

Council Meeting Minutes
April 3rd 2024 – 6:30pm
Community Complex



The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on April 3rd 2024 at 6:30pm with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Spencer Long

Councillors: Chad Poirier, Amanda Myers (Deputy Mayor), Bev Campbell, Kevin Lloyd, Jaryd Burt

Regrets: Jaryd Burt

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:
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Chad and seconded by Amanda.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Council Meeting March 28th 2024. Moved by Bev, seconded by Kevin.
5. Monthly Report of the Mayor:
 - a. Budget done, tax certificate submitted. Asset Management Plan needs to be done and we will need help from MRSB.
 - b. Sewer issues – finally had Maritime Electric come out to check things out, plus Hansen Electric, to help diagnose issues with Matt.

Moved by Chad seconded by Julie

6. Staff Reports:
 - a. Report of CAO
 - i. Katharine delivered a verbal report
 - ii. Financial update – for January 2024
Julie raised the issue of the sewer bills and trying to recoup some of the overdue costs. Julie had brought up St Peter's who put up posts in front of people's houses. Could call up people and try to arrange payment plans. Spencer says we need to beef up our committee and review our bylaw. Julie said it has helped when we sent out letters. Julie also said it should be treated like any other utility or service, if you get the service you have to pay. Chad asked about setting a timeline for this. Spencer said we should aim to finish up by the summer. Julie asked Katharine to draft and mail a letter to most egregious outstanding bills.

Chad also asked to have an update on snow clearance expenditures for next meeting.

Moved by Chad, seconded by Amanda

iii. General and Sewer Accounts for approval

Moved by Julie, seconded by Bev

iv. General and Sewer Journal Entries for approval

Moved by Kev, seconded by Amanda

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Job Ad

i. Moved by Amanda, seconded by Kev

b. EV Chargers – Katharine signed up for ChargePoint, still need to figure out the usage and payment situation. Need to make a sign once it's up and running.

c. CSA box – need help organizing and volunteering to set up boxes. Julie suggested JP Hendricken for local produce.

8. New Business:

a. IRAC sewer

i. Moved by Kevin, Seconded by Chad

b. Spencer proposed a new resolution: **To get a quote to contract professional services to explore expanding our municipal boundaries.** Moved by Kevin, Seconded by Amanda.

c. Eco-Centre Committee

i. Moved by Amanda, Seconded by Chad

We recently talked to someone who lives near the community who has a degree in Museology who would be a good fit for a committee. Spencer suggested a couple community members, a staff member like Olivia, someone from HRA.

d. Mezzanine rental: Katharine said there is someone inquiring about the space but there was some question about the rent. Julie had said the previous tenants wanted to put in a door. Spencer said we should let the person know that with the newly created committee, we will be deciding on the museum use for this summer, plus we are hoping to have a summer student in there, and it might be noisy once the museum is reopened.

Kevin asked if we ever thought about having a bicycle rental based at the Eco-Centre. Spencer said it would probably be a better fit for a private company to set up there.

e. Floor plan feedback

i. Spencer: move our office to the Legion room, combine Legion with Seniors' room, make the "storage room" the current office. The main concerns are that the utility room reduces the size of the kitchen too much. Use "storage space" to fit more washrooms in, and if need be, expand current kitchen somehow into current women's washroom?

9. Adjournment at 7:54pm, moved by Bev and seconded by Chad.

Next regular Council Meeting:

May 1st 2024 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.