



**Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, June 29, 2015**

*Commencing at 6:00 pm*

**Council Members Present:** Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy; Councillor Lennie White; Councillor Lynn MacDonald; Councillor Charlie Sutherland

**Town Employees Present:** CAO Kelly D. Rice; Recording Secretary Bev Heighton

**Regrets:** Mayor Roger MacKay

**Visitors Present:** A number of Westville residents

**Media Organizations Present:** The Advocate

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**1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Deputy Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Westville Council Chambers welcoming everyone in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the tentative agenda with additions. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 3.2 *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 4.1 Councillor White informed Council that he attended the Pictou County Pride week opening ceremony and signed the proclamation on behalf of Council. Councillor White received a copy of the proclamation and will give it to the office.

- 4.2 Councillor White asked if there was a by-law with regards to the use of fire pits or a nuisance by-law. CAO Rice informed Council she had not found any by-law pertaining to this but, she would continue to check.
- 4.3 Councillor MacDonald asked if there had been any new information with regards to the funding request for the Acadia Park Mural. CAO Rice informed Council that there would be more information coming.

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Expenditures Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried*
- 5.2 *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the 2015-2016 Budget as presented. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried*
- 5.3 *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the temporary borrowing resolution for the sidewalk plow. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried*

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 *Police - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.2 *Fire Report - It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor MacDonald complimented the Fire Department on the great job they did on the Seniors Evening.

Deputy Mayor Murphy on behalf of the Fire Department thanked the citizens for their support over the last few years. He formed the public that because of their support at a number of events, the Fire Department was able to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.

- 6.3 *Recreation Report - It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.4 *Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.5 *Environmental Health Report - It was moved by Councillor White to approve the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6.6 *Transportation Report – It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.*

Councillor Sutherland complimented Superintendent of Public Works, Sam Graham, on the Seniors Concert he performed at. Councillor MacDonald thanked Superintendent of Public Works Sam Graham for his work with the garden club.

Councillor White stated that the Public Works and Recreation Departments make a great team.

**6.7 Animal Control Report - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Animal Control Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.8 Building Report- *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Building Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***

**6.9 Glen Haven Manor Report**

Councillor White informed council that he attended the volunteer recognition dinner at the Summer Street Industries on June 25, 2015. He said this was a well attended event and he thanked the volunteers on behalf of the Town of Westville.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 Nova Scotia Government (Visitor Information Centre)**

CAO Rice read a letter from Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey in response to the letter the Town of Westville sent regarding the recent decision to close the Visitor Information Centre in Pictou. Minister Furey stated that the change in visitor patterns and decline of visitations at visitor information centres was why the decision was made not to re-open two provincial visitor information centres.

**7.2 Pictou County Seniors' Festival**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Seniors' Festival requesting support for this year's festival. The festival will be taking place August 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

*Councillor MacDonald made a motion to donate a \$100.00 to the Pictou County Seniors Festival. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.*

**7.3 Natural Resources**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Minister of Natural Resources in response to the Town of Westville's letter concerning the shortage of hardwood saw logs in Pictou County.

*Councillor MacDonald moved to ask Mayor MacKay to contact Groupe Savoie and see how the discussions are going with Port Hawkesbury Paper in regards to the hardwood sawlog supply agreement. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

**7.4 Thank You - Walk for ALS**

CAO Rice read a Thank You card to the Town of Westville for support of the 2015 Pictou County Walk for ALS.

**8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1 UNSM Conference Resolutions 2015**

CAO Rice asked Council to review the UNSM resolutions and let her know if there is anything they wish to add. CAO Rice informed Council that the deadline for response is Friday, August 14, 2015. Council decided to meet to review the resolutions.

- 8.2 Service Nova Scotia (Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division)**  
 CAO Rice read a letter from the Executive Director John R. MacDonald with regards to several changes to the Liquor Licensing Regulations. There are two proposals being put forward: Liquor in Eating Establishments and Removing Dry Areas and Plebiscites.
- 8.3 Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board**  
 CAO Rice reported the decision and order of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, dated June 18, 2015 confirms the size of Council will remain at a Mayor and four Councillors and they are to be elected at large.
- 8.4 Westville Curling Rink**  
 Councillor MacDonald informed Council that the Westville Curling Rink is in need of repairs. The province awarded \$8,000.00 towards these repairs. Council has made the decision that they will exempt the Westville Curling Rink from paying taxes, water and sewer. Council felt this was one way they could assist with the cost of the repairs.
- 8.5 Garden Club**  
 Councillor MacDonald gave a report on behalf of the Garden Club. She informed Council that the planting of the beds in the Town of Westville was complete. They completed work on a large bed in Acadia Park and are interested in working with the Town of Westville to purchase a new sign for Cowan Street. Councillor MacDonald thanked the Town of Westville and the Public Works Department for all their work and assistance. CAO Rice informed Council that she is working on getting a new design for both the Towns signs and a new flag.
- 8.6 Municipal Alcohol Review Board**  
 Councillor MacDonald informed Council that she is on the Municipal Alcohol Review Board. The role of the board is to look at how alcohol affects the people in their communities and to look at different ways they can assist with abuse of alcohol in the communities. One of the solutions that the different committees, festivals and the Review Board put together is to set up a joint effort with CHAD bus service to offer safe transportation from the festivals to prevent drinking and driving. They want people to attend these events, enjoy themselves and get home safely.

## 9. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Randy Langille – Temperance Street

Mr. Langille wondered when repairs would be done to Temperance Street. He complimented the Public Works Department on the work they have done but, Mr. Langille is concerned that the patches are making it unsafe. CAO Rice informed Mr. Langille that Temperance Street is on the list to be repaired and they are working on a report that will list streets needing repair and prioritize those repairs.

Doug Porter - South Main

Mr. Porter inquired about the Town signs. CAO Rice stated that she is working with a graphic designer and she will bring some designs to Council in the near future.

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 Morse Campbell – North Main

Mr. Campbell had a letter from Minister Mark Furey regarding Glen Haven Manor that was brought up at a previous meeting. Councillor White agreed that Mr. Campbell was correct regarding the letter.

Mr. Campbell was inducted into the ~~Pictou County~~ Sport Hall of Fame and he  
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encouraged everyone visit the facility.

## FINAL COMMENTS

Councillor Sutherland informed Council that the Railway Safety Meeting he attended was very informative.

Councillor Sutherland also complimented Pictou on going ahead with the development of their entrance. The Provincial Government is sharing the cost 50/50 on this development. Councillor Sutherland would like to see Westville make a proposal to assist Westville with their entrance as well.

CAO Rice invited the Public to attend the Mayor and Council Dessert on June 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Acadia Park as part of the Canada Day Festivities.

CAO Rice informed the Public that the Budget has been passed and she will review it at the next Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Murphy informed the public that there would be no change to the tax rates.

Councillor Sutherland recognized that Mayor MacKay was absent from the Council meeting to attend his son's graduation from Northumberland High School.

Councillor White invited everyone to the Canada Day parade and fireworks.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

10.1 *Councillor Sutherland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

*Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the June 29, 2015 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.*

  
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on behalf of MAYOR

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY