

**Rural Municipality of Kingston**

**Budget Presentation Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Emyvale Recreation Center at 7 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Administrator Dianne Dowling**

**Resident Leonard Cusack**

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

**1. Approval of Agenda as circulated:**

**Motion:**

*"to Approve the Agenda"* (M) Tom Coady (S) Keith Boire, Motion carried

**2. Approval of Minutes of the March 2020 Budget meeting**

**Motion:**

*"To approve the minutes of the March 2020 Budget presentation Meeting"* (M) Tom Coady (S) Darlene MacDonald, Motion carried.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

1. **Roadside Clean up and BBQ** – Noted this event was cancelled due to Covid – 19
2. **Complaint Received** – Noted this issue has been resolved.
3. **Generator Update** – generator has been installed.

**4. Chairs Report:** Mayor Miller gave a brief review of the past years highlight's.

1. It has been one year since the Pandemic was declared.
2. The EMO Presentation finally happened last week. Cindy MacDougall attended the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and provided all the information required to go forward with creating a Emergency Plan. He mentioned that now Council has the information the Plan should be able to be completed prior to the deadline of December 31, 2021.
3. The most negative thing Council has dealt with in the past year has been dealing with the amendment to the Special Planning Areas. He said Council still has not received a response as to Kingston's conformity with the new regulations. He continued that Kingston has contracted the services of a Bylaw Officer Michael who will oversee all the development applications and ensure compliance.

4. High speed internet is going forward and all residents with a phone number beginning in 675 will have access to high-speed internet.
5. A donation was made to the Ball field committee and they were successful in getting matching funds to upgrade the ballfield.

**5. FINANCE REPORT:**

1. **Budget Presentation:** Council Coady presented the Draft 2021-2022 Budget line by line and asked if there were any questions. A question was asked about the plans for the surplus. Mayor Miller explained that currently the reserve fund is being carried to allow cash flow for the High-Speed internet Project. He noted that there is a Municipal component to this cost which is tied into the Gas Tax Funding for the next three years. Therefore, will be a annual shortfall until all the Gas Tax Funds are received.
2. Mr. Cusack noted that the Ballfield still needs to be surveyed as there is some issues as to where the property lines actually are located.

Being no further discussion Councilor Coady requested approval of the 2021-2022 Operational Budget and Capital Projection.

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Joe Dolphin,

Motion carried.

3. Approval of 2021-2022 Tax rate: Motion that the Tax rate for the Rural Municipality of Kingston remain the same as last year at fifteen cents per hundred dollars of assessment.

(M) Tom Coady

(S) Joe Dolphin, Motion carried.

**6. PLANNING APPROVALS:**

2020-2021 Planning approvals we circulated. Mayor Miller noted that all indications are that Construction will be up this year. He also said this is the first year where PEI construction will need to adhere to the National Building Code.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **OFFICIAL PLAN:** Mayor Miller noted that Council had one evening session on the Official Plan and asked if the group would like to schedule an additional meeting in April. Discussion followed and Keith suggested that Council review the updated draft circulated and if there are no issues submit that to the Province so Kingston would then be in compliance. Following this a committee would be formed to review the Plan and the Bylaws together as there is no mandate to review the bylaws under any time frame. The Administrator is to recirculate the Draft Plan.
2. **EMO:** Mayor Miller update the group on what is required for the creation of an emergency plan, noting the first item would be to adopt a bylaw giving Council the authority to create a Plan. Mr.

Cusack asked how residents would be informed of the warm-up center in the event of an emergency. Mayor Miller replied that it was Council's intent to do a press release informing residents of the generator purchase and the availability of the warm up center. He also said that Council is looking for volunteers to fill the positions required in the emergency plan. Councilor Coady volunteered to chair the committee. The Administrator is to re circulate the information provided by Cindy MacDougall.

3. **Under Sized Lots:** Noted that the lot on the corner of the Eliot River Road and the Riverdale road went up for tax sale. The Administrator noted the missed opportunity of clearing that lot to make the site distance better coming out of the Greenbay road. Councilor MacDonald said she always afraid this intersection when she was driving the bus. The Council requested the Administrator write a letter to the Minister expressing Council's concern over this intersection and to add that there have been complaints about the condition of the Eliot River Road.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by Dwight and Keith

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling, Administrator