



Monthly Council Meeting-Minutes

Thursday, January 5th, 2023

7:00 pm

CDC Boardroom

Present:

Mayor: Matthew Bowness

Councillors:

Karen Ashley-Neill

Robert Green

Nichola Arsenault

Derrick Blacquiere

Barry Stewart

CAO: Kevin McKenna

Absent:

Councillors:

Mitchell Arsenault

Guests: Ron Rayner

- 1. Call to Order and Attendance** – Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Mayor Matthew Bowness welcomed all Councillors in attendance and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Former Mayor Ron Rayner was also acknowledged as being in attendance.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Nichola Arsenault, Seconded, by Karen Ashley-Neill that Agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. Determine Conflict of Interest:** No Conflict of Interest by any Member Present.
- 4. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Minutes from the December 8th 2022 meeting was reviewed by Mayor Bowness. Moved by Derrick Blacquiere and Seconded by Robert Green that the Minutes of the December 8th, 2022 meeting be approved as presented. **Motion Carried.**

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

- **Down Trees at Old School-House:** Rob Green and Matthew Bowness were to cut down and remove all fallen trees from the property following Fiona. With all the above normal warmer weather this has yet to be completed as the property grounds must be frozen before commencing. This work will be completed in the coming months.
- **Web-Site WordPress / Word Spere:** CAO Kevin reported that he is still waiting for former Administrator of the Web-Page Nicole DesRoches to login to Wed Spere and make the required changes for the new Administrator to take over the accounts. Once established, Nichola Arsenault has offered to assist with revising our Web Page.
- **Mosquito Control Program:** Following our last Council Meeting in December CAO Kevin McKenna followed up and received an email from Dale Wood indicating that the 2023 Mosquito Control Program will cost the same as last year being \$15,000.00 plus taxes for a total of \$ 17, 250.00. Considerable discussion from various Councillors on the future of this program was presented to all attendees. It was felt by the majority that we not continue with the present program as it is just not working. Council felt that we should look into alternate methods and present those alternatives to the public through an Information Session for all Community Citizens. Former Mayor and Councillor Ron Rayner recommended that he contact Thane Clarke from the Department of Environment to have their experienced representatives in this field of work present at this information session. Ron agreed to contact Mr. Clarke and provide us with more details so we can establish this Information Session the Last week of January or first week of February 2023.

6. New Business:

- **Establishment of Office Hours and Phone Contact Number:** Councillor Barry Stewart pointed out that the Federation of PEI Municipalities as well as Municipal Affairs requires all Municipalities to establish office hours and a contact phone number as of December 31st, 2022. Kevin is to look into the following two (2) options. Once finalized provide FPEIM and Municipal Affairs with details
 - Option A:** Contact Central Development Corporation (CDC) and have them establish a Point of Contact. Have CDC forward all messages to our CAO and/or Mayor for action.
 - Option B:** Contact neighbouring Rural Municipality of Kinkora. Establish Shared Office Hours with RM of Bedeque and have them forward all messages to CAO/Mayor for action.
- **Deputy Mayor Appointment:** Councillor Karen Ashley-Neill accepted position of Deputy Mayor. Congratulations was extended by all in attendance. Moved by Rob Green, Seconded by Barry Stewart to accept Karen as our new Deputy Mayor and to add her as an additional signing officer on all documents. Also establish Karen as the third signing officer for all our Credit Union Banking Accounts. **Motion Carried.** Kevin to forward Revised Letter of Direction to CCU to reflect two of three signing officers on all cheques.
- **FPEIM Meeting January 14th, 2023:** CAO Kevin McKenna to attend this FPEIM Semi-Annual Meeting, along with any other interested Councillors. Registration Deadline is Friday January 6th.2023. Kevin will report back to our Council any finding resulting from meeting.

7. Financials:

CAO Kevin McKenna presented changes to the spreadsheet format and provided Council with the December 2022 monthly finances for the Main Account and CCBF-Gas Tax Fund Account. Format changes for the joint Ballfield Account will be presented next meeting.

Balances in Bank Accounts as of December 31st, 2022

Main Account: \$ 33,235.22

Gas Tax Account \$ 15,327.50

Ball-Field Account \$ 12,421.97

8. Correspondence: Matthew Bowness reported no new correspondence had been received since last Council Meeting. Matthew pointed out that Council is still awaiting additional correspondence from Bedeque Area Minor Ball Association with respect to the amounts they seek for Annual Sponsorship. Kevin had checked back through our records since 2017. The last cheque for sponsorship paid to the Bedeque Minor Ball Association was dated March 4th, 2021 in the amount of \$ 200.00.

9. Schedule Next Meeting Date: Next Meeting – Thursday March 2nd, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

10. Adjournment: Moved by Barry Stewart that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM

Prepared By: CAO, Kevin P. McKenna

Approved By: Mayor: Matthew Bowness