



Council Meeting Minutes February 22nd, 2024

Members Present: Rodney Critch, Mayor Ivy Piercey, Deputy Mayor
Peter Burrige, Councillor Rick French, Councillor
Derek Martin, Councillor Felix St. George, Councillor

Also Present: Shelly Burrage, Town Clerk/Manager
Sammy Burrage, Superintendent of Works

Absent: Susan Critch, Councillor

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion #2024-014

R. French/I. Piercey

Resolved to adopt the agenda.
Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion #2024-015

I. Piercey/D. Martin

Resolved that the minutes of the regular Council meeting that was held on January 30th, 2024, be adopted.
Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Housekeeping

- No issues with the generator during a recent unplanned power outage.
- Brakes needs to be repaired and inspection done on the blue truck.
- Possibility of getting a bracket for the snowplow for the red truck was discussed.
- Chain bars need to be replaced on the backhoe.
- Everything is working good at pumphouse since the latest leak on Tory Road has been repaired.
- Transfer pump for chlorine is hooked up and working well.

Chlorinator

There has been no update from Paul Chafe or Randy Tucker on the smaller chlorinators. The thermostat for the heater has been received. Council stated that Mr. Chafe will be responsible to replace the thermostat when he comes out to switch out the chlorinators. He will also be responsible to replace the broken pipes.

Snow Clearing – 52 Church Road

An email and pictures from the property owner of 52 Church Road showing damage done to the fence during snow clearing was tabled. Council reviewed the pictures and is of the opinion that it was not the town's equipment due to the size of the blade, conversations with town employees and the town does not plow the adjacent parking lot. Also, the town is not responsible for damages during snow clearing. A letter will be sent to the property owner stating this.

Vitter's Cove Road – Drainage

There is a problem with drainage on Vitter's Cove Road by 57-61 Vitter's Cove Road. There was a culvert in the area that is broken on 1 side and filled in on the other. The homeowner will be contacted to see what they are requesting.

Time Sheets

The time sheets from December 11th, 2023, to February 20th, 2024, was reviewed.

Sammy left the meeting at 7:35pm.

BUSINESS ARISING (CONT.)

12-16 Tory Road

Meeting was declared privileged at 7:35pm under legal advice.

Meeting re-opened at 7:40pm.

There were no motions made during the privileged meeting.

Accessible Communities Grant

The application has been submitted for repairs to the ramp to the upstairs of the Veteran’s Memorial Community Center.

28-30 Tory Road

A response was tabled from the property owners of 28-30 Tory Road. A response will be sent stating that Council is okay with their plans.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Audit

The 2023 Audit will take place the week of February 26, 2024.

First Aid Course

A quote was received from Michelle Newton, Safety on the Rock for the pricing on basic first aid and training on the AED machine. The cost will be \$100.00 per participant, if there are 10 people or more and .45 cents a kilometer. Ms. Newton will be contacted to see if she is available for a weekday the first week of April and it will be open to all Councillors, staff, and committee members. If anyone else wants to take part, they will do so at their own cost.

Water Workshop

The Water Workshop will take place March 26th to March 28th. Sammy will be attending.

Accessibility Plan

Council reviewed the Accessibility Plan that all public entities must establish. Council resolved to adopt the Accessibility Plan.

Motion #2024-016

I. Piercey/F. St. George

Resolved that the Accessibility Plan, as presented, be adopted.

Favour:6; Opposed: 0; Carried

Municipal Assessment Agency – Contract

A letter and contract were tabled from the Municipal Assessment Agency stating that the agency does not have a contract on file with the Town of New Perlican even though they are providing the town with assessment services. Council resolved to sign the contract with the Municipal Assessment Agency.

Motion #2024-017

I. Piercey/F. St. George

Resolved to sign the contract with the Municipal Assessment Agency as presented.

Favour:6; Opposed: 0; Carried

Procurement Thresholds

Council reviewed the new procurement thresholds as set out by Public Procurement Agency.

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture – Information Sessions Request

An email was tabled from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture asking if the town is interested in hosting a workshop to help public awareness in dealing with wildlife. Council decided not to host one at this time.

FINANCE

2024 Revised Budget

Council reviewed the 2024 revised budget. The following changes had to be made:

- Municipal Operating Grant \$46,306.59 was submitted, \$41,334.29 was the correct amount.
- Canada Community Fund (Gas Tax) - \$16,408.00 was submitted, \$17,121.00 was the correct amount.
- Provincial Gas Tax - \$14,388.00 was submitted, \$14,388.49 was the correct amount.

The budget for 2024 is now #358,193.63

Motion #2024-018

R. French/P/ Burrige

Resolved to adopt the revised 2024 budget as presented.

Favour:6; Opposed: 0; Carried

FINANCE(CONT.)

Payables

Council resolved to pay the invoices as presented.

Motion #2024-019

D. Martin/I. Piercey

Resolved to pay all outstanding invoices.

Favour:6; Opposed: 0; Carried

Cash Report

A copy of the cash report for January was given to Council for review.

Check Register

A copy of the check register for January was given to Council for approval.

Motion #2024-020

I. Piercey/D. Martin

Resolved to approve the check register for January.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried

Heritage New Perlican – 2023 Year End

A copy of the 2023 Year End for Heritage New Perlican was tabled.

New Perlican Recreation Committee– 2023 Year End

A copy of the 2023 Year End for the New Perlican Recreation Committee was tabled.

New Perlican Weekend Committee– 2023 Year End

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COMMITTEES

New Perlican Recreation

Deputy Mayor Piercey brought some concerns from the New Perlican Recreation Committee:

1. Fundraising – There were questions about selling pull tabs at the bar and/or selling tickets on a donated quilt. The town clerk/manager will get the information needed and discuss it with Deputy Mayor Piercey.
2. Rules and Regulations – The rules and regulations for the committee have not been revised since 2014. The committee is requesting a meeting with Council so everyone can be on the same page. This meeting will be scheduled.
3. Main Locks Upstairs – The committee is requesting new locks installed upstairs on the main doors that cannot be cut. This will be done and then a list will be kept of who has keys to the building.

New Perlican Recreation Committee – Funding for Rink Upgrades

A letter from Steve Crocker, MHA and the Minister for the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation informing the new Perlican Recreation Committee that they have been approved for a grant totaling \$10,000.00.

Heritage New Perlican – CEDP Operational Grant

Council decided not to apply for the CEDP operational grant as Heritage New Perlican is not active.

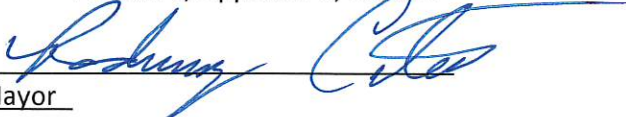
Next Meeting – March 21st, 2024 @ 10:00am

Motion #2024-021

F. St. George/R. French

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried


Mayor


Town Clerk/Manager

March 21, 2024
Date