

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022  
6:30 P.M. – OLD SCHOOL

Present: Acting Mayor Pat Smith  
Councillors Eric Gilbert, Richard LaGrange, Jean McCardle, Susan Oxley  
FAA Marsha Empson  
CAO Keith Dewar

Absent: Councillor Marly Anderson

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Pat Smith at 6:29 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

***Motion moved to accept the agenda.***

***Motion moved by councillor Jean McCardle, seconded by councillor Eric Gilbert.***

***Motion carried unanimously (4 votes for, 0 against).***

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Approval of Minutes (August 8, 2022)

***Motion moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 regular council meeting.***

***Motion moved by councillor Richard LaGrange, councillor Susan Oxley seconded the motion.***

***Motion carried unanimously (4 votes for, 0 against).***

Public Presentation

- Presentation by Martin Ruben on behalf of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown regarding the green space in Dunrovin Shores subdivision.
  - Martin introduced himself as the Vice President of the Charlottetown club, and shared that their motto focuses on serving others above self. The club raises funds through various fundraising efforts, the main one being radio bingo, which brings in ~\$500,000/yr. This money helps to fund programs at local, national and international levels. The intention of this presentation was to see if there was interest within council to apply for fundraising through the rotary to upgrade the green space at Dunrovin Shores. Martin shared examples of how the area could be improved and encouraged council to present some ideas. Council discussed various projects that would be beneficial. It was noted that any plans should consider the current usage and maintenance costs. \$150,000 - \$200,000 could potentially be available from the radio bingo fund, which takes in money island wide, and therefore the club chooses to give back island wide, hence Victoria being invited to collaborate with the club.
    - **Action item** – council to provide list of improvement ideas for consideration at October council meeting.

***Motion moved that RMV agrees to associate with the Rotary Club of Charlottetown to improve the Dunrovin Shores green space.***

***Motion moved by councillor Jean McCardle, seconded by councillor Susan Oxley.***

***Motion carried unanimously (4 votes for, 0 against).***

***Resolution #2022-46***

## Business Arising from Minutes

- Motions and Action Items list – No questions or discussion.
- MSS Update – letter forthcoming from the mayor regarding facilitated session with MRSB that will be held on September 15, 2022. An agenda will also be provided. Focus will be on assets and financial items. Final decisions are not expected to be made at this session.
  - **Action item** – provide acting mayor’s letter and session agenda to council.
- Emergency Measures Operations Plan and Fire Services Bylaw – deferred.
- Replacement of CAO – CAO indicated that he had a phone conversation with Municipal Affairs in regards to multiple communities in need of a part time CAO. MA indicated that they may be able to assist in bringing communities together to solve this problem. As a result of this conversation a job ad was never placed so that discussion could be had with council. Questions were raised about the impact of having no CAO. It was also questioned who would hold interviews if applicants responded to an ad.
  - **Action item** – Acting Mayor Pat Smith to contact Municipal Affairs to clarify questions and concerns of council regarding requirements to have a CAO and impact to municipality if one can not be secured. She will also inquire about the conversation had with the CAO regarding other communities who are experiencing the same issues.

## Acting Mayor’s Report

Provided by Acting Mayor Pat Smith. Full report is attached and forms part of these minutes.

## Fire Department Report

August report forthcoming.

## Committee Reports

Water & Sewer Report – no report. Committee is meeting before September 20 to discuss bridge repairs and IRAC billing increase.

- Progress Report from Water & Sewer Commission on the request to ensure that all properties are being billed properly – no updates.
- Water test results reviewed –no issues with results.

## Planning Board Report

- Provided by Acting Mayor Pat Smith. Full report is attached and forms part of these minutes. Council discussed the requirement of Derek French, Development Officer for RMV, to have Draft Official Plan 2022 legally reviewed. This led to discussion of when to hold next regular council meeting, currently scheduled for Thanksgiving Day.
  - **Action item** – obtain quote for costs of legal review of draft development bylaw.

***Motion moved to delay next regular council meeting to October 17, 2022.***

***Motion moved by councillor Eric Gilbert, seconded by councillor Richard LaGrange.***

***Motion carried (3 votes for, 1 against).***

***Resolution #2022-47***

## CAO Report

- Development Report – Planning Decisions Calendar 2022 is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- Financial Update – no financial report attached. CAO indicated that cash due to the municipality was transferred from Water & Sewer account to General account. Finances to date are as expected.

- Activities report – provided by CAO Keith Dewar. Full report is attached and forms part of these minutes. Discussed meeting that was hosted by AMAR, in August, that not all council members could attend.

#### Introduction of New Business

- None.

#### In/Out Correspondence

- Request for Provincial Proclamation of FASD Awareness Month – council reviewed email received and agreed to support the cause by having Mayor Pat Smith sign the proclamation.
  - **Action item** – Acting Mayor Pat Smith to sign proclamation.

***Motion moved to proclaim that RMV recognizes September 2022 as FASD Awareness Month.***

***Motion moved by councillor Eric Gilbert, seconded by councillor Jean McCardle.***

***Motion carried unanimously (4 votes for, 0 against).***

#### ***Resolution #2022-48***

- Breaking Barriers Together Association – email highlighting need for change of national police force and military reviewed, no action items.
- PEI Harm Reduction Services – email reviewed, public letter to be posted publicly.
  - **Action item** – Post PEI Harm Reduction Services public letter at post office and school house notice boards.
- RFP 5910 – email regarding refusal of retail liquor license reviewed, no action items.
- Municipal Administrative Support Program – email from Department of Fisheries and Communities reviewed, \$15,000 in funding potentially available for administrative costs.
  - **Action item** - Acting Mayor Pat Smith to follow up on process to obtain funds from Municipal Administrative Support Program.

#### Public Input

- A resident questioned if recent wharf issues was cause for raw sewage in the water at the wharf recently. She had been told by a tourist that there was sewage in the water. Municipal office was aware of issues that impacted the public washrooms, but no reports of raw sewage in the water have been reported to the municipal office.
- A resident questioned the time line for the 2022 Zoning and Subdivision (Development) Bylaw to undergo a legal review, and have zoning issues resolved. She indicated that she's been left in limbo until a decision has been made, and that she's been disrespected and targeted by council. It was suggested to possibly resolve zoning issues if acceptance of the plan will be delayed. Vote is currently deferred until after a legal review of the draft plan.
- A resident questioned if the Municipal Administrative Support Program was ongoing. Members of council were unsure and could not provide clarity.
- A resident stated that it was unfair to for council to have to make decisions without financial information to support.

No further public input.

***Motion moved to go in to an in-camera meeting.***

***Motion moved by Councillor Richard LaGrange, seconded by Councillor Susan Oxley.***

***Motion carried.***

Moved in to an in-camera meeting at 8:25 p.m.

***Motion moved to come out of an in-camera meeting.***

***Motion moved by Councillor Susan Oxley, seconded by Councillor Eric Gilbert.***

**Motion carried**

No other business discussed.

**Motion to adjourn. Motion moved by councillor Eric Gilbert.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.



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Submitted by CAO Keith Dewar



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Approved by Acting Mayor Pat Smith