

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2010

Approved Minutes

DATE: February 10, 2010
TIME: 7:40 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Sandy McMillan; Councillors Steve MacDonald; Emile Gallant; Gary Clow; Patrick Ross; Diane Griffin; Robert Hughes, CAO; Ron Fisher, Recreation Director Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Kim O'Connell, Manager of Finance and Administration; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning

CHAIR: Mayor Kevin Jenkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Jenkins called the February 10, 2010 Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gary Clow and seconded by Councillor Steve MacDonald that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Diane Griffin and seconded by Councillor Patrick Ross that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010, and the Emergency Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. CARI REPORT

Ron Fisher gave a verbal report noting that CARI is playing host to the 2010 Canadian Open National Synchronized Swimming Championships being held April 28 to May 2. He also noted that CARI has commissioned HRA to do a salary review of key personnel.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Included in the meeting package for Council to review is a list of all correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

There was some discussion on the cabinetry that will replace the coat racks in the front lobby, and Councillor Ross stated that he would like to be sure we have the new racks here before we tear out the old ones. Deputy Mayor McMillan stated that we are currently working to have replacement rolling racks made and we will try to coordinate the new cabinetry and the replacement coat racks as close together as possible.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Jenkins noted that both he and Councillor Griffin attended the FPEIM meeting and Councillor Griffin circulated a summary of the meeting to all of Council. Mayor Jenkins noted that he also circulated a summary of his meeting with Mayor Lee regarding the waste water.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the package for Council to review.

9. PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY**a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin gave a brief overview of her report noting that the committee is reviewing the paving needs in the Town and once the list has been completed and reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, it will be forwarded to the Provincial Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Councillor Griffin noted that it is time to renew the grass cutting and cleaning contracts and tenders will be going out soon.

Councillor Gallant stated that he knows this does not fall under our public works department, but he has received complaints about the snow clearing on the sidewalks of the Hillsborough Bridge. He noted that the sidewalks were not cleared properly following the last two storms. Councillor Gallant added that he did advise residents that it is the province who looks after this, but noted that if there is an opportunity, we should also relay the message.

10. STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION**a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor McMillan noted that we did not have a quorum for our last meeting, but we did have a discussion meeting. She noted that we are continuing to search for a new well site and have moved to a new location on the Trans Canada Highway across from Clearview Estates.

Mayor Jenkins asked if there is a timeline for receiving the final report from ADI and Deputy Mayor McMillan replied that we are waiting for the City of Charlottetown to come back with some figures. Robert noted that he will follow up to keep things moving forward.

Councillor Clow asked about metering our water, and Deputy Mayor McMillan replied that this is something we have discussed in the past and we are going to conduct a metering study this year to determine the viability of installing meters. It was noted that apartment buildings in the Town are currently metered.

11. **RECREATION REPORT**

a) **Report**

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald gave a brief overview of the report noting that the Winter Carnival is being held February 25 to 28 and asked any councillors who are available to drop in and enjoy some of the events.

It was noted that there are two 'free to the public' skates remaining at the Pownal Sports Centre - February 27 and March 20 and skate times are 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

12. **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Report**

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review.

Mayor Jenkins asked if the audit was underway and Kim replied that the finance department is still working on the year end files.

b) **Resolution FA003-2010 DARE Donation to Glen Stewart School**

Moved by Councillor Patrick Ross

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS a request was received from Councillor Patrick Ross for a financial donation towards their annual DARE Program; and

WHEREAS the DARE Program is a program that is put on by the RCMP for grade six students promoting the drug abuse resistance education within the schools; and

WHEREAS the program is funded through Home and School, the school itself and the students involved, the Town of Stratford would like to pay the cost of the current 105 grade six students at \$5 each.

BE IT RESOLVED that a \$525 donation be granted to the DARE Program for the students' portion of the cost of the program.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

13. PLANNING AND HERITAGE

a) Report

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review.

b) Building Permit Summary

Included in the package for Council to review.

c) Submit Names for Planning Board

Councillor Clow noted that both Carlos Lourenso and Sharon Cameron have submitted their resignations as planning board members. He noted that he has two people who have agreed to join the board for the remainder of this Council term. The first is Danielle Gillan who works for the Land Protection Act, and Bobbi Jo Dow who is a lawyer for Carr Stevenson, and he would like to put those names forward for consideration.

Resolution

It was moved by Councillor Gary Clow and seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan that Danielle Gillan and Bobbi Jo Dow be appointed to the Planning Board Committee for the remainder of this Council term.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

15. SAFETY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT

a) Report

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review.

b) Street Light Report

No Report

c) RCMP Report

The RCMP report for the month of January was included in the meeting package for Council to review. Councillor Gallant explained how the Citizens on Patrol budget will be disbursed.

d) Humane Society Report

No Report.

e) Fire Company

No report

f) Transit Report

Councillor Gallant gave a brief report noting that we are averaging about 88 riders per day.

Councillor Ross asked about the 'park and ride' that was discussed at an earlier meeting and Councillor Gallant replied that it was brought to the attention of Trius and he will followup with Doug Deacon.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**a) Report**

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Jenkins noted that the majority of the meeting was spent on sustainable strategic planning.

17. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

- a)** Councillor Gallant noted that the HR Committee did hold one meeting to deal with staff salaries before the final budget was put in.

18. OTHER COMMITTEES**a) Stratford Seniors Complex**

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald gave a brief overview of the report noting that everything is going well at the complex.

Councillor Ross noted that we had discussed the possibility of a study or some funding for another seniors facility and asked Councillor MacDonald if he could bring back some information to the next meeting and Councillor MacDonald replied that he would.

19. PROCLAMATION

Nil

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Jenkins noted that our next FPEIM monthly meeting will be held in Kensington and will be with our new Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Gallant stated that he would like to have a discussion at our next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding a plebiscite on changing the ward system.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Kevin Jenkins, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO