the RCMP is promptly responding to calls. Councillor MacDougall stated that for him – Stratford is a safe community. Most of the residents, including himself who has lived here since 1977 will never call upon the RCMP for their service for the most part. But when they do, they want the comfort of knowing that the police will respond in a timely manner. Councillor MacDougall stated that he would argue that the current model of policing that we employ, the probability of the RCMP not responding in a timely manner is far too high and gave two examples of people who had contacted him where one of them said they waited 45 minutes and the second resident said they waited 35 minutes. Councillor MacDougall asked Councillor Smith what discussions are taking place at the Safety Services Committee meetings regarding the current policing model and its effectiveness.

Councillor Smith thanked Councillor MacDougall for his comments noting they will be brought up and answered. However, he did not feel comfortable talking about it in public because we also need to have the RCMP's side of the story. We will ask them to attend the next meeting to answer these questions. Councillor MacDougall stated that the numbers he referred to are from the resident survey and are posted on our website. Mayor Ogden asked Wendy Watts if she could speak about the survey and Wendy stated that she is not an expert and there is a lot of data in the survey, so it may warrant a further conversation with herself, the CAO, the Deputy CAO, and the company that conducted the survey. However, she did add that because of the way the ranking system is setup – a lot more goes into it than just the numbers that were presented.

Councillor Burrige asked if there was a report that has the response time for each call that could be measured and Councillor Smith replied that he will check into it. Councillor Gallant noted that everything is confidential, but every police vehicle has a GPS. Mayor Ogden asked Councillor Smith to discuss the issue with the RCMP to see if there is a way of reporting this information.

Councillor Gallant stated that the RCMP work for the Town of Stratford. We hire them and we want to know the answers to our questions. Councillor Smith replied that the RCMP is investigating every complaint that comes in and some are very serious and there are people involved, so he is not comfortable with asking for names and addresses.

Councillor Gallant asked if we have 24 hour policing, and if we currently have a car in Stratford, and Councillor Smith replied that he can't answer that question. Councillor Gallant added that is why we need a new policing model; we need 24 hour policing. He added that his mandate as a Councillor is to get 24 hour policing in Stratford.

Mayor Ogden stated that Councillor Smith who is the chair of Safety Services gave his report and it is appropriate to ask a question, but he felt it was only fair that the question(s) be allowed to be followed-up and answered.

Mayor Ogden asked the CAO to follow up on the question of 24 hour policing. The CAO replied that Stratford RCMP participate with Queen's Detachment to have one person on duty for all of Queen's District, and our Stratford member is part of that duty. The CAO added that we have the level of service we pay for and this is the choice that we made.

Mayor Ogden noted that we do have a request into the province to discuss the best policing option for Stratford as part of the policing study they are reviewing.

d) Humane Society Report

The report for the month of October was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that it was a standard month.

e) Transit Report

The report for the month of October was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that although the number are not as high as they were before COVID – they are going up. He also noted that the provincial government has purchased some electric school busses, and this will give us a good indication of electric busses for the future.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked for an update on transit for ward 3 and Councillor Smith replied that nothing has changed since the last meeting but added that ward 3 has not been forgotten.

f) Cross Roads Fire Department

The report for the month of October was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that there will be some change over on the fire company board this year and he thanked those who have served and will not be returning or may be moving to a different committee.

Councillor Smith noted that there was a vehicle fire on the Trans Canada Highway and because it was near a sensitive site foam had to be put on the vehicle to extinguish the fire.

Mayor Ogden noted that he was at the intersection of the Trans Canada Highway and Kinlock Road when the vehicle fire took place. He stated that there was a high speed impact at the intersection just as he was turning right. There was an explosion and the fire department responded within seven minutes and the RCMP responded within 8 ½ minutes. A paramedic stepped forward and looked after the two drivers. Mayor Ogden felt it was a miracle that no one was killed in the accident. He added that he admires the work that the volunteer fire department do because they took control of the situation and it was handled very well.

12. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS

a) Report

The report was included in the agenda package.

Recreation, Culture, and Events Committee – a Zoom meeting was held on October 22 and agenda items included a Land Donation Policy, park planning for Tea Hill, Pondsides, Cotton and Fullerton's Parks, and updates on capital projects related to the Recreation Culture and Events department - waterfront park, community campus, and Fullerton's multi-use building and natural playground.

Arts and Culture – the sub-committee met on November 5. Requests for proposals will be going out for 2020-2021 for an interactive public art piece for Pondsides Park and 30 Indigenous musical instruments for Stratford Elementary School. All art programs are offered online and are operating at near full capacity. Programs being offered are the Art Club, Beginner and Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes, and Artist in Residence Stratford Adult Program.

Councillor Gallant thanked all the committee members who served on the Arts and Culture Committee over the past two years. It was noted that there will be a presentation by members of the Arts and Culture Sub-Committee to the Committee of the Whole on November 25, 2020.

Councillor Gallant stated that he couldn't find anything in the resident survey about arts and culture and asked if there was anything in the survey that he may have missed. It was noted that there is nothing regarding arts and culture currently, but there will be a call out for questions soon and Councillors can submit a specific topic for consideration.

Councillor Burrige noted that Council did pass a policy that 1% of expenditures (capped at \$50,000) will go to arts and culture in addition to the \$15,000 a year that is allocated. She added that she is an advocate for making our surroundings more interesting and she felt that we will see a big difference with the 1%.

Stratford Youth Centre & Council – The Youth Centre currently has 55 members, nearing the new limit of 60. In prior years, membership numbers increased once other fall programs wrap up. Programs continue to operate 4-5 days per week.

Spooktoberfest was a big success despite COVID-19 restrictions. The home decoration contest had 8 entries, the Pumpkin contest had 19 entries and the Costume contest had 5 entries. There were approximately 200 cars through the “Truck or Treat” drive thru and the youth volunteers gave out more than 400 treat bags. The Youth Council and Leadership Committee organized the events and collected more than \$600 in donations to go towards their future projects.

The Youth Council is preparing for their annual Walkathon on November 20. As part of their continued fundraising process, the Youth Centre and Youth Council will be selling raffle tickets starting mid-November for a \$500 gift card from Sobeys. Money from the raffle and the walkathon will be going towards Youth Council Christmas projects. They plan on once again sponsoring some kids for Christmas and putting together care packages for the homeless on PEI. This is the third year for these projects.

Stratford Programs – For the first time all Town of Stratford adult & youth recreational programs are operating at full capacity. Like many programs operating in Stratford, it is great to have an engaged, active community. The Jumpstart Love to Skate program started on November 8 with 25 kids, for six weeks at the Pownal Sports Centre. The program has had 45 kids in previous years but is restricted to 25 due to social distancing measures.

The Town of Stratford continues to partner with Recreation PEI and Go!PEI on several programs. The Go!PEI *Come Try Chair Yoga class* was recently offered on Sunday, November 8 in partnership with Reactive Health Inc., and the Go!PEI walking & running groups continues to meet weekly at various Stratford trail destinations.

Facilities – Facility rental requests are beginning to return as organizations are becoming comfortable with establishing safe operational plans for their respective groups. New, standard practices are the expectation at all Island facilities. Stratford is pleased to provide a wide array of rooms, gym, and event space to accommodate groups.

The continued daily efforts of the Town Centre staff are greatly appreciated. Users of this space have regularly commented on the new cleaning standards and are appreciative of the extra effort to provide a clean and safe gym and fitness area.

Events – Unfortunately, the Town of Stratford was unable to host a Remembrance Day ceremony this year. The Town re-broadcast the 2018 ceremony in lieu of the live event.

Special thanks to program coordinator Tanya Craig for creating and organizing the new Remembrance Day video and to our Mayor and Council for their orations. The new video was created to showcase the 43 Veterans Banners put on display annually in the Town Centre. Council provided the audio by reading *"In Flanders Fields"*, the *"Act of Remembrance,"* as well as Winston Churchill's speech.

The Town takes great pride in remembering and recognizing our residents who served our country so honorably. The Remembrance Day display in the Town Centre lobby is a visually striking arrangement that is well appreciated. Two new Veterans Banners will be ordered for November 2021.

Councillor MacDougall stated that he is reminded every week that we need a rink in Stratford and he just wanted to reiterate it. Mayor Ogden noted that Councillor MacDougall has his full support regarding a rink. He added that we will be asking the question to residents on our long term forecast consultation, and he hoped there will be support from the community for a rink.

Recreation director Jeremy Pierce stated that he will always be an advocate for sports and recreation as it is so important for our kids, young adults, adults, and seniors. Regarding the rink, he concurred that our kids are playing in many communities to get ice time. The fields are maximized and some of the programs are working as far away as cardigan. Jeremy noted that we should be looking at all our sports with the community campus planning; we should be looking to maximize everything for all our sports.

Deputy Mayor Clow felt that we should have a special committee to discuss this issue and Mayor Ogden asked that it be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

13. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

a) Report was included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald noted that the staff is working on the following items:

- The financial statements for March 31, 2020 have been circulated to Council, the province, and are posted on the Town's website
- Work is being done on the Safe Restart Program for funding of COVID-19 related expenditures
- Staff is working on updating budget documents for actual 2019/20 numbers
- The October utility billing is being processed and the due date for payment is November 13
- Disconnect notices for overdue accounts will be going out before December 1
- Working on a tender for a unified communication phone system

- Working on a tender for financing of the pipe to Charlottetown sewer project
- Working on computer tenders
- Staff attended an asset management virtual conference
- Staff participated in a teambuilding day
- Working on Lan technology improvements
- Capital project spreadsheets have been updated
- Staff is working on the asset management inventory to prepare for the introduction of the Townsuite Asset Management Module.

Councillor Burridge asked if Stratford would have a seat at the table when it's time to redo the rates. Mayor Ogden noted that he has had discussions with Mayor Brown about setting up a regional utility where we would have representation at the table based on the amount of our flow on a per capita basis, or whatever would be appropriate. He agreed that we do need to have some form of oversight with another body either provincial or a crown corporation.

For clarification, the CAO noted that the agreement sets out how we will be charged for the sewer and they have guaranteed that it won't exceed a certain rate for a six year period. After the first six years it is not capped, and that is why Mayor Ogden is trying to get a regional utility set up where we would jointly own the sewer treatment plant with Charlottetown, and possibly with Cornwall.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald briefly reviewed the financial statements noting that town revenue is down 5.6% and expenses are down 15.3% to date. The utility revenue is up by 3.8% and expenses are down a little more than 10%.

Councillor MacDonald thanked the members of the Finance and Technology Committee members for their 2018 to 2020 commitment to the Town. She did note that some members will be returning, and a few new people will join the committee.

14. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

a) Report

Councillor Burridge noted that at the last meeting there was some discussion on development at Forest Trails. There was some removal of trees and we are going through different configurations with the landowner to see what we can do to remedy the situation.

It was noted that the town planner is working on the official plan review and he has made a presentation to the planning board of what he has done to date. He has worked internally with Town staff to bring up a few changes within the official plan. This will be something all of Council will have a chance to review at some point, but the review is currently in the initial stages.

There was some discussion on reviewing rezoning and public consultation, as we are looking to improve on it. The town planner is reaching out to other planning colleagues to see what innovative approaches other places may be taking in order to reduce the conflict between the residents and the landowner. There may be a better way to present the information to residents and cause less conflict.

Planning board also discussed the waterfront development that is taking place and the public consultation piece. There was some discussion on the last waterfront residential piece that sits right on the water at the end of Shepard Drive facing Charlottetown, and if we would like to work with the Charlottetown Area Development Corporation (CADC) to make the bottom floor more of a public or commercial piece, and the Board's comments were passed on to CADC.

Councillor Smith noted that an employee has left the planning department and a new position has been advertised. He asked what the response was to our advertisement and the planning director Kevin Reynolds replied that 19 applications were received.

Councillor Smith also passed on his condolences to a planning staff member Blaine Yatabe who recently lost his mother.

b) Permit Summary

The permit summary was included in the agenda package and Councillor Burridge briefly reviewed it noting that October was a good month. Mayor Ogden agreed noting that our numbers are respectable for year to date.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that there is work taking place on the cenotaph and it looks great. He added that it was unfortunate that we could not hold a ceremony this year.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE**a) Report**

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the committee met via Zoom. He reviewed the report that was included in the agenda package.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – the system continues to function well. We are currently in the process of preparing a plan for the final sludge removal program in preparation for decommissioning of the system.

Wastewater Collection System to the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant – the contractor is finishing the testing of the forcemains under the bridge and completing the connections in order to begin commissioning by mid-month. There are a few items to complete inside the pump station before commissioning as well, but the contractor is still on target to have the system operating by the end of the month.

Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy – KWA Construction has been awarded the contract for manhole repairs and is currently completing the work. Monitoring and review of the sewer system to identify areas requiring repair is ongoing.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Update

- Sewer Lift Station Upgrades – Coles Associates is working on the design with anticipation to construct in the spring of 2021. The Utility captured additional flow data to provide to Coles to assist with the design.
- Water Station Upgrades – the project was out for tender and closed on November 9. We will have a better idea of the construction schedule after the tenders are reviewed.

Provincial Active Transportation Fund – Island Coastal Services is progressing well on the Georgetown Road project and appear to be on target for completion by the first of December.

Fullerton's Washroom Facility – the contractor is scheduled to do a final cleaning of the facilities and once complete they will be open to the public.

Fullerton's Natural Playground – construction of the playground is expected to begin later this month.

Staff is in full preparation for the upcoming winter season preparing equipment and collecting salt and materials for treating surfaces and sidewalks. The annual sewer flushing/jetting is complete. Sewer lift station maintenance continues and should be completed by the end of the month.

During the month of October, there were no major issues with our water distribution or wastewater collection system.

Deputy Mayor Clow thanked the committee members for sitting on the Infrastructure Committee and the Active Transportation Sub-Committee for the past two years and noted that some will be returning.

Councillor Smith noted that with the active transportation work that is being done on the bridge, the flow of traffic is being well maintained and well paced without too much backup.

Councillor Burrige asked if it can be explained for the public what exactly is taking place on the bridge. Jeremy replied that it is something similar to what you see in Cornwall. They are going to move the concrete barriers which will allow for extra space, so they can widen the sidewalk to a 10 foot wide path for cyclists and pedestrians. There will also be a new rail across the bridge and will be of a different style than the rails on the approaches to the bridge. There will also be a guard rail between the traffic and the active transportation sidewalk.

16. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Ogden noted that there was a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2020 and there was a presentation on sustainability and the website. There was also some discussion on the waterfront.

17. SUSTAINABILITY

The report was included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDougall noted that the PACE Bylaw was drafted and was circulated for comment and the committee recommended that it go to Council for approval. It was noted that PACE stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy, and residents can borrow against their assessed value of their property to make their home more energy efficient with an upgrade of some kind, and it is paid back over time. However, it should be noted that if it is not paid back it does become a lien on the property – similar to a water/sewer bill. In jurisdictions where the PACE program is used there has been significant uptake.

Councillor Smith asked if the PACE program included businesses as well as residential and the CAO replied that will be for Council to decide.

Councillor MacDougall noted that some of the other items of discussion were the Climate Challenge program launched by the province and the possibility of a business survey. Our resident survey is always well received and helpful for soliciting input on potential Town priorities and projects.

It was noted that the Town received a \$50,000 grant to address erosion and sediment runoff from construction sites and that grant will be put to good use.

Councillor Gallant stated that the Town is growing and asked if we might need an economic development officer. Councillor MacDougall replied that the committee has had that discussion. The CAO noted added that when we hired our research and engagement coordinator, we repurposed the community engagement coordinator position to business and engagement manager. That means that part of Wendy's duties is economic development, so we do have some resources. The CAO added that we may at some point need a full time economic development officer.

Mayor Ogden noted that he had a brief discussion with Councillor MacDougall before the meeting and there are some ideas that we may want to explore and bring forward and we want to get input from the CAO and from the community and business engagement manager.

Councillor MacDougall took a moment to thank the members of the Sustainability Committee for their time and input over the past two years.

18. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Mayor Ogden noted that the committee did not meet since the last Council meeting. He noted that the Committee has a meeting scheduled for November 19 and he will have a report for the next Council meeting. Mayor Ogden thanked the members of the Accountability and Engagement Committee for their time and input over the past two years.

19. HUMAN RESOURCES

a) The next Human Resource meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020.

20. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

21. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Community Seniors

Report was included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald noted that everything is going well at the complex.

- There were three new patio doors and some bedroom windows installed by Ostridge Bros.
- The finalized financial statements have been sent to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for their approval
- The walkway snow removal and salting was awarded to Cutting Edge for the 2020/21 winter season
- There is one vacant unit that will be filled from our waiting list
- Fall maintenance is being complete around the complex.

Mayor Ogden asked how many people were on the waiting list and Councillor MacDonald replied that there are 20.

b) Community Campus Report

No Report

22. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Resolution CW010-2020 Committee Member Appointments

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald

WHEREAS Council has established a number of Standing Committees and Sub-committees in the Council Procedural Bylaw, Bylaw # 47, to advise and assist Council in its deliberations; and

WHEREAS the Bylaw provides for the appointment of residents and stakeholders by Council to provide public input to Council in its deliberations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following residents and stakeholders be appointed to the Standing Committees and Sub-committees for a two year term from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2022, as follows:

Accountability & Engagement Committee

Juliana MacEwen
Naomi Milner
Rachel Paterson
Zachary Tweel
John Walker

Infrastructure Committee

Cliff Campbell
Alex Dalziel
Malcolm MacKenzie
Nicole Phillips
Tammy Wall

Planning, Development, & Heritage Committee

Kathleen Brennan
Rob DeBlois
Beth Grant
Joel Ives
Daniel Neuffer

Finance & Technology Committee

Ian Burge
Khalid El Shami
Bernadette Milner
Charlene Morrison
Pat Ryan

Active Transportation Sub-Committee

Mike Dougan
Denis Dunne
Colette Gallant
Shawn MacDougall
Holly Smith
Josh Weale

Heritage Sub-Committee

Jane Farquharson
Elaine Gaudet
Gary Gaudet
Doug Kelly
David Panton

Recreation, Culture & Events Committee

Janet Compton
Kyle Hann
Ted Lawlor
Stephanie Tweel
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Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

Mayor Ogden asked about the fire company board members and Councillor Smith replied that they are still under negotiations.

23. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

22. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

23. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Robert Hughes CAO