

Community of Miltonvale Park Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Community Office – Winsloe Lions Hall

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Present: Chair Don Aitken, Councillors Brian Andrew, Gail Ling, George Piercey, Betty Pryor
Regrets: Sheila MacKinnon
Absent: Joe Murphy

Also present: Administrator Shari MacDonald

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aitken called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Motion 07-153: Moved by Councillor Brian Andrew, seconded by Councillor George Piercey that **the agenda be approved**. Motion carried.

The administrator offered to excuse herself from the meeting for 5.b. "Donation request from North Milton W.I.; however this was not seen to be necessary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 07-154: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor George Piercey that **the minutes of the October 23, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended to reflect that in item 6.e. Robert Turner would be requested to install an alarm and rewire the alarm**. Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

a. EMO Training – Councillor Murphy has been registered for the Basic Emergency Management Course, Dec 11-13, 2007. The administrator was asked to clarify the province's position on staff relief for government employees to attend emergency training, and if applicable, request that the policy be circulated throughout provincial departments.

Motion 07-155: Moved by Councillor Brian Andrew, seconded by Councillor George Piercey that **Council pay for applicable costs for one Councillor to attend the Basic Emergency Training Course, Dec 11-13, 2007**. Motion carried.

b. Community Pasture – Robert Coles raised the possibility of having a community gardens established in the field between the Community Park and Meadowvale Park, with the stipulation that no potatoes be planted. Community interest can be determined with the next newsletter, although it was seen by Councillors to be a very good idea with many benefits to the community.

c. Website – Nigel Cuthbertson of Make It Simple Media forwarded a preview of the website, and council reviewed the pages and suggested improvements to be relayed to Nigel. The target completion date is now December 15th.

d. Donation Policy – The finance committee felt that no further revisions were required. Two requests for individual donations have been received this year, and the policy currently provides adequate flexibility to address many situations.

e. FPEIM Meeting Update – Councillor Ling and the administrator attended the FPEIM semiannual meeting in Abram Village, November 17, 2007. A written report was circulated. The resolution regarding a permanent seat on the board for Stratford was defeated. Information was received about the Communities In Bloom Program, Climate Change and Infrastructure programs.

f. Halloween Pumpkin People Contest – The farm market hosted a community pumpkin people contest, judged by CBC's Boomer Gallant and Bruce Rainnie. There were four entries, with reports of three others planned – but ruined by frost. There were about 25 people in attendance for the judging with some in costumes, free corn on the cob and chili for sale. The event appeared briefly on CBC T.V.'s Compass on October 26th.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the circulated lists of correspondence received since the last meeting, and acted upon the following:

a. **Wellfield Exploration Request** – The Community signed a letter, as requested by the City of Charlottetown, acknowledging that the Council would permit the City to apply for a well exploration permit on a property within the community. Concerns were raised about any implications a large well, such as needed by the city, may have on nearby wells; however further discussion was delayed pending the findings.

b. Donation Request

Motion 07-156: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Brian Andrew that **Council donate \$100 to the North Milton Women's Institute for costs towards their WI reunion dinner, in accordance with Council's donation and gift policy.**

Motion carried. George Piercey abstained from the vote.

c. Activity Challenge

Canada Games 2009 is challenging Islanders to be active and "collect" the number of kilometers equal to the distance all Canada Games team members from each province and territory will travel to reach PEI (13,144,360 kilometres or 110 km per Islander). Our residents will be encouraged to sign up at www.peiactiveliving.com, under the community of Cornwall.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance/Payment of Accounts

Motion 07-157: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor George Piercey that **the October 2007 financial statements be accepted as circulated.** Motion carried.

It was noted November remittance payments have been made to the Receiver General. The projected budget to the end of December estimates revenue will exceed projected expenses by about \$14,000 for the 2007 fiscal year.

The following bursaries will be paid: Colleen Muttart (Braden –baseball and Hope – tap dancing) -\$100; Basil Dickson (Tristan –swimming \$42.40) – Jane Aten (Marlee Smith –Art Classes, Brodie Smith –Motocross (PEI Mudrooters), Derek Smith (football) -\$150. Heath Coles – Ben and Grace (soccer \$100), Debbie Aten – Lukas (football); Kristopher and Sarah Crabbe for Henry (soccer -\$50); Michelle Banks - \$150 (Brandon – trumpet, Janelle -Highland dance, Brittany –voice); Bonnie Stewart (Danielle –synchronized swimming) -\$50. The deadline for the receipt of bursary applications is December 10, 2007.

b. Personnel Committee

The office will be closed for 2 weeks beginning December 23, 2007 and the administrator shall be on vacation during that time.

c. Planning Board

Planning Board Chair Pryor has ensured the community will have access to the maps currently at ADI. There may be a need to restructure the planning board, as member Kim McDermott Jay has plans to move to another community. This, and the strategic plan she is presently developing will be addressed at the next meeting.

The contract has been signed with P. Wood and Associates and ADI, Ltd, for the development of the Official Plan and Development Bylaws.

One building permit was issued in November to Colin Rodd and Christie Countie PID 281770 for a single family dwelling on the Rustico Road and a subdivision of one lot was also approved from Strothard Rodd's parcel 281770 for this dwelling.

d. Water and Sewer

The committee had nothing to report, although efforts continue.

e. Parks and Recreation

Robert Turner has winterized the shelter. Councillor MacKinnon is storing the water cooler. The provincial inspector has agreed to inspect the electrical work in the Spring, regarding the automatic light and the alarm breaker, and provide further direction to the original electrician. Robert Turner was requested to delay his work in these areas. Chair Aitken will erect the "No Trespassing" sign.

f. Report from Staff

The administrator and development office reports were circulated.

Motion 07-158: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Betty Pryor that **the Community of Miltonvale Park apply to the Capacity Building Funds of the New Deal Infrastructure Program for 40% (approximately \$24,000) of the costs of the Community of Miltonvale Park Wastewater and Water Servicing Feasibility Plan for which funding has been sought through Green Municipal Funds.** Motion carried.

The administrator was requested to notify Meadowvale Park about the inclusion of private companies in the Build Canada “Equal per Jurisdiction” Funding Program.

Motion 07-159: Moved by Councillor Betty Pryor, seconded by Councillor Gail Ling that **the Council pay the associated costs to permit the administrator to attend the Association of Municipal Administrators meeting on November 23, 2007.** Motion carried.

The development officer will not have regular office hours until Spring; and will be working on an as-needed basis.

7. BUSINESS

a. Canada Post Mailboxes

Councillors were concerned about the removal of many individual mailboxes and their replacement with community mailboxes at several locales within the community and in Winsloe. The speed of the process, lack of consultation with residents, unsafe positioning of some of the community boxes, and inconvenience to residents, especially seniors, were identified as issues.

Motion 07-160: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor George Piercey that **Council write a letter to MP Wayne Easter outlining our concerns with Canada Post’s decision to stop delivering mail to many individual mailboxes in the Community of Miltonvale Park.** Motion carried.

The administrator was also directed to contact MP Shawn Murphy and to compose a letter to the editor of The Guardian.

b. 2008 Budgeting/Activity Brainstorming

Committee chairs were asked to forward requests for the budget to either Finance Chair Ling or the administrator by early in January 2008, for consideration for the 2008 budget. It was suggested that brainstorming about community programs,

services, and activities could be used to elicit suggestions. One suggestion was a baby barn at the park to store the community's barbeque.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Council meeting will be January 22, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Councillors were asked to reserve January 8th and January 15th at 4:30 as dates for meetings with the planner, if he is available, and for a Committee of the Whole Finance Meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aitken declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Don Aitken
Chair

Shari MacDonald
Administrator

January 22, 2008

Date approved