

**Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart  
Council Meeting  
February 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Spencer Long

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

Staff: CAO Christine Watts

**1. Call to Order:**

The Mayor, called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

No conflict of interest was declared

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor, Beverly Campbell

**MOTION:** THAT the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda be approved  
**APPROVED**

**4. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Moved by: Councillor, Julie McKay

Seconded by: Councillor, Katharine MacDonald

**MOTION:** THAT the minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of Council be approved.  
**APPROVED**

**5. Monthly Report of Mayor:**

Mayor Spencer Long, gave a verbal report for period dated February 8, 2023.

- Cold weather event – February 3/4<sup>th</sup> – North Main Street and St Peters Road, fuse connection to distribution feed from Scotchfort blew 4 times February 4<sup>th</sup>. Learned a lot

of valuable lessons that day. EMO lessons should be documented for a generic cold weather response. (Plumbing, heating, vulnerable residents). 2 Loaner generators out – Eco Centre and Bertha Affleck. Helped resident on Egan Street, whose pipes blew, hot waterline. Spencer turned off valve.

- New Diesel Generator about to be commissioned. EMO training to be provided.
- Little rink is punctured – needs some TLC or we may just focus on building a better one next year.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation week – February 13 – 17, 2023. Council to discuss possibility of donation to this. Council discussed and unanimously agree to make \$150.00 monetary donation.
- Baseball Dug-out on school property needs to be removed ASAP. Possible danger to resident/school children. Chad Poirier, Councilor, offered to help remove from property. Spencer, will reach out to Mount Stewart Lions Club as well to have members help.
- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:45 pm – free skate Ice time at Morell rink sponsored by Community and funded through Wellness grant.
- Second senior dinner funded through Senior Secretariat Grant, scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 starting at 5:30 pm. Attendance will be from Senior Group “The Lady Slipper Fifty plus Club” and Council members. Club members plus Council including guest with 36 maximum in total.

Moved by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor, Amada Myers

**MOTION:** THAT the Report of the Mayor dated February 8, 2023 be received.

**APPROVED**

**6. Delegations** – Greg Ellison, Master Student, UPEI, Researcher the Path to Carbon Neutrality – Community Based Energy on PEI.

Greg, started with introducing himself and thanked Council for invite to attend their Council Meeting. Greg gave an outline to study. He said it is to work with members of a sustainable community initiative to build an understanding of local knowledge and perceptions of RE (Renewable Energy.) His study would be to work with communities on the Island, to help with their renewable energy expansion. Work with residents to further help in development knowledge for university, government and community itself. He choose Mount Stewart as potential case study because from his understanding there is a potential of expanding renewable system. He proposes to work with 8 - 15 or more if possible. Greg, provided Council with handout of questions re: renewable interview questions re: specific knowledge of renewable energy and more detailed questions/answers. His research/interviews are fully funded with no cost to community. In ending all interviews would be unanimous and included

in his Master's thesis research and published as part of an Island studies research project. All participants would be asked prior to digitally recording the interviews, and individuals have the right to decline any questions they are not comfortable with. Once research has been analyzed, a summary of the findings will be emailed/mailed to you. A digital copy of thesis will also be available. This project has been reviewed by UPEI Research Ethics Board with compliance with federal guidelines for researching involving human participation. Council members joined in with possible community owned assets they felt may help with renewable energy. Greg, added all community owned assets suggestion to help with renewable energy is included as one of the questions in his interview and open for further discussion. Spencer, asked Council members to review material presented and forward any questions or comments. Community will then organize through Facebook page / word of mouth those wishing to participate in study and get back to Greg.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **a. Report of CAO:**

CAO gave a verbal report for January, 2023.

- Attended meeting at Eco Centre on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 re: information on HSMBC Plaque designating Captain John Stewart as a person of National Historic Significance to be installed in Mount Stewart. Stacey Evans, Barb MacDonald, and Janette Gallant from Parks Canada, Dan McAskill, and Stacey Evans representing HRA, and Katharine MacDonald, Beverly Campbell and Christine Watts representing Mount Stewart. With Regrets Mayor, Spencer Long unable to attend. Mount Stewart Council and staff were presented with updates regarding plaque. All attending meeting proceeded outside to discuss and review best suitable plaque installation sites. Christine, provided Council with update forward from Barbara MacDonald, approved text, sample agreement for plaque location including outlining responsibilities, estimated plaques measurements including base etc.
- Tuesday, January 31, 2023 virtual meeting with Spencer Long, and Greg Ellison, UPEI Island Studies re: Community Energy Research.
- Election possibility in near future. PC to rent senior room located at Complex location March 1 – April 15, 2023 as per writ being dropped. Arrangements will be completed to accommodate seniors during timeframe senior room is in use re: exercise equipment, dart board etc.
- Linda Hicken, MRSB, scheduled Wednesday, February, 22, 2023 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to review accounts year end (budget items.) Council agree to have office closed to public on this date.
- Worked with Jamieson Electric and Chandler Motor Repairs re: generator hook up.
- O'Conner Glass here re: Handicap door and front door at Complex location.
- Arranged to have High Valley come to Eco Centre re: water issue as pump not staying on without being reset after power outages.

i. **Report of CAO and the Financial Update**

Moved by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

Seconded by: Councillor, Katherine MacDonald

**MOTION:** That the report of the CAO and the financial update to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be approved.

**APPROVED**

ii. **General and Sewer Accounts**

Moved by: Councillor, Julie McKay

Seconded by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

**MOTION:** That the General and Sewer Accounts for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be approved.

**APPROVED**

ii. **General and Sewer Journal Entries**

Moved by: Councillor, Kevin Lloyd

Seconded by: Councillor, Amanda Myers

**MOTION:** That the General and Sewer Journal entries for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be approved

**APPROVED**

b. **Report of Sewer Operator – January 2023.**

Moved by: Councillor, Beverly Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor, Chad Poirier

**MOTION:** That the reports of sewer operator for period for January 2023 be received.

**APPROVED**

8. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **CAO Contract update** – tabled

b. **Committees Meetings updates – Community Development, Community Sewer** – discussed after regular Council meeting.

- c. **Project Updates – Generator Updates** – already discussed during Mayor, and Cao report.
- d. **Day Care – Rainbow Beginnings update** – no update and Council asked to remove item from community business.

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor by Mayor, Spencer Long** – Spencer, asked Councillor, Katharine MacDonald, if she would accept Deputy Mayor Position for Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart Council. Katharine accepted position.
- b. **Budget Meetings March, 2023** – Discussed during CAO report. Council will meet on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for 1<sup>st</sup> budget meeting. Council will meet again on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm after providing residents as required two weeks to review and submit their feedback on proposed 2023 – 2024 budgets, review make changes as required and approve final budgets. Storm date if required scheduled for Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Notice to residents wishing to provide feedback from Thursday, March 9 – Thursday, March 23, 2023 will be posted throughout community and put on community face book page. Copies of proposed budget will be printed and available for pick up at office during office hours during this timeframe March 9 – 23, 2023.

10. **By Laws** – tabled

11. **Public Delegations (not listed as Delegations)** – Desi Doyle, Northside Minor Baseball Association.

12. **Adjournment** –

Moved by: Councillor Julie McKay  
Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lloyd

**MOTION:** THAT the Council meeting of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adjourned at 7:29 pm  
**APPROVED**

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Mayor, Spencer Long

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CAO, Christine Watts

**Next regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm (2023 - 2024 Budget Meeting)**

**Or as called by Council**