

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 2008

Approved Minutes

DATE: December 10, 2008
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Councillors Emile Gallant; Sandy McMillan; Diane Griffin; Patrick Ross; Robert Hughes, CAO; Kim O'Connell, Manager of Finance and Administration; Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald, Councillor Gary Clow and Ron Fisher, Recreation Director

CHAIR: Mayor Kevin Jenkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Jenkins called the December 10, 2008, Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Emile Gallant and seconded by Councillor Patrick Ross that the agenda be approved with the following change: Item # 14 Committee of the Whole be moved up in the agenda to follow item # 4 Presentations.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Emile Gallant and seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Resolution CW013 - 2008 Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) Board Member Appointment

**Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Ross**

WHEREAS changes to the Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) constitution will now allow a member of the Stratford Town Council to serve on the FPEIM Board; and

WHEREAS Councillor Diane Griffin has agreed to serve as a Board Member.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Diane Griffin be appointed to serve as a member of the FPEIM Board of Directors for the remaining term of the FPEIM Board.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

b) Resolution CW014 - 2008 Stratford Kindergarten Spaces

Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin

Seconded by Councillor Patrick Ross

WHEREAS the CHANCES Family Resource Centre on Mason Road runs a number of programs for Stratford and area children; and

WHEREAS CHANCES decided to start a Kindergarten program in 2008 to allow children who were in other CHANCES programs to stay at the same facility and avoid two transitions in two years when they would start Grade 1 at Glen Stewart School; and

WHEREAS the research shows that each transition can disrupt the learning potential of students; and

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has declined to provide public funding for the CHANCES Kindergarten program; and

WHEREAS we understand that there are approximately 110 students enrolled in Grade 1 at Glen Stewart School and only 60 publicly funded kindergarten spaces in the Stratford area and that there are unused funding allocations in other communities.

BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to request that the number of publicly funded kindergarten spaces in Stratford be increased to allow the CHANCES Kindergarten Program, and any other potential program in the Stratford area, equal access to publicly funded Kindergarten programs in their own community.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

5. **CARI**
No report.

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

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Included in the agenda package for Council to review.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. Robert briefly reviewed the report noting that there was an Economic Development meeting on Tuesday and Jacob Hemistra and a representative from CADC were in attendance to give an update on where they are with the proposed Stratford Towers.

9. PUBLIC WORKS**a) Report**

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. In Deputy Mayor MacDonald's absence, Councillor Griffin briefly reviewed the report. She noted that the trail that runs from MacLauchlan Drive to Bonivista Drive, and from Paget Crescent to Keppoch Road has been resurfaced. The trail along Mutch Drive was also resurfaced and is now wheelchair accessible.

Budget requests were also discussed and some of the requests will include funding for sidewalks, bikepaths and trails.

Councillor Griffin noted that surplus inventory was disposed of by a bid process, however, one item did not meet the reserve bid and will remain in the Town's inventory.

10. STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION**a) No Report**

Councillor Ross noted that the committee didn't hold a regular meeting in November, but did hold a special meeting to discuss the regional water study. He noted that everyone was updated on this issue at the last Committee of the Whole meeting and added that the consultants will be looking after this for us.

Councillor Ross did note that there was a major watermain break on Friday, December 5 at the intersection of Kinlock Road and MacKinnon Drive, and with the quick action of staff, we were able to get things under control before the snow started.

Jeremy noted that the backup power at Pondside is very close to completion and we are hopeful that it will be up and running by the end of December. He also noted that the tender has been released for the wastewater treatment upgrades.

Mayor Jenkins stated that he appreciated the good communication during the watermain break crisis and asked if we have an estimated cost for the repair, and Jeremy replied he believes it will be approximately \$30,000.

11. RECREATION REPORT**a) Report**

A complete written report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. In Councillor Clow's absence, Councillor McMillan gave a brief overview of the report noting that the Winter Carnival will be held February 26 to March 1. She also noted that there will be three free skates at the Pownal Rink for Town residents (dates included in the package).

Councillor McMillan noted that the Youth-Can-Do held a dance on November 21 and there were 288 youth in attendance.

Also included in the package is a list of all the events that took place over the past month.

12. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**a) No Report**

Councillor Gallant stated that his committee did not have a quorum for the last meeting, but went ahead with a discussion meeting. He noted that the committee does not do a point by point review of the budget, but more of an overall review.

13. PLANNING & HERITAGE

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

b) November 2008 Permit Summary

Included in package for Council to review.

c) Resolution PH019-2008 Signage for Former Communities

Moved by Councillor Sandy McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford is committed to protect and maintain local history and heritage; and

WHEREAS part of that local history is the five former Communities: Southport, Bunbury, Keppoch-Kinlock, Battery Point and Crossroads; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Sub-Committee recommended these former Communities be re-identified by replacing a new sign at the entrance to each Community; and

WHEREAS the new signs would read "Welcome to Community Name "such as Bunbury" a Stratford Heritage Community."

BE IT RESOLVED that a new sign be erected at the entrance to each of the five former Communities to recognize their history in the Town.

Discussion: Councillor Griffin asked if each of the former communities have just one entrance and Councillor McMillan replied no, but believes the resolution is still acceptable. Mayor Jenkins asked that Cross Roads be checked for the correct spelling, as he believes that history will show that the correct spelling is two words.

It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution PH020-2008 Street Name Request - Stonington Inc.

Moved by Councillor Sandy McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS a request has been received from Stonington Inc. to name the remaining proposed streets to constructed within the Stonington Subdivision on parcel number 398586 as follows:

- **PEMBROKE CRESCENT**
- **ST. GEORGE CRESCENT**
- **TUCKERS WAY**
- **WARWICK PLACE**

WHEREAS The street names as proposed above are keeping within the theme of the existing street names within the subdivision.

BE IT RESOLVED that grant approval to a request from Stonington Inc. to name the remaining proposed streets to constructed within the Stonington Subdivision on parcel number 398586 as follows:

- **PEMBROKE CRESCENT**
- **ST. GEORGE CRESCENT**
- **TUCKERS WAY**
- **WARWICK PLACE**

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

c) **Resolution PH021 - 2008 Wind Energy Policy Number 2008-PH-01**

Moved by Councillor Sandy McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford recognizes that accesses to variable renewal sources of energy for the generation of electricity will allow environmentally friendly energy to be produced in the town and reduce the amount of fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS as the first Towns practice on Collaborative Planning, Councillors and Planning Staff invited all key stakeholders to collaborate in developing Stratford's Wind Energy Policy and Bylaw; and

WHEREAS an initial Public Meeting was held on June 14, 2008 followed by a series of Focus Group Meetings and discussions led to the identification of key elements and development of the 1st draft Policy; and

WHEREAS the draft of Stratford's Wind Energy Policy was discussed and revised in Planning board and Committee of the Whole meetings; and

WHEREAS on November 18, 2008 residents and interested parties were invited to attend a Public Meeting to view and comment on the Wind Energy Policy.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Wind Energy Policy, Policy #2008-PH-01 be hereby approved.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

d) **Resolution PH022 - 2008 The Development Bylaw #29 - B (Part III) an Amendment to Development Bylaw #29 - 1st Reading**

Moved by Councillor Sandy McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS pursuant to the Provincial Planning Act and under Section 24 of the Development Bylaw, A public meeting was held on November 18, 2008 to present the proposed amendments to the Development Bylaw #29-B text attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS at the Public Meeting (November 18, 2008) some comments were raised and noted regarding the proposed bylaw; and

WHEREAS the comments from the Public Meeting were discussed at the Planning and Heritage Committee meeting on November 24, 2008.

WHEREAS. the Committee agreed that the proposed document now meets the requirements for amending the Development Bylaw;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw # 29-B (On-Site Small Wind Energy Systems), a Bylaw to amend Bylaw #29, the Stratford Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw, be hereby read and approved the first time. Bylaw #29- B (attached) shall be called “ Part III.)

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Councillor McMillan stated that this bylaw has been a long time coming and would like to commend Vahid for his extraordinary work on this bylaw. She added that there has been excellent communication and good input from the public.

Councillor McMillan stated that it has been a wonderful experience chairing the Planning and Heritage Committee for the past five years. She noted that she has always had great support from all the planning staff and they are to be highly commended.

Question: **CARRIED**

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Covered earlier in the agenda.

15. SAFETY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT

a) Report

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

b) Street Lights

Councillor Griffin noted that there was a request for street lighting on Rosebank Road and this was installed per the Town’s Street Light Policy. Councillor Griffin added that having the Street Light Policy in place is a great help in dealing with incoming requests.

c) Humane Society Report

The Humane Society report for the month of November was included in the meeting agenda package for Council to review.

d) RCMP Report

The RCMP Report for the month of November was included in the meeting agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin noted that on the positive side the numbers for November are significantly lower. She also noted that the new District Commander will start on December 15.

e) Cross Roads Rural Community Fire Company

No Report

f) Public Transit

It was noted that we should receive our second bus late January or February and the shelters should be installed in February.

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

Included in the agenda package for Council to review.

17. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The next HR Committee meeting will immediately following this Town Council meeting.

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

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. In Deputy Mayor MacDonald's absence, Councillor Griffin gave a brief overview of the report noting that smoke detectors have been replaced and general maintenance is being carried out. She also noted that the boiler at the complex is leaking and plans are under way to replace it.

19. PROCLAMATION

Nil

20. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mayor Jenkins stated that he has been quite happy with Council and staff over the past two years. Everyone has been very productive and Mayor Jenkins noted that he is looking forward to the next two years.

Robert stated that he would like to take a moment and respond on behalf of staff. He stated that he is very pleased to be working for the Town of Stratford, and particularly this Council who is very progressive and open minded.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the monthly Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Kevin Jenkins, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO