

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
4:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Minerva McCourt – presiding
Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac
Councillor Elaine Barnes
Councillor Steven Campbell
Councillor Corey Frizzell
Councillor Judy Herlihy
Councillor Cory Stevenson

Also: Kevin Coady – CAO
Lori Bingley – Corporate Services Coordinator
Spencer Hay – Manager of Planning and Development
Paula Griffin – Planning and Development Technician

Regrets: Nil

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Minerva McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. There were four members of the public in attendance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Stevenson moved, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell will recuse themselves for the decision on the Conflict-of-Interest complaints brought forward.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) **November 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:** Councillor Barnes moved, seconded by Councillor Campbell that the minutes of the November 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended by the noted additions from Councillor Stevenson regarding Red Rock Wrestling event and the fact that there were scary and family friendly versions of the haunted woods;

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell moved from their desks to the public area.

GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DECLARATIONS

Bylaw 7.2.b – With two conflict of interest complaints tabled in writing regarding Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell, the residents lodging the complaints were given the opportunity to speak to their complaints. Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell spoke on their own half in response to the complaints.

**Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell left the meeting at 4:44pm

Council discussed the complaints and voted 4-0 that Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell were not in conflict.

**Councillor Herlihy and Councillor Campbell returned to the meeting at 4:50pm and resumed their seats at their Council desks.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – November 20, 2024 - included in the package.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – Councillor Herlihy noted that the Committee did not meet in December and will meet again on January 13, 2025. The Committee will be focusing on the Property Maintenance Bylaw and Island Nature Trust will attend.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

MUNICIPAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – Councillor Frizzell noted that the Committee did not meet in December and provided the following updates:
- T-3 numbers are steadily increasing up 23% for November 2024 over 2023. Mike

Cassidy will speak at a meeting in the New Year regarding transit moving forward.

- The RCMP provided very informative information at the November Committee of Council meeting.
- The Basic Emergency Management course was well attended, congratulations to all attendees.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

PARKS AND RECREATION

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – Councillor Stevenson noted that the Committee did not meet and provided the following updates:
 - The Holiday events were busy and well attended. Thanks to staff, volunteers, Committee members, Council and attendees for making everything a success.
 - There was great feedback on the parade and great to partner with the NRPD Santa Tour.
 - The next Committee meeting will take place January 15.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Reports & Resolutions:

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Draft minutes were not available at the time of package.

b) **Resolutions:**

PL-45-2024 Synergy Signs Agreement

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**
Seconded by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**

Whereas: The Town received an application and proposal for an off-premises electronic sign to be situated at PID 245944 Main Street (the “Property”);

And Whereas: The Town is the registered owner of the Property and installation of the electronic sign shall be subject to a lease agreement (the “Lease Agreement”).

And Whereas: The Applicant must also obtain a Development Permit from the Planning Department prior to installation of the electronic sign.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That Council enter into the Lease Agreement with FORE! Publications Inc., as discussed at the Committee of Council meeting held on December 11, 2024, for a lease price of \$600 per month, three complimentary advertisement spaces displayed full screen for the Town, with the Town retaining authority over what may be deemed an unsuitable advertisement for display on the sign.

Motion Carried 6-0

PUBLIC WORKS

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes:** (Draft) November 27, 2024 – included in the package. Councillor Campbell provided the following updates.
- A letter was sent to Minister McLane for clarifications on safety components in the Town. A response was received from DOT and will be discussed at the January meeting.
 - Councillor Barnes requested that a notice to remind residents that on street parking cannot impede snow removal be put up on the Town sign and social media.

b) **Resolutions: Nil**

WATER/SEWER UTILITY

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes:** (Draft) December 2, 2024 - Councillor Barnes provided the following updates:
- The department is focusing on enhanced security at sites.
 - There was discussion on changing from a Utility Corporation to a Utility Department.
 - The Committee will be looking at an Inflow and Infiltration Study as part of upcoming budget discussions.
 - The Committee is interested in applying for Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund funding for extending services on Cornwall Road when that agreement has been signed by the province and federal government.

b) **Resolutions: Nil**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Thank You from the Senior's College of Prince Edward Island for the Town's support of programs.

OTHER BUSINES

- Councillor Barnes was honored to attend the Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement

Officers of the Year Awards. Congratulations to Constable Jamie Parsons, Constable Mallory Metallic and Chief Sherrif George Doyle who received awards this year.

- Councillor Barnes was happy that everyone enjoyed the new inflatable dinosaur on her parade entry.
- Councillor Frizzell noted that unfortunately he could not attend the Crime Stopper Awards. Congratulations to everyone, very well deserved.
- Councillor Frizzell wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was a productive year with great things on the horizon. It is an honor and privilege to work together.
- Councillor Frizzell gave a shout out to the Bluefield AAA basketball team playing against Three Oaks tonight.
- Councillor Stevenson noted that the Holiday Lights Tour has three outings, the Decorating Contest will run until New Year's and the Family Movie Night will take place on Friday.
- Mayor McCourt wished Merry Christmas to the Council, staff and families. Please keep those who have suffered tragedies in your thoughts, bring magic to others and have a safe and healthy holiday.
- Mayor McCourt thanked the Council for a great job over the year. Thanks to staff for their hard work.
- Councillor Campbell noted that it was a great parade. Thanks to staff and volunteers for all the great events.
- Councillor Campbell thanked the Citizen on Patrol volunteers for their dedication over the year and wished Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Mayor McCourt reminded Council of the New Year's Levee from 1:30-3pm.
- Councillor Barnes invited everyone to check out the trees at Town Hall, in particular the Utility and Public Works Trees decorated with toilet paper and tools.

IN CAMERA

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER