

Kingston Annual Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Dianne Murphy (acting chair)

Estelle Costello

Marj MacDonald (administrator)

Joe Dolphin

Linda Griffin

ABSENT:

Alan Miller (out of province)

The annual meeting was held at the Emyvale Rec Centre on March 15th with 14 residents in attendance.

Dianne welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced council, explained the setup & agenda for the meeting. She explained that when the annual meeting was adjourned another meeting would be opened to vote for a new councillor.

Valerie Docherty, MLA for the area, sent her regrets as she was ill and unable to attend but to forward any questions on to her and she would reply back to us.

Marj read the minutes from the previous annual meeting and these were past by Joe and seconded by Linda.

Committee reports were given by council and were as follows:

Dianne gave the chairperson's report. There were a number of committees formed over the past year such as website committee, planning committee, black fly committee & bursary committee. Meetings are held every second Tuesday of every second month at 7:00 p.m. at the Emyvale Rec Centre. Over the year we have had 1 councillor resign and the chair resign from the council. We will be holding a meeting to vote on a new councillor immediately following the meeting and in May we will vote for a new chairperson and possibly another councillor. We are not allowed to carry a surplus in our bank account according to Municipal Regulations and as we had approximately \$30,000 surplus in our bank account we made a \$25,000 payment on our loan for the APM centre. By doing this we took 7 years off the loan and saved \$19,141.49 in interest. The loan will be paid off in 2014 as opposed to the original date of 2021. The yearly payment of \$6,200 will be kept at the same amount. A one time donation of \$5,000 was also given to the Emyvale Rec centre for renovations. Overall we have had a very successful year and I would like to thank the council for all their efforts.

Dianne gave the report on the planning committee. This committee was formed in the spring of 2010 with Peter Williams & Dianne Murphy as co-chairs and Kimberlie Trainor, council chair as executive official member. In June/10 Kimberlie, Dianne & Peter attended a meeting of regional municipalities to discuss the potential for co-operation at a regional level for planning. There was a mixture of communities at the meeting some with planning boards already and some who are just looking into having a

planning board. There were a number of MLA's at the meeting. Some items discussed at the meeting were as follow:

- Communities who already have their own planning board
- Communities who don't have a planning board one will be prepared for them by the Provincial or Island wide planning board at some point in the future
- Government developing a land use plan for the island
- Funding available to communities to form their own planning board available through infrastructure.
- Planning is best done at local level.

In late summer a flyer was circulated to the community to outline what a community plan would include and provide some initial questions to allow resident to provide their comments & interests.

Fall/10 Peter resigned due to work and family priorities.

Nov/10 an application was submitted to the Capacity Building fund for funding to develop an official plan & bylaws.

Jan/11 We received preliminary approval for funding – 90% the cost up to a maximum of \$50,000 i.e. \$45,000 grant \$5,000 our share which has been included in 2011 proposed budget. This would provide for a planning consultant to work with our community to develop a plan & bi-laws. Any plan has to be approved by the majority of the community.

We now have a working committee of seven people, 3 council & 4 residents. We meet approximately once a month. Stephen Gould from New Haven/Riverdale was invited to our last meeting and he said they have had a plan since 1978 and a revision was done in 2010. The next step is to sign the agreement for funding and we have till July/11 to start the planning process. The planning could take up to 1 year or more.

Marj gave the auditors report from MRSB. It stated they audited the financial statements for our community and in their opinion everything was completed under the accepted accounting principals.

Linda gave the building report for the area. There were 13 building applications received for the year 2010 for the area.

Joe gave the bursary update stating 3 bursaries were given out of \$500.00 each. There was only 3 students applied and they all were accepted as follows: Neil Campbell, Dalton MacKenzie & Jenna MacDonald.

The update on the website was given by Joe in the absence of Alan Miller. In the early spring of 2010 the council made the decision to update and move forward with a new website. Price quotes were received from at least 3 different companies and the decision

was made to go with Your Digital Coach. The cost for the site & training was \$908.00. Alan is currently managing the site and if anyone would like info put on the site please contact Alan at alan.miller@bellaliant.net. The address of our new website is kingstoncc@pei.ca. Special thanks was given to Danny Lane for his help in setting up the original site.

Linda Griffin gave an update on the Black Fly. There were a few reports of the black flies being bad over the summer. This was explained saying it could have to do with the weather conditions and the time of year they can get out too start the procedure. Linda said she checked with Bug Busters and they are more than willing on coming back to redo any area and if anyone is having problems be sure to let he know and she will contact Bug Busters.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2011 budget was presented by Joe. A copy of the budget is attached.

It was decided that we would remove the bursaries from the budget for the upcoming year as according to municipal regulations we are not allowed to give out bursaries and interest from students has been decreasing.

A discussion was held on obtaining directors insurance & liability. Directors insurance would be obtained in case of a councillor being sued for something regarding an issue with council. Liability insurance will have to be obtained as well in order to start a planning process.

The question was asked if we are allowed to carry a surplus each year in our budget and the answer is no.

It was discussed and voted on the rate for taxes for the upcoming year and the result was the approval to raise taxes to \$0.14 per \$100.00 of assessment or 0.14%.

A question on what upkeep was going to be done on the Peters Road this year. This will be passed on to Valerie Docherty for a response.

The budget was approved line – by – line moved by Joe Dolphin and seconded by Linda Griffin.

The following motion was passed:

It is moved by Joe Dolphin and seconded by Estelle Costello that the Community of Kingston make an application to the Gas Tax Capacity Building of the Federal Gas Tax Program for funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to go towards the Community of Kingston Official Plan & Bylaws. The motion was approved.

It was moved Estelle Costello and seconded by Joe Dolphin to adjourn the meeting.

A special meeting was held on March 15th immediately following the annual meeting to vote for a new councillor.

Two names were put forth for voting. They were Marion Eudart & Dwight Thompson.

Dwight Thompson was the successful candidate.

Meeting adjourned.