

**Council Meeting Minutes
December 6th 2023 – 6:30pm
Community Complex**



The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on December 6th, 2023 at 6:30pm with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Spencer Long

Councillors: Chad Poirier, Amanda Myers, Kevin Lloyd, Jaryd Burt, Beverly Campbell

Staff: CAO Katharine MacDonald

Delegations:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest of Council Members, Chair, & CAO: none.
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Amanda and seconded by Kevin.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Council Meeting November 1st 2023. Moved by Chad, seconded by Kevin.
5. Monthly Report of the Mayor:
 - a. Dog complaints – letter was sent and no complaints since
 - b. Seniors' complex – concerns around backup power, if the generator runs it doesn't run any plugs or lights. Sent letter to Sidney et al. One of the seniors is calling Spencer every day, so that Spencer keeps in touch with Housing. Spoke to Steve Crane and said just go in and get them set up if Housing doesn't come through. May cost a couple grand. (Chad asked if we have any authority whatsoever to do so. Amanda asked if there's a chance we could be reimbursed.) We will give it another week and then maybe at January council meeting decide on an action.
 - c. Fire truck moved – mostly positive feedback. (Jaryd asked to clarify how much we were spending.)
 - d. Hive & Honeycomb opened up which was great.
 - e. Reception Centre funding application, needs some extra work and help from Councillors.
 - f. Christmas event on Saturday, organizing efforts are in good shape. Gift cards to give away (Bakery, H&H, Co-Op, Irving)
 - g. Lions Club looking to try out a darts league – may have an event before the holidays.
 - h. Generator – follow up with Harvey Chandler – haven't heard back.
 - i. Dropped off down payment for tractor, getting dropped off Friday. Re: Art's hours, let him mostly decide but call him if we need to.
 - j. Reminder to do Code of Conduct before March.
 - k. Heat pump at Library – Kevin provided an update on getting a quote from Tradewinds. Some discussion about the Geothermal heating unit at the Eco-Centre and why it hasn't been working. Spencer asked if we should replace all three heat

pumps. Jaryd pointed out that there's not a generator there so if we lose power then we're at risk for frozen pipes etc. Kevin suggested a propane water heater. Spencer suggested in addition to changing the scope of the Gas Tax project, decommitting and recommitting additional funds to get three new heat pumps in total.

*Bev relaying that she is hearing about the spending on the snow removal, and wondering why Joe MacLeod Park hasn't been developed yet. Also complained that we haven't been posting meeting posters at the Canada Post and Irving locations, specifying that they're open to the public. Bev also said we should upgrade the parking lot. Door issues at the Eco-Centre – replace keys for all doors? UV filter also needs to be replaced – email Chris Lund asap. Organize an Energy Audit for the Eco-Centre.

*Jaryd suggested reaching out to UPEI to make the Eco-Centre a project.

Moved by Chad, seconded by Jaryd

6. Staff Reports:

a. Report of CAO

- i. Katharine delivered a verbal report
- ii. Financial update – for November 2023

*Chad suggested voting on Maxine's invoice at next meeting.

Moved by Kevin, seconded by Bev

iii. General and Sewer Accounts for approval

Moved by Kevin, seconded by Amanda

iv. General and Sewer Journal Entries for approval

Moved by Chad, seconded by Kevin

b. Report of Sewer Operator - Monthly Report for November, 2023

Moved by Amanda, seconded by Bev

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Fire hall/ACOA – Resolution read out regarding MRSB. Moved by Chad, seconded by Kevin.
- b. Resolution regarding MOU – Moved by Amanda, seconded by Chad.
- c. Snow clearing – talked about already.
- d. Christmas event – Gingerbread men to decorate, from Bev.

8. New Business:

- a. Honorariums

9. By-laws:

10. Public Delegations (not listed as Delegation):

11. Adjournment at 8:31pm, moved by Bev and seconded by Jaryd.

Next regular Council Meeting:

January 3rd 2024 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.