

**APPROVED Regular Council Meeting**

**Community of North Shore**

**Wednesday, May 14th, 2013 at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Gordon Ellis  
Councillor Fred Connolly, Deputy Chair  
Councillor Charity Sheehan  
Councillor Dennis Shaw  
Councillor Connie Egan  
Councillor Gerard Watts  
Councillor Peter Vriends  
Councillor Wanson Hemphill  
Councillor Wade MacLauchlan  
Councillor Shawn Reardon

**ADMINISTRATOR :** Tracey Allen

**REGRETS:** Councillor Joanne Jay, and Councillor Jonathan MacLean

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** at 7:01pm Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

**2.0 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** Councillor Wanson Hemphill requested to add the Annual Meeting Review. If time allows it will be added.

**3.0 AGENDA:** It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with additions.

**Moved by Councillor Egan**

**(2014-05-193)**

**Seconded by Councillor Sheehan**

**-CARRIED- (8-0)**

*(Councillor Reardon wasn't present at this time)*

**4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that *No member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.*

(1983,c.33, s.24.)

Declaration(s): None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**It was duly moved and seconded that** the Minutes of the April 9th, 2014 Council Meeting be adopted.

**Moved by Councillor Connolly**

**(2014-05-194)**

**Seconded by Councillor Watts**

**-CARRIED- (8-0)**

6. **BUSINESS ARISING:** None

7. **REPORTS:**

**7.1 Chairperson Report:** As of April 17th, 2014 our Official Plan is official, being signed by the Minister. Congratulations to everyone. Noting that another community was in the news re: not having an official plan and that has hurt the community with development happening and they have no control over it. The process to develop the official plan was a good process for the community. The PEI Federation of Municipalities is having their Annual meeting Monday, April 28th it was well attended and the presentation on Community Infrastructure was good to hear and that the province is putting the work into including a presentation to the council if we have interest. In particular, Asset Management was discussed. Another presentation was from the Fire Services Report and presents a number of important issues that need to be addressed. New Municipalities Act is in place with the exception of funding arrangements for towns and currently they are negotiating.

Parks Canada has contacted us (Barb MacDonald) and they are asking if we are interested in meeting with them. The discussion is yes and have a list of items to cover, everyone should be welcome to come. A date will be set and then have a small group that organizes the topics to be discussed. ***Chair Ellis will set up the meeting and ask for questions or topics.***

Extension for the promenade would be nice to have an opening for the extension. The first or second week in June would be ideal. Yes there is support to do this.

Asked Councillor Connolly to review the bylaws for the upcoming election. We need to start to put the structure in place to be organized for November.

We have had a couple of good meetings on HR & Events Committee and the Planning Board meeting also, looking forward to their reports. *Councillor Shawn Reardon arrived at 7:09pm.*

**7.2 Planning Board:** Councillor Connolly noted that the April building report 2 single family buildings and on accessory building. In May so far 1 demolition permit, 2 cottages, 2 accessory buildings, 3 subdivision lots, and subdivision approvals coming. Noted the new permit fees are now in place. Garth is reviewing two pending issues, one on rezoning and also for development.

**Subdivision Approval First Reading of a Twenty Lot Increment: Eugene Doyle; PID 1043363-0 (Maggie's Lane)**

**Whereas** an application has been received from Eugene Doyle to begin another phase of parcel number 1043363-0, located on Maggie's Lane in the Community of North Shore. This phase to include an additional twenty lots (2011-11 to 2011-19, 2011-39 to 2011-45, and 2011-55 to 2011-58).

**Whereas** after reviewing the application, the recommendation from the Planning Board is for Council to grant preliminary approval for the addition to said subdivision PID 1043363-0 known as Maggie's Lane as set out in the revised plan drawing M-14-131 prepared by Mantha Surveys on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Approval subject to the following conditions:**

*When the development has met the Department of Highways conditions for road structure for the additional 20 lots; and*

*When soil tests for said lots are completed and the design meets any additional conditions set out by the Department of Environment.*

It is duly moved and seconded that the second phase of the subdivision be given first reading as set out in said plan prepared by Mantha Surveys for parcel number 1043363-0.

**Moved by Councillor Connolly**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vriends**

**(2014-05-195)**  
**-CARRIED- (9-0)**

Next item discussed by Councillor Connolly considers the previously requested rezoning by Harold MacQuarrie. Noting that we had tried to put this forward previously and held a public meeting but due to the new official plan it was decided to restart the process, based on that it is suggested public meeting and do it as fast as possible. Date of public meeting plus the first reading and then have a special meeting. May 28th as the special meeting time. Have the public meeting at 7:00pm in the evening.

**Whereas** on May 13th, 2014 the Planning Board for the Community of North Shore met and by a unanimous vote resolved to recommend to the North Shore Community Council that a public meeting be called to deal with a rezoning proposal brought forward by Mr. Harold MacQuarrie. It is hereby recommended that the Council proceed with this public meeting.

**Motion:** It is hereby moved that council proceed with the public meeting and readings of the Harold MacQuarrie rezoning proposal.

**Moved by Councillor Connolly**  
**Seconded by Councillor Shaw**

**(2014-05-196)**  
**-CARRIED- (9-0)**

Councillor Egan asked if the building permit fee increase was part of the new plan. Yes.

**7.3 FINANCE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** Councillor Watts noted we currently have a surplus of approximately \$6,000. We are being careful how we spend money. We have \$19,339 in the operating account. We are looking at improving our payment of accounts online.

Motion to change the banking process, Maritime Electric, BellAliant, Island Petroleum, and Receiver General and other bills that can be paid online.

**Moved by Councillor Watts**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vriends**

**(2014-05-197)**  
**-CARRIED- (9-0)**

Note to scan the bills prior to payment.

On the maintenance we are still assessing to see what and where we need to spend money this year. Norman MacLauchlan suggested we get Adam Clark to assist in reviewing the septic system more. The question of benches needs to be decided on whether replacements need to be paid for by the original bench owners or the municipality. More full report on maintenance for the next meeting. Councillor Shaw asked about the type of septic whether it was contour or pipe and gravel. It is a leaching field. We will go back to Norman and Adam to discuss the type of system. Councillor MacLauchlan are we able to apply for the Community Fund or ACOA funding. Councillor Watts, we are still trying to assess to decide on what to do.

#### **7.4 HR & Events Committee - Councillor MacLauchlan**

**Community Centre** - Councillor Sheehan mentioned a number of children programs are wrapping up and new programs for younger kids and push bike. Soccer program is started. Yard Sale went well. Cancelled the summer camp due to lack of numbers and not cost effective and no staff funding. Easter hunt was successful.

**Stanhope Place** - Councillor MacLauchlan noted cards are wrapped up. School is cool will go again. Stanhope Heritage Society walkathon July 16th as a fund raiser. Will meet again the second of June.

HR & Events Committee discussed the events that could take place with several events at the centre to test the waters for show that there is an audience. We did put out an RFP for ceilidhs and there was no response. Work is going ahead with Councillor Hemphill for the 2014 Project for the three school commemoration. Plagues should be ready to go for Canada Day.

We have approval under the Canada Student Job to have water/wastewater researcher and Jobs for Youth for a maintenance person.

Small Halls Festival - June 19th will be have a top notch line up, listed on the website. Canada Day we have Dino Dunsford for our entertainment. The planning is well underway. Kids games, and events that go with 1864 theme. Face-painting and other items are possible. Bill Cameron will come to Canada Day for entertainment too. Councillor Hemphill ask about reviewing the policies that were started. Next meeting to be discussed.

#### **Road Side Pick up Review**

The discussion on putting the event on the calendar for each year for the April Council Meeting Agenda. There are some trouble areas like the Black River Road. Councillor Vriends ask about the list for calling people. Councillor Connolly said it was commendable but one week a year

isn't enough. We need more civic pride.

**7.5 Community Services** - Councillor Egan did meet with Chair and preliminary discussion on next steps but nothing to report at this point. Councillor Hemphill noted the offer from the hydrologist for free modeling and asked if there was interest in doing it.

**7.6 Election Committee** - Councillor Connolly noted we currently have 12 councillors plus Chair the existing act has a maximum of 6 councillors and chair; with a transition section which the new act apparently will drop. The question is do we change now or when we are forced. An election group came together to discuss with residents from each ward with background in municipal affairs. Murray Stevenson, Jerry Muzika, and Albert Ready and all agree to come and discuss plus Councillor Sheehan. The review concluded:

**Number of Councillors** - General Consensus of the group is to go with six councillors and Chair.

**Wards System** - Discussion, to seek the best people possible rather than having set numbers per ward, a half and half system where there must be one from each of the three wards and three are at large, or to have two elected from each ward.

**Remuneration of Councillors/Chair** - General consensus of the group was in favour of paying remuneration. Research needs to be done on the amount and how it would be administrated. Bylaw needs to be done.

**Method of Election** - Do we go by a special meeting or poll? The consensus was to go with a poll. Enumeration needs to be completed whether we go with a special meeting or poll.

**Options are:**

1. Bring to a vote now.
2. Refer to a standing committee for more study.
3. Meet with official from Municipal Affairs for information and guidance.
4. Refer to the Administrator for research and procedural advice.

Chair thanked Councillor Connolly for his work on this and asked for input from Councillors. Councillor MacLauchlan no motions tonight, if we are going to do something, it should be at a public meeting. Councillor Egan asked about the number of committees and how that would impact the number of councillors we have.

***Councillor MacLauchlan was excused from the meeting at this point.***

**7.7 Community Administrator Report** - Mentioned the Community Survey, EMO Committee and Strategic Plan.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Note in the mailbox re: 12 councillors plus chair dysfunctional and 6

councillors and 1 chair.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9.1 EMO Committee** - Chair will work with administrator on it.

**9.2 Office of Energy Efficiency Funding -**

Motion to apply for funding.

**Moved by Councillor Hemphill  
Seconded by Councillor Watts**

**(2014-05-198)  
-CARRIED- (8-0)**

**9.3 Canada Post Request to add boxes/poles -** Request to add three more boxes at the Community Centre location. Also the contract is being reviewed to add more details. For discussion for next meeting. The wear and tear on the pavement and maintenance. Discussion on benefits and contract isn't reasonable as it stands and need for remuneration.

**9.4 Cannons Covehead Bay - Public Meeting Follow up -** Councillor Watts reported that cannons are turned off as of today.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 11th, 2014.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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Signed    Gordon Ellis, Chairperson

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Signed    Tracey Allen Community Administrator

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