

**Rural Municipality of Kingston**

**Regular Monthly Meeting May 11<sup>h</sup>, 2021**

**Emyvale Recreation Center at 7 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Administrator Dianne Dowling**  
**Wayne Gairns, Resident**  
**Willard Horne, Resident**  
**Garth Carragher, Resident**  
**Leonard Cusack, Resident**  
**Shawn McIver**  
**Derek French, On behalf of Mr. Horne**  
**And seven other residents.**

**Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Mayor Miller.**

*As no Covid-19 operational plans had been completed for this meeting. Prior to beginning the meeting, the Mayor confirmed with Mr. Cusack as to the capacity of the center under the Covid – 19 regulations. He had indicated that the maximum capacity was 30 people and since the gathering is under that maximum the meeting could continue.*

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

**Motion:**

*“to Approve the Agenda as circulated with the addition of discussion on Westwood Hills.” (M)  
Darlene MacDonald (S) Alan Holmes, Motion carried.*

- 2. Approval of Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting.** *“To approve the minutes of the April meeting with noted corrections.”* Motion: (M) Keith Boire (S) Tom Coady,  
Motion carried.

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

**1. EMO BYLAW:**

At this time Councilor Coady advised that the Community has funding to hire one student for the summer and asked if anyone in the crowd has any suggestions. He indicated the student must be post-secondary and the wages would be \$14.00 per hour plus mileage.

**MOTION:**

“To give second reading and adoption to the EMO Bylaw as circulated (M) Tom Coady (S) Joe Dolphin, Motion carried.

The Administrator will do up a completed copy for signatures.

Tom Coady confirmed he has been searching for student and will advise when he finds a student interested in the position. He also noted that the Community will need volunteers to put forward their names to assist in an emergency. The Council is hoping that two warming centers one here at the Rec center and the second at the 4-H club building.

2. **Ballfield Update:** Wayne Gairns circulated an update on the progress of the Emyvale Ballfield he said the ballfield will be used by Cornwall Minor Ball Program this summer. He also has applied for funding for the walking track and has gotten an estimate. If funding is approved the \$5,000.00 in the capital budget could be utilized to assist with this project.
3. **High Speed internet:** Dwight updated Council saying the project is now moving forward. All contracts have been signed and he will update Council on issuing a press release.
4. **COMMUNITY PLANNING:**
  1. Report attached from Micheal.
5. **FINANCE REPORT:**
  1. Report attached.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **OFFICIAL PLAN:** Nothing new to report – only thing left to be completed are the planning changes as per the SPA and that can not be completed until confirmation is received from the Province as to the impact of the amendment. Council Boire said one item needing further discussion is the septic requirements.
2. **WESTWOOD HILLS PHASE 2:** At this point the Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Horne to enlighten Council as to his purpose in attending the meeting. Mr. Horne Stated that his request is for Council to consider a variance for the 14 remaining lots left to be approved in Phase 2. The Mayor upon reviewing the regulations indicated that the regulations concerning variances id petty specific and is limited to 10% and this would exceed 10% by a great deal. Councilor Boire clarified that an application or request for variance has not been b\submitted to Council. He further continued that all correspondence to date has been between Mr. Horne and The Provincial authority. Mr. Horne clarified that the issue is the Province failed to include Phase 2 as an exception to Official Plan and bylaws and said it is his understanding that a variance is the best possible solution to this problem. The mayor said that Council has not received clarification concerning the approval status of Phase 2 prior to the date of approval of the Community’s Official Plan and Bylaws. At this point Derek French pointed out that the map submitted with the Official Plan for approval outlined these lots.

Councilor Boire interjected that the option given to the Province at one time was to relinquish subdivision approval for that area of Westwood so the Province could approve the lots and then the Municipality would then issue any required development permits. He noted that this would remove any liability from the Municipality should problems arise, he indicated that suggestion was declined by the Province. Currently Phase 2 the was it was submitted would contradict the Municipalities Official Plan and Bylaws and there is the concern about any long-term liability for any water/septic issues that may arise.

Mr. Horne made a passionate statement in that it was his goal to finish what he started and see this subdivision completed. He said it is a very appealing development and he is very proud of what he has accomplished.

The Mayor said he did indicate to the Province the willingness to review any new information and volunteered to contact the Deputy Minister to clarify the Provinces position.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm by Tom Coady.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling, Administrator