

Rural Municipality of Kingston

Regular Monthly Meeting January 12, 2021

Emyvale Recreation Center at 7 PM

Present:

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

Administrator Dianne Dowling

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Miller.

1. Approval of Agenda as circulated:

Motion:

“to Approve the Agenda with addition of items # 3 High Speed internet and # 4 Discussion on the 4-H club generator under other Business” (M) Darlene MacDonald (S) Dwight Thompson, Motion carried

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 2020 meeting.

Motion:

“To approve the minutes with two noted corrections” (M) Alan Holmes (S) Tom Coady, Motion carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. **SPA Amendment:** There has been no further communications from the Province. The Administrator noted she had spoken with the John Dewey from the Federation of Pei Municipalities on this and had forwarded the documentation on the exclusion to the SPA that Kingston and other like Communities incorporated within their Official Plan. She has heard nothing back after sending this information.
2. **Signage:** Signs are installed and thanks to Councilor Tom Coady for taking on this project.
3. **High Speed internet:** The front page of today’s Guardian was circulated showing a resident of Emyvale discussing the improvement in internet service. The Mayor indicated he has had on going discussions with MP Wayne Easter concerning the Kingston Project and has been assured that the application is on the top of the list to be dealt with, however no date for this is confirmed. He continued to say Mr. Easter is going to touch base with the Province to ensure the funds are secure. Councilor Boire noted that a Bell representative showed up at his door trying to sell wireless communications. The Mayor indicated that there will be a

conference call next week with Bell to get more information on the status of the Communities project. Councilor Thompson also noted that Bell is coming in under budget and they are looking to get their agreement amended to include the CRTC share. It was noted it would be helpful if a map was to be circulated showing where Phase 1 and Phase 2 are designated. The mayor commented that this project has become more difficult since Joe Rowledge left the Province and indicated that maybe Kingston could employ Mr. Rowledge to oversee the Kingston project.

4. **4-H Generator:** The mayor indicated he had a discussion with Robert Holmes, who is the contact for the 4-H club building. Mr. Holmes is interested in moving forward with the generator installation and entering into a lease agreement. The Mayor indicated he will be meeting with Mr. Holmes on January 25th to discuss the proposal and answer any questions he may have. Noted that we are too late to submit this application for funding for 2021-2021 so it will need to be included in the 2021-2022 budget. There will be more information provided at the February meeting.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING:

1. **Application for a one lot subdivision on PID # 219659.** Administrator noted a letter indicating preliminary approval has been sent out. However, due to winter conditions the lot categorization cannot be completed until spring. The Administrator has spoken to Mr. Gass and indicated he could contact the Province to check the sight distance for the proposed access any time.
2. The planner Michael Olubiyl was unable to attend this meeting the Mayor will continue to correspond with him.

5. FINANCE REPORT:

1. **Updated Budget:** Budget was circulated indicating the grant received in the amount of \$ 23,237.00. Administrator noted this funding was provided to offset revenues lost due to Covid 19.
2. One Payable for Your Digital Coach for 28.75 to update the web site, adding minutes up until October.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. OFFICIAL PLAN:

At this time, Council began discussions on the Official Plan review. Councilor Boire had emailed a document prior to this meeting itemizing some areas of concern.

The Mayor asked if there were any suggestions of big picture items that Council wanted to include in the discussions.

Some suggestions were:

1. More opportunities for Recreation activities for residents, such as a walking trail.

2. Reviewing the approach to density in the current document. Is there a better way to control density besides the current Policy # PR-04 which regulates the number of new entrance ways that can be created depending on road frontage.
3. Reviewing the current cottage restriction Policy # PR- 08. Discussed the definition of a “cottage” and noted the only difference is the quality of the shared road, as the Province is obligated to maintain access year-round to a dwelling, where as a “cottage” has no such benefits. Because of this the property owner’s is responsible for maintaining the year-round access to the property for such things as snow removal, garbage collection, mail delivery and school bus.
4. Is the restriction of 5 lots per parcel too restrictive or should it be more flexible?
5. Are panhandle lots more desirable for infill or cluster purposes or should they continue to be restricted as per policy # PR-04?

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM by Tom Coady and Keith Boire.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling, Administrator