

Minutes - Community of Miltonvale Park Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday April 24, 2007 4:30 p.m.

Community Office – Winsloe Lions Hall

Present: Chair Don Aitken, Councillors Gail Ling, George Piercey, Sheila MacKinnon, Betty Pryor, Brian Andrew
Administrator: Shari MacDonald

Regrets: Joe Murphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aiken called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Motion 07-69: Moved by Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor George Piercey, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Councillor Ling declared a conflict of interest regarding item 6. (e) ii. Parks Needs - Refrigerator.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2007

Motion 07-70: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila McKinnon, that the minutes of the March 27, 2007 Regular Meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a). **EMO Update** -- **Motion 07-71: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, that the Community of Miltonvale Park send one person to the Emergency Measures Organization training on May 22 - 24th, 2007.** Motion carried.

Chair Aitken hopes to be able to attend.

b). **Community Pasture Committee** -- George Piercey, committee chair, has obtained a map of the area and is still seeking a resident to sit on the committee.

c). **Taking Stock Workshop** -- No one from Council attended this workshop.

d). **Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) Annual Meeting** -- The community was represented by George Piercey, Gail Ling and Shari MacDonald. Highlights included an emphasis on municipalities considering heritage (with respect to buildings, culture, and tourism), rural governance (and the possibility of future rural amalgamation).

Both the motions previously circulated, relating to a four year term of office for councils and net metering of electricity bills, were approved by the FPEIM members. Ivan Gallant, Mayor of Kensington, was elected the new President of the FPEIM. The timing of payments of taxation by the province to the municipalities was discussed and the possibility of 1/12 monthly payments was introduced. Council noted this might be a possible resolution for a future FPEIM meeting.

e). **Web site** - The committee will meet prior to the next regular council meeting.

f). **Meeting Time** -- It was decided to continue meeting at the 4:30 p.m. time slot.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors reviewed the list of circulated correspondence received since the March 27, 2007 meeting, and acted upon the following:

a). **FPEIM Sponsorship - Motion 07-72: Moved by Councillor George Piercey, seconded by Councillor Betty Pryor to purchase a \$100 sponsorship ad in the FPEIM 50th anniversary supplement to be published in the Guardian May 9, 2007.** Motion carried

b). **High Speed Internet** -The administrator will write a letter to Aliant and Eastlink inquiring about the possibility of high-speed Internet in the rural areas of the community, and possible timelines for its introduction.

c). **Municipal World Magazine – Motion 07-73: Moved by Councillor Betty Pryor, seconded by Councilor Gail Ling, that Council purchase an annual subscription of the magazine Municipal World at a cost of \$149.** Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a). **Finance/Payment of Accounts**

Finance Chair Ling noted Councillors had received the balance statement to March 31, monthly income statements for January, February, and March and a comparative income statement for the first quarter of the year, as well the corresponding Simply Accounting Journal entries.

Motion 07-74: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Brian Andrew, that the March financial statements be approved, including the payment of March's remittances to the Receiver General. Motion carried.

Motion 07-75: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, that the contract wages due to the Development Officer, totaling \$700 as of April 23, be paid. Motion carried.

Motion 07-76: Moved by Councillor Betty Pryor, seconded by Councillor Sheila Mackinnon, that Council purchase wall file racks, a bank deposit stamp, a door prize for the FPEIM meeting, and a digital camera, and investigate costs for the following: mailbox, office signage, and community signage. Motion carried.

It was noted that the electric bill remains high. Chair Aitken will shut off the heat in the shelter for the season. It was suggested that weather stripping around the door may improve energy costs.

Motion 07-77: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila McKinnon, that the April expenses totaling \$6921.23 be paid (FPEIM membership and meeting, accountants, electricity, rent, advertising, wages and bursaries, as noted in the Administrator Report).
Motion carried.

b). Personnel

The personal committee will meet with the Administrator prior to next regular council meeting for her six month evaluation. If Councillors have any concerns about the performance of the Administrator, please e-mail Councillor Ling before May 8, 2007.

c). Planning Board

i). **RFP** - Councillor Pryor circulated a revised RFP for the Official Plan/Community Sustainability Plan/Strategic Plan, which Council accepted.

Motion 07-78: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, that a notification advertisement concerning the RFP be placed in the Guardian newspaper on two occasions. Motion carried

ii). **Hurry Property** - Informal discussions continue about the possibility of a subdivision on the Hurry property.

d). **Water and Sewer Committee** - Councillor Pryor, in preparation for a planned community meeting regarding water and sewer, has been investigating utilities. Consultant Kelly Galloway has been involved with the communities of Brackley and Victoria is willing to meet with Council to further discuss our options, such as establishing our own utility. Funding may be available for "green" systems, or prototypes. Councillor Pryor will arrange a meeting with the consultant.

e). Parks and Recreation

i). **Park Use Policies** - The committee will review comments on the policy for the Shelter and Ball Field Use Policy and prepare revisions for the next council meeting. They will also investigate a tendering process for a caretaker, which could be advertised in the next community newsletter. The cost of a caretaker would ideally have no net cost to Council, but be funded from rental revenue.

Councillor Ling, citing possible conflict of interest, left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ii). **Refrigerator** -- The Parks and Recreation committee surveyed five appliance stores and recommended the purchase of an unused fridge, approximately 1 year of age, from John Coles.

Motion 07-79: Moved by Councillor Sheila McKinnon, seconded by Councillor George Piercey, that Council purchase an 18.3 ft.³ refrigerator from John Coles, to be delivered at a total cost of \$700. Motion carried.

Councillor Gail Ling returned to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

f). **Report from Staff** - Development Report - Concern was raised regarding the possible issuing of an excavation permit by the province and Councillors were encouraged to consider the possibility carefully.

Concern was also raised about a resident who owns over 25 acres of land, but was not able to receive approval for an additional accessory building. It is hoped that the upcoming official plan review and new bylaws will take this situation into account.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a). **FPEIM Annual Meeting Highlights** - Previously discussed.

b). **Other** - Concern was raised about vehicles speeding on the Royalty Road. The administrator will convey these concerns to the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and recommend that another 60 km/hr sign be posted along the road.

8. NEXT MEETING DAY

Motion 07-80: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Brian Andrew, that the next regular monthly meeting be held on May 29th, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 07-81: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Brian Andrew, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 6:50 p.m.

Chair

Administrator

May 29, 2007

Date Approved