

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

**Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

Mayor **Minerva McCourt presiding**
Present: **Councillor Peter Meggs**
 Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay
 Councillor Shane McGuigan
 Councillor Elaine Barnes
 Councillor Jill MacIsaac
 Councillor Irene Dawson
Also: **Kevin McCarville – Chief Administrative Officer**
 Stephanie Cairns - Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Meggs and seconded by Councillor MacIsaac the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor MacIsaac the Minutes of December 16, 2015 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Jill MacIsaac

The report was included in the Council package.

Councillor MacIsaac gave a brief update on programs and events being offered during the winter months, including SnowFest.

Councillor MacIsaac noted the outdoor rinks at the Terry Fox Sports Complex are open. The committee requested a street light be installed at the toboggan hill to allow sledding in the evening hours.

2. UTILITY COMMITTEE - Councillor Irene Dawson

The report was included in the Council package.

Councillor Dawson congratulated Matt Duffy and his wife Erin on the birth of their baby boys.

Councillor Dawson noted there are issues with the lift station at the Terry Fox Clubhouse. A new duplex pump system will be installed due to the usage increase within the building.

2. PLANNING BOARD – Councillor Peter Meggs

Councillor Meggs noted representatives from the Town met with MP Wayne Easter and MLA Heath MacDonald to discuss housing needs within the Town.

Councillor Meggs noted the Town received an application for a variance to increase the percentage of semi-detached dwelling units in a block.

PI 01-2016, Variance to increase the percentage of semi-detached units in a block.

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

WHEREAS Council received an application December 1, 2015 requesting semi-detached dwelling units in a Two Family Residential Zone (R2) where the maximum 20% of semi-detached dwelling units has already been established in this block; and

WHEREAS in considering this variance, Council provided written notification to property owners within 75m. (246.1 ft.) of the subject property, soliciting their comments, pursuant to Section 21.1(1) of the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414; and

WHEREAS Council considered the Towns Official Plan and the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414 dealing with such development; and

WHEREAS Council deemed the variance would not unduly impact on adjacent properties and it is in keeping with the general intent of the Bylaw;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grant approval of an increase to the percentage of semi-detached dwelling units allowed in the block from 20% to 23% in order to allow a semi-detached dwelling to be built on the consolidated lot made up of lots 70 & 71 Jessie Street located in the Madison Heights Subdivision. This would represent a 14% variance to the Bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillor Meggs noted that Planning Board directed staff to send a letter to the property owner of 32 Trans Canada Highway requesting a site plan be forwarded the Town with the purpose of bringing the property into compliance.

Councillor Meggs noted Planning Board requests the Mayor call a public meeting to bring forward a rezoning application and a number of possible Bylaw amendments, primarily housekeeping items.

Councillor Meggs noted that Planning Board reviewed an amended plan for Phase 2 of Harvest Hills. The Committee agrees the lot design is slightly different from their presentation at the public meeting on March 25, 2014. Staff forwarded the plan to the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for their comments.

3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Councillor Shane McGuigan

The report was included in the Council package.

Councillor McGuigan congratulated Gary Drake on his recent retirement.

Councillor McGuigan noted the sidewalk snow removal contract ends this winter. The Committee will review specifications before going to tender.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE– Councillor Elaine Barnes

Councillor Barnes noted the Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the upcoming budget. Councillor Barnes noted Council has requested resident feedback/comments on the upcoming budget.

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

The reports were included in the Council package.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay reported the NFRD has a new Fire Chief, Anson Grant. The Town thanked retiring Fire Chief Kirby Wakelin and noted he is remaining as a member.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the Citizens on Patrol continue their weekend patrols.

7. COMMUNICATION

Nothing to report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Meggs noted he, along with the Mayor, attended a session focusing on Partners in Immigration.

Mayor McCourt noted she, along with the CAO, will be meeting with the Minister of Finance next week to discuss the Provincial budget.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER