

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 6:30pm**  
**Community Complex**



The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Julie McKay

**Staff:** CAO Katharine MacDonald

**Delegations:**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest of Council Members, Chair, & CAO: Chad Poirier declared a conflict of interest as the President of the East River Fire Dept, Albert MacDonald, is his father in law. Albert MacDonald is CAO Katharine MacDonald's father.
3. Approval of Agenda was moved by Kev and seconded by Amanda.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Council Meeting February 7 2024. Moved by Jaryd, seconded by Bev.
5. Delegations: East River Fire Company (Albert MacDonald and David MacDonald)
  - a. David gave a verbal report on the fire service, report will be provided at the end. Total of 10 calls to Mount Stewart. Average of 9 attendees, 15 minutes average for time to get on scene. More detailed summary to come after AGM in April.
  - b. Albert gave a financial update on the Fire Company. Since signing on in 2019, there has not been an increase in rates. The current proposed rate is 18490, up from 14905 (based on flat rate increases to different property categories, which will have to be updated by CAO). Chad asked about the nearest Jaws of Life and Tanker Trucks which East River is looking to purchase, David replied that they do have them but they are ageing out soon.
6. Monthly Report of the Mayor:
  - a. Community Complex upgrades – conf call with Laird, an associate to do floor plan, and meeting with architect. Waiting on updated project concept from architect.
  - b. Bryce is set up to do car detailing.
  - c. Some sewer problems – Matt has been up a couple of times. Ask Matt about check valves, sump pumps hooked up to sewer, etc. We should have a proper sewer commission. May need to ask a committee to form, offer an honorarium. May need to pay a plumber fee for a resident.
  - d. School heritage fair, Spencer judged as Mayor
  - e. Bakery fire codes passed

- f. Island chemical company – film foaming form

Moved by Chad seconded by Kev

- 7. Staff Reports:
  - a. Report of CAO
    - i. Katharine delivered a verbal report
    - ii. Moved by Amanda, seconded by Jaryd
  
  - b. Report of Sewer Operator - Monthly Reports for December 2023 and January 2024
    - i. Moved by Jaryd, seconded by Bev
- 8. Unfinished Business:
- 9. New Business:
  - a. Julie asked about the rental rates for the churches' womens' groups. Council decided that they would comp this rental and that rate schedules need to be updated soon and posted to the public.
  - b. Jaryd asked about whether the new proposed rate for the fire services is set or if we can vote on it.
  - c. Budget deliberations
    - i. General approved, Chad & Julie
    - ii. Sewer approved, Amanda & Bev
- 10. By-laws:
- 11. Public Delegations (not listed as Delegation): above.
- 12. Adjournment at 8:57pm, moved by Jaryd and seconded by Kevin.

Next regular Council Meeting:

March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.