

Rural Municipality of Kingston
Regular Monthly meeting October 15th, 2019
Emyvale Recreation Centre

Action items highlighted in yellow:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Administrator Dianne Dowling
Adrian Desbarats, Resident
Joseph Rowledge, Province

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 the deletion of the presentation by Pam Montgomey as she will not be in attendance."

(M) Darlene MacDonald

(S) Keith Boire

Motion carried.

- 3. Update on Meeting with Clyde River Representatives:** The Mayor said that he plus 4 Councilors attended the meeting. He said from his perspective it would be a 2-3 year process to establish the new Municipality, so there is really no urgency. He went around the table to gather the opinions of Councilors and the overall census was that prior to taking any action the Council needs to have a response from the province as to what if anything is happening with the promise to revisit the MGA regulations. Over all everyone one was in agreement that Kingston would be able to meet all the requirements of the MCA except for the establishment of an office and the 20 hour per week payroll. The Major gave Mr. Desbarats a brief summary on the MGA.

MOTION:

"The Administrator is to forward a "thank you" letter to the CAO of Afton, Elizabeth Wilson, for the invitation to join the West River group. Indicating that at this time the Rural Municipality of Kingston will be gracefully declining the offer."

(M) Joe Dolphin

(S) Tom Coady,

Motion carried.

As a follow up to this the Administrator is to email the representatives from Clyde River to inform them that Council would like to organize a joint meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the MLA to ascertain the status of the MGA review. As it is Council's opinion that prior to making any commitment the status of the election promise to review the MGA needs to be determined.

4. **Presentation on Climate Change from resident Adrian Desbarats:**

5. **The Mayor gave the floor to Mr. Desbarats:**

Mr. Desbarats explained that his intent is to host a second community meeting to get the opinions of residents. The Mayor said he had done some research and had some names of individuals who could be included as presenters.

Robert Godfrey (Electricity/Energy Efficiency)

Erin Tayler – Manager of Water and Climate Change

Todd Dupris – Watershed management

A tentative date of this public meeting was discussed and it was decided to utilize the Emyvale Recreation Center. At this point Council offered to cover the cost of rental of the space.

It was noted that the meeting should establish a strategy to obtain concerns and collect ideas on what this community could do to combat climate change. Mr. Desbarats explained the concept of the Earth Ship Sustainability Company, who can be contracted to do a review and provide input into the established project. Adrian said he had approached this company in the past and he explained that they would be given a question on how to direct a community that wished to be more sustainable. Then they would do an assessment on what the guidelines would be and establish a schedule. A Councilor noted that Kingston is not unique so there should be a template available from a study already completed on a similar community.

Councilor Dolphin expressed his concern on establishing who is leading this role? IF the Council is to support this, or would this focus more toward individual residences. He added that if any of these initiatives involve funding from the Community it may trigger a tax increase and would need budget approval. Therefore Council needs to consider the financial impact of any initiative.

Councilor Dolphin went on to explain that individual projects taken on by home owners would be a more resident based focus, benefiting the individual homeowner, however establishing something like a solar farm that would be an economic model benefiting the community.

The Mayor suggested having a facilitator may be an asset at the meeting to coordinate ideas. Discussion focused on how to get the message out to residents and Adrian said he is prepared to do a community mail-out, the Council also mentioned taking advantage of the Recreation Center mail out list and posting on the Community website. Assisting Adrian with the costs of this meeting was discussed and setting a funding amount. Councilor Coady volunteered to contact the Recreation Center to have the meeting advertised on the sign in front of the Center.

MOTION:

“As this meeting on climate Change is intended to gauge Community support and interest the Council is authorizing an amount up to \$1,000.00 be allocated to assist with the cost of hosting this meeting.”

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Joe Dolphin,

Motion carried – (one Councilor abstained from voting on this motion)

At this point Adrian Desbarats left the meeting.

6. **Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2019 meeting:**

MOTION:

“To approve the minutes of the September meeting with noted correction to change the reference to “Ladies” to “representatives” and remove one duplicated word.”

(M) Keith Boire

(S) Alan Holmes

Motion Carried.

7. **Business arising from Minutes:**

1. **Signage:** The Administrator is authorized to order two more Kingston Signs and two Elmwood signs (They need to be a bit bigger than the last ones and reflective. These signs are to be installed in the spring.

3. **Update on CDC Discussion with Pam Montgomery:** Pam was unable to attend the meeting tonight the Administrator to organize another meeting maybe next Tuesday night, October 22, 2019.

6. **Community Planning:**

1. **Mr. Van Hul:** Nothing new to report

2. **Alan Miller:** Nothing new to report

3. **Alan Holmes:** Permit not picked up yet.

4. **Robert Sharkey:** Nothing new to report.

5. **2068 Kingston Road:** The Administrator noted the property has been purchased and she met with the new owner to explain the issues concerning the septic system. His request was he would like to establish a temporary electric hookup for the out building.

MOTION:

“As this individual is requesting an electrical hook up for an already existing building the Administrator is to write a letter that he can show to Maritime Electric to establish a temporary hook-up for the accessory building already on the property. This is not to be considered approval for construction of a new dwelling on the property.”

(M) Keith Boire

(S) Tom Coady

Motion carried.

6. **Rob MacLean:** 13 Quinn Road accessory building – Application not received – Administrator to write a letter to Mr. MacLean requesting an update on this file.

7. **Application for 1 lot subdivision 757 Peters Road:** Nothing to report.

7. **Finance Report:** Updated Budget circulated – Administrator will scan the Bank Statement and circulate.

One check needed for the Post office box rental \$ 194.35.

8. **Other Business:**

1. **Gas Tax Funding:** Joseph Rowledge joined the meeting to explain the proposed Gas tax funding project. He circulated two maps indicating the proposed expansion of the network and another map that incorporates the additional areas to be connected under the Rural Municipality of Kingston Gas Tax funding. He said the Province went out for proposals to increase access to Island residents and two proposals were

accepted as providing the best solutions. He said that the issue is Island households that could not access what is considered a minimum speed.

He then passed the floor over to Councilor Thompson who circulated the Funding proposal for the next 5 years of gas tax funding (Capital Investment Application) and some draft resolutions for Council to consider. Councilor Thompson explained that this is a one-time opportunity for Kingston to accomplish it's goal of enhancing the internet access for it's residents.

The following resolutions were tabled:

1. Resolution # 20-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston approves the policy for using Sole-source Suppliers.”

Moved by Councilor: Tom Coady

Seconded by Councilor: Darlene MacDonald,

Motion carried

2. Resolution: # 21-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston is authorized to submit a Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan Application with Bell Aliant to extend the fiber optic network build to some or all of the last-mile premises. Map with modifications is attached.”

Moved by Councilor: Joe Dolphin

Seconded by Councilor: Keith Boire

Motion approved.

3. Resolution: # 22-2019 – tabled and rescinded revised resolution tabled.

4. Revised Resolution: # 22-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston will contribute its Notional Allocation of Gas Tax funding from two funding cycles (2014-2018 and 2019-2024) to Bell Aliant as a contribution to extend the build of the fiber optic network in the Rural Municipality of Kingston to the majority of the last-mile premises as noted by Resolution 21-2019. The contribution (\$268,977.00) is the following:

- \$98,809.00 (2014-2018)
- \$170,168.00 (2019-2024)

The Rural Municipality of Kingston will not own or operate the Network.”

Moved by Councilor: Tom Coady

Seconded by Councilor: Joe Dolphin

Motion approved.

5. Resolution: # 24-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston is authorized to enter into funding agreements and contracts related to extending the build of the fiber optic network in the Rural Municipality of Kingston to some or all of the last-mile premises as noted by Resolution 21-2019.”

Moved by Councilor: Tom Coady

Seconded by Councilor: Joe Dolphin

Motion approved.

6. Resolution: # 25-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston is authorized to establish a line of credit or a loan to provide cash flow for implementing the project. The maximum amount to be borrowed is \$220,000.00.”

Moved by Councilor: Keith Boire

Seconded by Councilor: Joe Dolphin

Motion approved.

7. Resolution: # 26-2019

Be it resolved that:

“The Rural Municipality of Kingston approves the Capital Investment Plan Application – GT-DA-CIP - as circulated and submits this application for the Fibre-to-the-premises- building the last mile in Kingston project.

This project is approved as the number one priority for the Rural Municipality of Kingston.”

Moved by Councilor: Joe Dolphin

Seconded by Councilor: Tom Coady

Motion approved,

2. Council Procedures Bylaw: The Administrator noted this final version has been circulated and asked if Council are ready to approve second reading and adoption of this Bylaw.

MOTION:

“To approve second reading and adoption of the Council procedures Bylaw as circulated.”

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Darlene MacDoanld

Motion carried.

9. Adjournment:

Motion:

“Being there no further business to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm”

(M) Keith Boire

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling Administrator

Follow-up:

- Administrator to arrange for the Meeting with Pam Montgomery and to reserve the Recreation Center
- Administrator to follow up with Adrian concerning the climate change meeting and arrange to reserve the Recreation Center.
- The Administrator is to contact the signage company and order the four new Community signs.
- Councilor Coady to arrange for the Climate Change meeting to be posted on the Recreation center sign.
- Administrator to request the climate change meeting notice be posted on the Community website and request the notice of the meeting to be sent out to the Recreation center mail out list.
- Administrator to forward a thank you note to the CAO of Afton, for the offer to join the West River Amalgamation group.
- Administrator to send a follow up note to the Clyde Rivrer representatives