

Council Meeting Minutes
November 1st 2023 – 6:30pm
Community Complex

Rural Municipality of
Mount Stewart
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The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on November 1st, 2023 at 6:30pm with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Spencer Long

Councillors: Chad Poirier, Amanda Myers, Kevin Lloyd, Julie McKay

Staff: CAO Katharine MacDonald

Delegations:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:39pm.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest of Council Members, Chair, & CAO: none.
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Julie and seconded by Chad.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Council Meeting October 4th 2023. Moved by Amanda, seconded by Kevin.
5. Monthly Report of the Mayor:
 - a. Mentioned Dewey's passing. Sherri reached out about donating Christmas tree star in Dewey's name. Plaque or monument where Dewey used to fish, or at his duck blind.
 - b. Code of Conduct training for councilors must be completed by March 2024.
 - c. More discussion about restructuring boundaries at the provincial level.
 - i. Julie said the former mayor wrote about it in the Graphic. Kevin asked what our boundaries could look like. Some questions about whether we would keep a library if we amalgamated. Spencer says Morell and St Peters are unrealistic but there is a ton of incorporated land around us. Chad said that it seems our council is aligned on this so we need to present that to Municipal Affairs.
 - d. Trail usage issues
 - e. EV Chargers – get up to speed on that
 - f. Remembrance Day – go as a group?
 - g. Tractors – got one quote so far, Kubota, options for financing or leasing. 52,000 plus HST in total (0.99 interest over 5 years). \$554 monthly. Spencer and Julie asked to look into insurance for the year, liability for that. Council asked Katharine to reach out to Art to see if he would be interested in casual work. Kevin said to look up Kioti. Spencer said we need to get at least three quotes – maybe John Deere. Kevin will help Spencer look into it.
 - h. Christmas Parade, Lions Club aren't interested but we can get a permit to do it. But even just doing the music event at the Community Complex. December 9th.

Moved by Chad, seconded by Amanda

6. Staff Reports:

a. Report of CAO

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

Moved by Chad, seconded by Amanda

- iii. General and Sewer Accounts for approval

Moved by Kevin, seconded by Julie

- iv. General and Sewer Journal Entries for approval

Moved by Julie, seconded by Chad

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

Moved by Kevin, seconded by Amanda

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Fire Hall. We can't use gas tax for the fire hall refit. There's ACOA, and there's also the Rural Growth folks. Action items: contact Michelle at MRSB to ask for business plan. Contact Canoe Cove to chat. Send incomplete application to ACOA. Get back to Chris Blaisdell.
- b. By-election – already covered
- c. Snow clearing – already covered

8. New Business:

- a. Municipal affairs – mostly already covered. Spencer said he might reach out to Sydney and Danny in Morell.
- b. Christmas events – already covered.
- c. Resolution re: solar
 - i. Moved by Chad, seconded by Kevin
- d. New Bakery lease
 - i. Katharine will follow up next week by phone. Council is setting January 1st as a deadline to have a lease signed.
- e. Julie asked to improve the window coverings in the banquet hall. Maybe accordion pleated blinds. Kevin suggested Ikea.

9. By-laws:

10. Public Delegations (not listed as Delegation):

11. Adjournment at 8:13pm, moved by Chad and seconded by Julie.

Next regular Council Meeting:

December 6th 2023 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.