

**Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart
Council Meeting
April 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on Wednesday, April 5th, 2023 at 6:40 pm with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Spencer Long

Councillors: Kevin Lloyd, Katharine MacDonald, Julie McKay, Amanda Myers, and Chad Poirier, with regrets Beverly Campbell was absent.

Staff: CAO Christine Watts

Resident – Vance Glover

1. Call to Order:

The Mayor, called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No conflict of interest was declared

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

Seconded by: Councillor, Amanda Myers

MOTION: THAT the agenda for the April 5th, 2023 Council meeting be approved

APPROVED

4. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting February 8th, Budgets Meetings March 8th, and March 23rd, 2023

Moved by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor, Julie McKay

MOTION: THAT the minutes of February 8th, March 8th, and March 23rd, 2023 meetings of Council be approved.

APPROVED

5. Monthly Report of Mayor:

Mayor Spencer Long, gave a verbal report for period dated April 5th, 2023.

- Shawn Fleming, Community resident contacted Spencer, with a request to have a child playing sign added to Palmers Lane. Spencer, checked with Province, and they do not usually post signage unless it is around school area. Spencer, agreed Community would purchase signage and have summer staff install.
- At last Project Meeting, there was discussion regarding Canada Day Celebrations. All agreed to reach out to Spuds to see their availability to perform for Canada Day dance. Group is available and Council asked Spencer, to confirm cost amount and what cost includes. Council will reach out to local businesses for donations. Council also discussed possibility of fireworks, bouncy castle, mini petting zoo, balloon making, face painting and BBQ. Council will discuss further at their May Council meeting.
- Community resident contacted Spencer, regarding clearer understanding of sewer charges. Resident was provided information as requested.
- Spencer, contacted CBCL re: Joe MacLeod Park ideas re: grading /engineering for community \$250,000.00 funding application. Update to follow after meeting and discussion.

Moved by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor, Katherine MacDonald

MOTION: THAT the Report of the Mayor dated April 5th, 2023 be received.

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6. Delegations – No one asked to address Council

7. Staff Reports

a. Report of CAO:

CAO gave a verbal report for March, 2023.

- Worked continuously with updating community accounts and 2023 – 24 community budgets as material received.
- Worked with hall rentals. Helped with set up arrangements re: PC headquarters office located at complex for 2023 Provincial Election including rearranging rental space to accommodate functions held at community during this timeframe.
- Completed Annual Sewer Statements and March 31, 2023 invoices and emailed/ mailed to community residents.

- MRSB, scheduled community Audit for May 16th and 17th, 2023.
- Christine presented Council with copies of overdue sewer account notices sent to customers in the past for method of collection. Christine will forward copies to Council for their review. Council will discuss further at May Council Meeting.
- Council Honorarium cheques for period from Jan 1 – March 31, 2023 will be ready for pick-up next week.

i. Report of CAO and the Financial Update

Moved by: Councillor, Amanda Myers

Seconded by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

MOTION: That the report of the CAO and the financial update to April 5th, 2023 be approved.

APPROVED

ii. General and Sewer Accounts

Moved by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

Seconded by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

MOTION: That the General and Sewer Accounts for the period ending March 31st, 2023 be approved.

APPROVED

ii. General and Sewer Journal Entries

Moved by: Councillor, Julie McKay

Seconded by: Councillor, Amanda Myers

MOTION: That the General and Sewer Journal entries for the period ending March 31st, 2023 be approved

APPROVED

b. Report of Sewer Operator – February and March 2023.

No Reports were available at Council Meeting time.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. CAO Contract update – tabled

b. Committees Meetings updates – Community Development, Community Sewer –
Already discussed during Mayor and CAO reports.

c. **Project Updates – Generator Updates** – discussed in Mayor report.

9. New Business:

a. **Summer Employment – Funding Possibilities** – Christine provided Council with information on a new program originally called Rural Jobs Initiative and now Rural Enhancement Employment Program (REEP.) Special Projects, Jobs for Youth and SKILLS PEI are programs applied for in the past. Council discussed amount of staff they felt was required. Community will be submitting applications in near future. Notices will be posted to have those wishing to apply for jobs for summer 2023 to submit their resume and interest in person to community office or to community email mountstewart@eastlink.ca.

10. By Laws – tabled

11. Public Delegations (not listed as Delegations) – Vance Glover, Community resident – Vance addressed Council with concern of amount of debris within Community. He asked if there were plans of having a community cleanup scheduled in near future. He asked if corner lot next to his property could be on cleanup schedule. This is an area where much garbage is accumulated throughout the year especially during off season when there is no staff on with the community. Council discussed and agree to have a Spring Cleanup weekend for community with all urged to get out to gather garbage; with Community hosting a BBQ for all at the end of the day.

12. Adjournment –

Moved by: Councillor Chad Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor Amanda Myers

MOTION: THAT the Council meeting of April 5th, 2023 be adjourned at 8:10 pm

APPROVED

Mayor, Spencer Long

CAO, Christine Watts

Next regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Or as called by Council