

Council Meeting Minutes
February 7th 2024 – 6:30pm
Community Complex



The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on February 7th 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: Julie McKay

Staff: CAO Katharine MacDonald

Delegations:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest of Council Members, Chair, & CAO:
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Chad and seconded by Jaryd.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Council Meeting January 3rd 2024. Moved by Bev, seconded by Kevin.
5. Monthly Report of the Mayor:
 - a. Judith's sewer thing – haven't had an issue for a while so felt like a new thing to have to learn about it. A mess we'll have to clean up in spring. Have to double check the exact by-law wording as Bev says it is a certain number of feet from a particular point – Matt indicated it matters where the property line is. Kevin said it might be road allowance.
 - b. Code of Conduct training must be done.
 - c. Projects and Planning committee meeting went well. Talked about the Fire hall, gardens, gym idea, etc. Gym was popular among committee members, could look at Souris' non-profit model.
 - d. ACOA meeting on Feb 1, reviewed how the discussions went, next steps will be to finish applications, meet with Projects and Planning committee.
 - e. Joe MacLeod – moving along, need to dust off quotes, refine estimates. Work with CCBF and Rural Growth, and Lions Club for community involvement.
 - f. Snow clearance updates – need to ask Art to clear both back entrances – need to ensure that our snow removal is as good as past years, may need to ask Art to work more hours. Create a checklist with priorities. Also wondering if we need to upgrade the size of this plow to handle future large snowfalls.

Moved by Chad seconded by Jaryd

6. Staff Reports:
 - a. Report of CAO
 - i. Katharine delivered a verbal report

- ii. Financial update – for January 2024
Moved by Chad, seconded by Bev
 - iii. General and Sewer Accounts for approval
Moved by Kev, seconded by Amanda
 - iv. General and Sewer Journal Entries for approval
Moved by Chad, seconded by Bev
- b. Report of Sewer Operator - Monthly Reports for December 2023 and January 2024
 - i. Moved by Amanda, seconded by Kev
7. Unfinished Business:
8. New Business:
- a. Resolution re: Heat Pumps, moved by Kevin, seconded by Amanda
 - b. Resolution re: Fire Hall, moved by Chad, seconded by Jaryd
 - c. Katharine’s upcoming maternity leave needs some consideration.
9. By-laws:
10. Public Delegations (not listed as Delegation):
11. Adjournment at 8:18pm, moved by Chad and seconded by Jaryd.

Next regular Council Meeting:

March 6th 2024 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.