

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

**Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order and welcomed members from the Coalition for Women in Government and Young Voters of PEI. Mayor McCourt noted the Coalition is encouraging members of the public to attend Council meetings to learn more about Municipal Government.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ramsay and seconded by Councillor McGuigan the Minutes of October 18, 2017 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Dawson advised Council the Town does not own the land at York Point Ball Fields so the Town should not be cutting any more grass to expand parking spaces. Council requested staff to follow up with land owners.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. UTILITY COMMITTEE – Councillor Irene Dawson

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Dawson noted the Committee reviewed the procedure for water shut-offs for overdue accounts. The Committee recommends adding a reminder letter to the process in between the bill and disconnect notice. The Committee agrees the disconnect notice should be sent via registered mail.

Councillor Dawson noted the tender for the Meadowbank Wellfield Phase II project was scaled back because the only bid received was considerably over budget. With the approval of the Province and the Town's engineer WSP, the Committee agreed to scale back the project by

removing the backup power but to proceed with the new well and the pipe work for the 4-log reduction.

WS-12-2017, Meadowbank Wellfield Upgrade Phase II

Moved by Councillor Dawson
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

RESOLVED

The Town of Cornwall accept the bid of \$180,095.00 plus HST from Island Coastal Services Ltd. for Meadowbank Wellfield Upgrade Phase II.

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes expressed concerns with scaling back the project.

2. PLANNING BOARD – Councillor Peter Meggs

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Meggs noted that lot 17-1 in the Hyde Pond Campus of Care development has been approved and construction has begun.

PL 19-2017, Zoning & Subdivision Bylaw #414D, Second Reading

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414D was read and approved a first time on October 18, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414D be read and approved for the second time.

CARRIED

PL 21-2017, Zoning & Subdivision Bylaw #414D, Adoption

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS Section 6.6 of the Town of Cornwall Official Plan allows Council to amend the

Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw as circumstances change or in response to requests; and

WHEREAS Council has complied with the processes established in Section 18 of the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414D was read and approved a first time on October 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414D was read and approved a second time on November 15, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414D is hereby enacted as an amendment to the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be and they are hereby authorized to sign the Bylaw and apply the Town's seal thereto.

CARRIED

Due to a conflict of interest, Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at this time.

PL 20-2017, Zoning & Subdivision Bylaw #414E, Second Reading

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414E was read and approved a first time on October 18, 2017; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414E be read and approved for the second time.

CARRIED

PL 22-2017, Zoning & Subdivision Bylaw #414E, Adoption

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS Section 6.6 of the Town of Cornwall Official Plan allows Council to amend the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw as circumstances change or in response to requests; and

WHEREAS Council has complied with the processes established in Section 18 of the Planning

Act; and

WHEREAS Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414E was read and approved a first time on October 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414E was read and approved a second time on November 15, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #414E is hereby enacted as an amendment to the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be and they are hereby authorized to sign the Bylaw and apply the Town's seal thereto.

CARRIED

Councillor McGuigan returned to the meeting at this time.

Councillor Meggs noted as per the Emergency Measures Bylaw and Plan, upgrades were made at the Emergency Operation Centre (Town Hall). Councillors Meggs and Barnes attended the Emergency Measures Management Course where it was reiterated the importance of the Town being prepared for all emergencies.

3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councillor Shane McGuigan

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor McGuigan confirmed the York Point Historical Society did not submit a request for funding to replace the roof at the Community Centre.

Councillor McGuigan reported all speed humps are now removed and the radar sign will only be used when requested.

Councillor McGuigan noted the bids for the Ferry Road sidewalk project were extremely high so the Committee is recommending to re-tender in March, 2018.

Councillor McGuigan followed up that as of today, the Town has not received a written request from the Curling Club or 55+ Group to restore the driveway at the Civic Centre.

Councillor McGuigan noted the Committee received a request to have a street light installed at the Skatepark as well as the new skating rink in front of Town Hall. Maritime Electric has been contacted for the installation cost.

Councillor Dawson was under the impression the sign at the Skatepark states the park closes at dusk. She requested for this to be verified.

Councillor Dawson noted she received a few requests to increase the size of the Skatepark pad as the park is quite congested since the new equipment has been installed.

Councillor Dawson commented on vehicles leaving Town Hall and the APM Centre at the same time and feels this is a safety concern as there is no right-of-way indicated. The CAO will follow up on this matter.

4. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Jill MacIsaac

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor MacIsaac noted the Town will host monthly trivia/karaoke at the Civic Centre which will include bar services provided by the Cornwall Lion's Club.

Councillor MacIsaac reported the Youth Centre is averaging approximately 12 participants daily with 18 youth in attendance today. Councillor MacIsaac thanked Robins Donuts for providing snacks for the participants.

Councillor MacIsaac noted the Breakfast with Santa will be December 2 from 9:00-11:00 am at the Civic Centre. Donations from the breakfast help Cornwall families in need during the holiday season.

Councillor MacIsaac is pleased with the drastic increase in Skatepark usage since the new equipment has been installed. The Committee forwarded a request to Public Works for a street light to be installed as safety concerns have been brought forward. Councillor MacIsaac added the Committee has requested a security camera to be installed at the park as well and asked staff to get a quote.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councillor Elaine Barnes

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Barnes noted the Capital Investment Plan (Gas Tax) applications have been submitted for the Ferry Road Sidewalk Project, Meadowbank Sidewalk Project, Trans Canada Highway Sewer Line Project and the replacement of the artificial turf on the Turf Field.

Councillor Barnes reported that John Dewey, Executive Director of FPEIM, spoke to the Committee about the Municipal Funding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). It was noted the Province requested this agreement to be signed by the end of November.

F 10-2017, Memorandum of Understanding Municipal Funding

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor McGuigan

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall sign the five-year Memorandum of Understanding Municipal Funding Agreement between the Government of Prince Edward Island and various Municipalities.

CARRIED

Councillor Dawson was disappointed the presentation was made to the Finance Committee, not Council as a whole.

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE– Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

The report was included in the Council Package.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay reported the installation of five new bus shelters should begin this month. Councillor McGuigan requested that staff check on the status of installation as it is the middle of November and work has not begun.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted that he, along with the Mayor and CAO, met with Staff Sergeant Hubley and Chief Superintendent Ebert. It was noted there were delays in filling positions and the RCMP has plans to hold public information sessions within the Town to introduce new staff and to also increase RCMP presence within the Town.

Councillor Barnes questioned if the Town would receive a credit due to RCMP shortage of staff.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the first Veteran's Dinner hosted by the Town in partnership with the Cornwall Lion's Club was well received. Those in attendance and the Legion executive hope this will be an annual occurrence.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the Town will not be putting a float in the Christmas Parade this year but will focus on a new Christmas in Cornwall event on December 2nd. The Town's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is set for December 5th.

Councillor Barnes requested staff promote free dog tags through social media.

Mayor McCourt inquired if the Cornwall and Area Watershed Group (CAWG) contacted the Town for their annual donation. Staff will contact the group.

7. COMMUNICATION

Mayor McCourt noted she received positive feedback on the Veteran's dinner and thanked staff and those who partnered with the Town for such a successful afternoon.

Mayor McCourt noted that she, along with staff, attended a meeting at the Benevolent Irish Society on Building Better Communities.

Mayor McCourt added she has been receiving lots of positive feedback on our programs and Youth Centre.

Mayor McCourt asked the Chair of Finance if the budget will be brought forth at a public meeting. Councillor Barnes replied this hasn't been discussed by the Committee yet.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Barnes was pleased with the recent FPEIM meeting in Montague, however, she was disappointed with The Guardian's article on how Councillors are concerned with cannabis, as she is more concerned with climate change which did not get picked up by the media.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN COADY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER