

**Rural Municipality of Kingston**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting March 10, 2020**  
**Emyvale Recreation Center**

**Present:**

Chair Alan Miller  
Joe Dolphin  
Dwight Thompson  
Tom Coady  
Keith Boire  
Darlene MacDonald

**Also Present:**

Leonard Cusack  
Ken Docherty  
Wayne Gairns  
Mark MacKenzie  
One other Resident

**Administrator Dianne Dowling**

**Regrets:** Alan Holmes

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:04 PM.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:**

*"To approve the Agenda with amendments 1. Tax Rate declaration, 2. Building permit request's, 3. Complaint, 4. Bylaws to be approved."*

(M) Keith Boire

(S) Dwight Thompson

Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes of October, November, December, January, February meeting:**

Deferred

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**1. Budget presentation:**

Prior to passing the floor over to Councilor Coady to present the 2020-2021 budget Mayor Miller advised that Council has been approved under the Community Revitalization Program for Funding to install a propane generator at the Recreation Center. This will enable the Recreation Center to function as a warm-up area in the event of an emergency power outage. He continued

to explain that in order to accomplish this Council has entered into a lease agreement with the Emyvale Recreation Center Executive Committee. He also said it is Council's intent to apply for similar funding for the 4-H center in Kingston. He continued to explain that as part of the new MGA the Community must develop and Emergency Plan and a representative from EMO will attend the March meeting.

The Mayor then passed the floor over to Councilor Coady to present the 2020-2021 Budget. Councilor Coady presented the Budget line by line. A question was asked on the proposed tax revenue and it was explained that this is an estimate. There will be an adjustment at year end to balance to actual.

Being no further questions on the proposed Budget Councilor Coady then went on to present the five-year Capital Expenditure Plan.

A question was asked concerning any up-date on the internet service and Councilor Coady replied he has heard nothing yet.

Another comment was made about the allocation to the Ballfield and Mr. Gairns shared the estimate he had received concerning bringing the ballfield up to a playable condition. Mr. Gairns continued to say if the ballfield was upgraded Cornwall Minor Ball would utilize the field as part of their program. Mr. Garins also asked about getting a student for the summer and the Administrator replied that an application has been sent in for one Student job under the Federal program.

Being no further questions on the Budget and Capital projection Councilor Coady requested the Budget and Capital Expenditure Plan be approved as presented.

#### **MOTION**

*"To approve the 2020-2021 Budget and Capital Expenditure Plan as presented."*

(M) Keith Boire

(S) Joe Dolphin, Motion carried.

Councilor Coady explained that since the Budget is now approved the Tax Rate can remain the same as last year and requested a motion to this effect.

#### **MOTION:**

"To maintain the current tax rate for 2020-2021 at .15 cents per hundred dollars of assessment.

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Joe Dolphin, Motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. EMO:** Presentation at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilor Coady explained what the EMO preparation would entail.

**2. Ball Diamond:** Discussed earlier.

**3. Road Side Clean-up:** Leonard Cusack did a brief presentation on the need to organize a Road side clean-up in connection with the Women's Institute clean up on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cusack said he had spoken to a representative of the Women's institute and Island waste management. He said Garbage bags would be available on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and he volunteered to spearhead this initiative. Councilor Coady and Wayne Gairns also volunteered to sit on a committee to coordinate this initiative.

Council agreed to assist with funding a mail-out notice to resident's and host a small community BBQ.

**4. PERMIT APPLICATIONS:**

- 1. PID # 226712:** Application for construction of single family dwelling on this 30-acre parcel. Council discussed this in relation to the amendment to the SPA and how it would impact this property. Since this application is not for a lot severance and this is the existing parcel, Council determined, the amendment to the SPA would not impact development of this property.

**MOTION:**

*"To approve this application as submitted."*

(M) Joe Dolphin

(S) Dwight Thompson, Motion carried.

- 2. PID # 895193:** Application received for construction of a single family dwelling on Lot #6 in Kingswood Development. This application is deferred until the septic information is received.

- 3. PID # 226464:** Application for subdivision PID # Administrator noted a revised drawing was circulated leaving more space where the access to the requested severance. Since, there is no further issues with this application it preliminary approval was recommended.

**MOTION:**

*"To approve in principle the application from PID # to sever one lot from the existing parcel."*

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Keith Boire, Motion carried.

- 5. Complaint received:** Discussed this complaint received from the resident of 1715 Kingston Road and the Administrator was requested to draft a response letter and circulate to Council to review. Councilor Boire said he had forwarded an email to Councilors concerning the effects of burning green wood. The second issue was no permit was issued for this structure so Council has no information concerning if it would meet the bylaw setback regulations.

- 6. Update on the Climate Change meeting:** Noted that Council has received a billing related to this meeting in the amount of \$445.98. Noted that this payment will be deferred until the April meeting so as to review the motion from the October meeting.

- 7. Update on Generator Purchase:** The Mayor informed Council that the contract has been signed for the funding and this purchase is now fast tracked so as to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION:**

*“To appoint Mayor Miller and Councilor Boire to ensure the generator is installed by March 31<sup>st</sup>.”*

(M) Joe Dolphin

(S) Darlene MacDonald, Motion carried.

**8. Remuneration Bylaw:**

**MOTION:**

**“To give second reading and adoption to the Remuneration Bylaw.”**

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Darlene MacDonald, Motion carried

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM by Keith Boire.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling, Administrator