

**Minutes**  
**Town of Three Rivers**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

September 9, 2019  
Lower Montague Community Centre

Members Present: Mayor Ed MacAulay, Councillor Wayne Spin, Deputy Mayor Debbie Johnston, Councillor John MacFarlane, Councillor Jane King, Councillor Alan Munro, Councillor Gerard Holland, Councillor Ronnie Nicholson, Councillor Cameron MacLean, Councillor David McGrath, Councillor Cindy MacLean, Councillor Cody Jenkins, Councillor Isaac MacIntyre

Staff Present: CAO Jill Walsh, Planning & Development Officer Gary Smith

Others Present: 21 public, 1 media

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacAulay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He thanked everyone for coming out after Hurricane Dorian and expressed gratitude for everyone's safety. He welcomed Gary Smith, Planning and Development Officer.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By** Councillor McGrath

**Seconded By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

That the agenda be amended to add item 8.6 - Development Report for Lower Montague and approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-240)**

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was none.

**4. Adoption of Minutes of August 12, 2019, Regular Council Meeting**

**Moved By** Councillor Spin

**Seconded By** Councillor Cameron MacLean

that the minutes of August 12, 2019, Regular Council meeting, be approved as written.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-241)**

**5. Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input**

Mr. Rick Gibbs addressed Council in support of the pedestrian bridge project.

Mr. Tom MacLeod, speaking as a private citizen, addressed Council in support of the priorities established by previous Councils that came forward into amalgamation.

Ms. Heather MacLean addressed Council about the importance of public input.

Mr. Doug Feeney asked about disposal of trees and branches knocked down by the tropical storm.

Mr. Merrill Scott spoke about the draft remuneration bylaw and the waterfront pavilion.

**5.1 Public Input re: Re-zoning of PID 787085 on John Beer Drive from R-1 to R-2**

There was no public input for this item.

**6. Decision re: Re-zoning of PID 787085 on John Beer Drive**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicholson

Be it resolved that PID 787085 on John Beer Drive be re-zoned from R-1 to R-2.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-242)**

**7. Discussion Item from Committee of Council--Waterfront Improvements Project**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

that Council execute the funding agreement for the entire project and proceed to tender.

In favour: Councillors McGrath, Spin, Deputy Mayor Johnston, Councillors Holland, MacFarlane, Nicholson, Cameron MacLean

Opposed: Councillors Jenkins, Munro, King, MacIntyre, Cindy MacLean

**Motion Carried (19-243)**

Councillor Spin left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

**8. Reports**

**8.1 RCMP Report**

Cst. Bob Honkoop presented the report.

**8.2 Auditor's Report--Mr. Dennis Carver**

The report was presented by Mr. Jarret MacPhee.

**Moved By** Councillor Nicholson

**Seconded By** Councillor Jenkins

that the March 31, 2019, Financial Report be accepted as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-244)**

**8.3 Montague Sewer & Water Corporation Report**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

Whereas the Town of Three Rivers- Montague Water/Wastewater treatment plant requires upgrades to increase its storage capacity for sludge to maintain efficient operations and meet environmental guidelines,

And whereas Engineering and Construction are required to complete this upgrade to the Sludge handling,

Therefore be it resolved that The Town of Three Rivers apply for 50 percent of the project cost to be received from the Municipal Strategic Gas Tax Fund, 40% from Direct Allocation Gas Tax 2019-20, and the final 10 percent funded from the Montague Sewer Corporation. The estimated total project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 and construction is to be completed by late July 2020.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-245)**

**8.4 Georgetown Planning Board Report**

**Moved By** Councillor Jenkins

**Seconded By** Councillor Munro

Be it resolved that a 5.8% variance be granted on the Development Permit Application for PID 170126, 14 Richmond Street, and the application be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-246)**

**8.5 CAO Report**

**8.5.1 Appointment of Development Officer**

**Moved By** Councillor Cameron MacLean

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

Be it resolved that Gary Smith be appointed Development Officer of the Town of Three Rivers, with authority to administer the applicable zoning bylaws in the former Rural Municipalities of Lower Montague and Brudenell and the former

Towns of Montague and Georgetown, effective September 10, 2019, and that all previous appointments of Development Officers are hereby revoked.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-247)**

## **8.5.2 Approval of ICIP Funding Agreements**

### **8.5.2.1 Three Rivers Montague Waterfront Improvements**

It was agreed that the matter had been dealt with under item 7.

### **8.5.2.2 Three Rivers Cardigan Ballfield Lights and Upgrades**

**Moved By** Councillor King

**Seconded By** Councillor MacIntyre

that the Town of Three Rivers accept and execute the ICIP Funding Agreement for \$393,692.25 for the Three Rivers Cardigan Ballfield Lights and Upgrades.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-248)**

### **8.5.2.3 Three Rivers Georgetown Zamboni**

**Moved By** Councillor Nicholson

**Seconded By** Councillor Jenkins

that the Town of Three Rivers accept and execute the ICIP Funding Agreement for \$86,632.06 for the Three Rivers Georgetown Zamboni.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-249)**

## **9. Requests for Decision from Committee of Council Meeting**

### **9.1 Request for Decision 19-35--Municipal Tax Incentive Program**

**Moved By** Councillor MacFarlane

**Seconded By** Councillor Cameron MacLean

that Grants Bylaw Amendment No. 1, Bylaw 2019-12, be read a second time.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-250)**

**Moved By** Councillor King  
**Seconded By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

that Grants Bylaw Amendment No. 1, Bylaw 2019-12, be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-251)**

**Moved By** Councillor Cindy MacLean  
**Seconded By** Councillor Nicholson

that Grants Bylaw Amendment No. 1, Bylaw 2019-12, be adopted.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-252)**

**9.2 Request for Decision 19-39--Provincial Enforcement of Unsightly Properties Act**

**Moved By** Councillor Holland  
**Seconded By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

that the following motion be taken from the table

that the Province be requested to take the necessary steps under the Provincial Unsightly Properties Act to address the property at 444 Rte. 17.

**Motion Rescinded**

**9.3 Request for Decision 19-42--Remuneration Bylaw**

**Moved By** Councillor MacFarlane  
**Seconded By** Councillor Cameron MacLean

that Remuneration Bylaw 2019-10, as presented by the Commission, be read a first time.

**Moved By** Councillor Jenkins  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

that the motion be amended to read: Remuneration Bylaw 2019-10 be amended as follows: in paragraph 6.1, replace \$20,700 with \$10,702; in paragraph 6.3, replace \$11,800 with \$8,976; in paragraph 6.4, replace \$10,300 with \$7,181, and be read a first time.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Johnston, Councillors McGrath, Jenkins, MacIntyre, and Cindy MacLean.

Opposed: Councillors Holland, King, Nicholson, Cameron MacLean, MacFarlane and Munro.

**Amendment Defeated**

In favour: Councillors MacFarlane, Cameron MacLean, McGrath, Deputy Mayor Johnston

Opposed: Councillors Jenkins, Munro, Holland, King, Cindy MacLean, Nicholson, MacIntyre.

**Motion Defeated**

**Moved By** Councillor Holland

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicholson

that Remuneration Bylaw 2019-10 be amended as follows: in paragraph 6.1, replace \$20,700 with \$15,000; in paragraph 6.3, replace \$11,800 with \$8,200; in paragraph 6.4, replace \$10,300 with \$5,100, and be read a first time.

In favour: Councillors Holland, King, MacIntyre, Cindy MacLean, Nicholson, Munro, Jenkins

Opposed: Councillors McGrath, Cameron MacLean, MacFarlane and Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Motion Carried (19-253)**

**Moved By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

**Seconded By** Councillor MacIntyre

that Remuneration Bylaw 2019-10, as amended, be approved.

In favour: Councillors Holland, King, MacIntyre, Cindy MacLean, Nicholson, Munro, Jenkins

Opposed: Councillors McGrath, Cameron MacLean, MacFarlane and Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Motion Carried (19-254)**

#### **9.4 Request for Decision 19-44--Montague Splash Park**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Seconded By** Councillor Nicholson

Be it resolved that a Montague Splash Pad ad-hoc committee, to be comprised of three members of Council, be established with terms of reference as follows:

- consider the options and other considerations presented in the report presented August 26, 2019 and recommend a course of action;
- recommend the most appropriate location; and
- consider and make a recommendation regarding whether a water re-circulation system should be installed on the splash pad.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-255)**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston  
**Seconded By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

that the mandate for the splash park ad-hoc committee include a deadline of November 12, 2019, for the committee to report back to council.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-256)**

**9.5 Request for Decision 19-45—Waterfront Pavilion**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston  
**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

That funding applications be submitted for the Waterfront Pavilion project and that the Town is prepared to contribute \$164,000 from the Town of Montague reserve fund.

**Moved By** Councillor Jenkins  
**Seconded By** Councillor King

That the motion be tabled.

**Motion to Table Carried Unanimously (19-257)**

**Motion Tabled**

**9.6 Request for Decision 19-46--Cardigan Fire Loan**

**Moved By** Councillor King  
**Seconded By** Councillor Munro

Be it resolved that the Town of Three Rivers authorize borrowing of \$316,000 from Provincial Credit Union at 3.19%, to be repaid in blended monthly installments until September, 2026, for the purpose of financing a fire truck (\$156,100) and re-financing an existing Village of Cardigan loan with the Province of PEI (\$159,900), and secured by this Borrowing Resolution. This amount will not cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-258)**

**9.7 Request for Decision 19-47--Administrative Offices Committee Recommendations**

**Moved By** Councillor Jenkins  
**Seconded By** Councillor Munro

Be it resolved that the following advertisement be placed in the Eastern Graphic and published on the Town's web site:

The Town of Three Rivers is seeking a response from property owners prepared to sell land in the former Town of Montague that meets the following mandatory requirements:

Minimum lot size for vacant property – 20,000 square feet

Minimum lot size for property with building(s) – 5,000 square feet

Minimum off-street parking – 15 spaces

Fully serviced

Property located on a major artery

Interested parties are asked to respond IN CONFIDENCE providing the following information:

- Property description (address and size)
- Description of building on site
- Availability date of property without encumbrances to title or lease agreements

Price will be discussed after determining the preferred site(s) that meet the qualifications.

The site will be considered for the new Administration Offices. The former Montague Town Hall site remains as a viable alternative.

Please respond in a sealed enveloped marked CONFIDENTIAL by no later than Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to:

Jill Walsh, CAO

24 Queens Road

P.O. Box 546

Montague, PEI C0A 1R0

admin@threeriverspei.com

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-259)**

**Moved By** Councillor Nicholson

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

Be it resolved that all regular Council meetings be held in the Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre and all Committee of Council meetings be held in the community room at King's Playhouse and by exception only, either meeting can be held at any other location provided it is advertised on the web site and all delegations notified in advance.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Johnston

**Seconded By** Councillor Munro

That the motion be tabled.

**Motion to Table Carried Unanimously (19-260)**

**Motion Tabled**



**10. Appointment of Montague Splash Pad Ad-Hoc Committee**

Mayor MacAulay appointed Councillor Munro, Councillor King, Councillor MacFarlane to the Ad-Hoc Committee. Mayor MacAulay to chair.

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Cindy MacLean

**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

that the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously (19-261)**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.



Jill Walsh

CAO



Edward MacAulay

Mayor