

Minutes
Resort Municipality Annual Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Resort Municipality of Stanley Bridge, Hope River, Bayview, Cavendish and North Rustico was held on Monday, August 8, 2016, at the North Rustico Lion's Club. Twenty two people were in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair: Matthew Jelley. Councillors: Linda Lowther, Gwen Wyand, David Gauthier, Kay Hryckiw, George Clark Dunning and Edmond Richard. CAO, Brenda MacDonald

ABSENT: Nil.

VISITORS: 15 visitors were in attendance.

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the meeting is being recorded for office use only.

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that Michelle Burge from MRSB was in attendance at the meeting to present the municipal and sewer audits.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Matthew Jelley welcomed everyone to the 26th Annual Meeting of the Resort Municipality. He advised that we will be following the PEI Municipalities Act on how to hold our Annual Meeting.

Chair Matthew Jelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that in accordance with the Municipalities Act, that he would like to inform the public to save their questions and comments until the other business portion of the meeting, except during the budget presentation, where comments or questions will be accepted before a vote. He advised that there will be no motions from the floor at the meeting and all reports must be moved and seconded by a member of the Council.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Linda Lowther, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier, that the agenda be adopted as presented. All in favour 6, 1 non-voting. **Motion Carried.**

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2015:

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Councillor David Gauthier, seconded by Councillor Gwen Wyand that the Annual Minutes of August 10, 2015 be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF ELECTION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2015:

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Councillor Linda Lowther, seconded by Councillor Kay Hryckiw that the Election Minutes of August 10, 2015 be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. **Motion Carried.**

Chair Matthew Jelley passed the Chair to Vice-Chair Linda Lowther to complete the Chairman's Report.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

On behalf of the Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sewer Utility Board, the Council and

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municipal staff for their work throughout the year. We have had a busy year with municipal and sewer projects to be worked on as well as with new development in the area. There has been a new trail and low level lighting completed on Grahams Lane, as well as lagoon upgrades that will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

The Council has also been working on the Draft Official Plan, Draft Zoning and Subdivision Development (Control) Bylaw, Draft Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw, Draft Municipal Offense Ticket and Draft Summary Proceedings Bylaw. The public can pick up copies tonight and a public meeting will be held in September.

The Sewer Utility is a separate corporation from the municipality and is run separately and will be discussed later on the agenda.

Internet servicing has been a priority for the municipality and the Council continues to work with the service providers and the government on securing better internet service for the community.

The Council has been working with the province on the new Municipal Government Act and will continue to work on behalf of the community to ensure that the new Act addresses the needs of the municipality.

The municipality applied for and received a grant for a summer student through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Finding staff was a challenge this year.

Carl Gallant was hired as the new maintenance staff for the municipality this year. Any comments or concerns on maintenance please contact the municipal office.

The community applied for and received \$1,700.00 from the Department of Canadian Heritage for Multi-Cultural Community Heritage Day Celebrations. On June 25, 2016, at the Stewart Homestead Community Park, activities were held from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.. Opening Ceremonies were held welcoming everyone to the event as well as remarks from Hon. Wayne Easter, MP for Malpeque and Brad Trivers PC MLA. Presentations were made to the Council, Planning Board, Sewer Utility Board, municipal staff and Alvin and Kevin MacNeill. Entertainment was provided by Rodney Savidant, Johnny Ross, the Ladies of Avonlea, Parks Canada Mascot and Bing Yiao and the Asian Cultural Dance Group. Council presented the business beautification award to Parkview Farms Tourist Home and Cottages in recognition of business owners that have significantly enhanced the community, through their outstanding commitment to the beautification of their property and the residential beautification award was presented to Peter and Karen Fullerton in recognition of residents that have significantly enhanced the community, through their outstanding commitment to the beautification of their property.

The Dr. Kent Ellis Memorial Award was presented to Jennie Macneill in recognition of her outstanding commitment to volunteerism in the community.

Old-fashioned games were held, tattooing, face painting, prize draws for the adults, a treasure hunt, barbecue, Chinese dumplings were served and the event ended with the cutting of Multi-Cultural Day Cakes. The Council would like to thank Shining Waters Family Fun Park and Sandspit Amusements (Matthew Jelley & the Jelley Family) for prizes and use of the pavilion and Avonlea Village & Cows (Scott & Margie Linkletter) for their generous donation of passes as well as prizes for the event.

Water sampling has continued at the municipal office this summer. The cost of bacteria testing is \$45.60, chemistry testing is \$108.30, and recreation testing for swimming pools by owners is \$45.60. This service is provided by the

municipality at no cost to the province.

The eighth Cavendish Beach Music Festival was held in the municipality and brought a boost to tourism in the area this summer for a brief time. A new process started by having a meeting prior to the festival and after the festival to gather public input into the event. This has been a positive process that allows property owners to make their comments on the event and the festival organizers have also made a number of improvements this year based on comments received from the public and the government departments.

If any property owner or business owners and operators are having issues during the music festival event, please forward your comments to the municipal office by e-mail or provide written comments to each government department and copy the municipal office on the correspondence involved with the issue so that they are aware of the concerns or issues that are happening. The Council meets with Jeff Squires and the RCMP as well as other Government departments and agencies before, during and after the event each year to raise any concerns or issues that have been brought forward.

The Council set out projects under the Gas Tax Funding allocation and these will be discussed further under Vice-Chair Linda Lowther's report.

The Council is here to represent the interests of all residents, seasonal residents, business owners, operators and farmers in the area and the decisions that are made by the Council are made based on the bylaws that are in place for the municipality.

The sewer utility has been working on upgrades to the lagoons as well as the generators and they have also taken an aggressive approach on collecting outstanding fees. Councillor David Gauthier will discuss this further under the sewer report.

It was moved by Councillor Matthey Jelley, seconded by Councillor Kay Hryckiw that the Chair's report be adopted as presented. All in favor. 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair Linda Lowther passed the Chair back to Chair Matthew Jelley.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to the planning board report.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5.A. PLANNING BOARD AND SIGNAGE REPORTS:

There were 60 building permits applied for to date for 2016 with three denied for a total of 57 permits issued as of July 31, 2016. Breakdown of permits is as follows:

Approval in principle: 3, Residential New: 8, Temporary: 12, Commercial New: 21, Commercial Addition/Renovation: 13, Denied: 3.

Total Value of construction to date is: \$4,692,020.00

There has been a total of 17 signage permits issued to date for 2016.

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Signage continues to be a challenge in the municipality and the Council will be looking at completing a review of signage bylaw this fall as part of the overall bylaw review for the municipality.

The planning board and the Council have completed the Official Plan review of the General Land use Map only along with a complete review of the Zoning and Subdivision Development (Control) bylaw and zoning map with the municipal lawyer. Some changes have been made to the bylaw document and maps as well as a draft dangerous and unsightly premises bylaw, a draft summary proceedings bylaw and a draft municipal offense ticket and these will all be reviewed at a public meeting in September.

A copy of the draft zoning and subdivision development (control) bylaw, a copy of the draft dangerous and unsightly premises bylaw, a copy of the draft summary proceedings bylaw and a copy of the draft municipal offence ticket are available at the back of the room tonight and can also be picked up at the municipal office as well. Copies of the Official Plan General Land Use Map and the Zoning Map will be available at the municipal office on August 17, 2016.

I would like to thank each of the planning board members for their hard work and dedication to the community over the past year. Eric Blacquiere, Garth MacNeill, Arnold Smith, Joel Watters, John Phillips, Barb MacDonald - Parks Canada and Peter Fullerton who recently joined the planning board committee.

It was moved by Councillor Edmond Richard, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther, that the planning board report be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to the Trails Report.

5.B. TRAILS AND PATHS REPORT:

The municipality has completed the new trail on Grahams Lane after a four year delay of the project. The trail includes a 6' wide trail for walkers and bikers and low level solar lighting as it was too cost prohibitive to install the old-fashioned streetlights. The tender was awarded to Island Coastal Services Ltd. for the trail at a cost of \$257,416.00, which came from the Gas Tax Fund allocation to the municipality as well as an additional \$10,000.00 that was allocated from the Resort Municipality recreation funds.

An RFP was also put out this year to tender for a walkway review and assessment. The tender was awarded to Stantec Consulting Ltd. at a cost of \$7,780.00. A draft report has been submitted to the Council for review and the Council had requested additional information and a breakdown in costs of the current sidewalk and future sidewalk projects to be completed as part of the review.

It was moved by Councillor Gwen Wyand, seconded by Councillor Kay Hryckiw that the report be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to the Fire Committee Report.

5.C. FIRE REPORT:

The Council would like to thank the North Rustico, New Glasgow and New London Fire Departments for their work throughout the area during the year as the demand on the fire departments continues to grow with accident, medical and fire calls. The Council would also like to acknowledge Allison Larkin from the North Rustico Fire Department, who became the first female Fire Chief on Prince Edward Island.

The municipality seen increases in fees for 2016 with assessment values changing as well as a 5% increase in fees from the New London fire department. The municipality will continue to see increases in fire dues for 2017 as the New Glasgow Fire Department is increasing their rates from 9.5 cents to 10 cents with a cap charge of \$225.00.

The increases in fire dues are reflected in the proposed budget that will be presented later in the meeting.

The fire departments during a meeting this spring have raised concerns on some difficulties being able to access properties throughout the area, based on trees and limbs on the property not being cut back to allow access for the fire trucks. It is strongly recommended that all property owners ensure that there is safe access to their property for the 911 emergency providers, as well as to meet their insurance provider's requirements. If the emergency providers cannot access your property with their equipment then they cannot gain access to your property to control a fire or medical call. If you are in doubt of the fire departments being able to access your property, please contact the municipal office and we will arrange for the fire department covering your property to do an assessment for you.

It was moved by Councillor Clark Dunning, seconded by Councillor Gwen Wyand that the fire committee report be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to the Strategic Development Report.

5.D. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

The Council has supported the following community events this year:

Multi-Cultural Community Heritage Day \$2,000.00

North Rustico Canada Day \$500.00

Royal Canadian Legion – Veterans Memorial Book \$215.00

RCMP Retired Officer (Benny) and his horse (Goliath) at a cost of \$5,000.00 that was partnered with Tourism Cavendish Beach

Flowers for the barrels at the Cavendish Cemetery \$60.00.

The Council received written requests from year round property owners that the old fashioned streetlights be left on year round and a decision was made in December by the Council that the old-fashioned streetlights in the municipality would remain on year round at an additional cost of \$3,500.00.

Twenty two new banners were purchased for the Resort Municipality this year. Two that have the AED symbol on them and twenty have the Resort Municipality's new logo at a total cost of \$2,355.00.

Grahams Lane Trail and low level solar lighting had an allocation of \$20,000.00 from the Recreation Fund allocated to it as part of the Gas Tax Funds trail allocation.

The municipality applied to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for a defibrillator and funding was approved for the Community and there is an AED in the Visitor Center as well as training that was provided for the equipment for a total donation value to the community of \$3,000.00.

The new website for the Resort Municipality was just completed through Technomedia and is live if you wish to check it out. The Council would like to know if there are any comments on the site as well as if you would like to submit any pictures that you have of the community please send them along to the municipal office with credit to the photographer and they will be added to the site.

The total invested into the community to date for 2016 is \$36,630.00.

It was moved by Councillor Linda Lowther, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the Strategic Development report be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

The Council had also allocated funds towards the current round of Gas Tax Funding and had replaced some of the previous projects to tie in with the new round of funding.

The current projects that were approved by the municipality are as follows:

Cavendish Sidewalk, circulation planning, trail upgrades at a cost of \$386,272.00. A new 1580 meter gravel roadside trail was located on Grahams Lane at a cost of \$257,416.00 along with low level solar lights.

As Councillor Gwen Wyand had stated earlier in her report, there was a walkway assessment completed by Stantec Consulting at a cost of \$7,708.00 which is currently in its final stages. Once this report is completed the Council will determine what the next steps will be in either replacement of some sections of the current walkways or looking at new locations for future expansions of walkways and lighting.

Based on the age of the existing old-fashioned streetlights it was costly to find replacement parts so new LED lighting is being phased in for all of the streetlights. Route 13 was started this summer with some of the lights being replaced with the remainder of lights on Route 13 to be completed by the fall from Marco Polo Land to the intersection at a cost of \$7,455.60.

Portable Generator \$67,542.00. The municipality continues to work with Parks Canada on having a permanent generator at the Green Gables Lift Station. The Sewer Utility decided that a permanent generator was needed more than a portable one. Work is expected to be completed this fall on the completion of this project.

Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment \$200,000.00. Work has started on upgrades to the existing lift pumps that include Friendly Lane, Cranberry Village, and the Green Gables Lift Station. Projects will be assessed further once the lagoon upgrades infrastructure project is completed. This will be discussed further by David Gauthier under the Sewer Utility Report.

Asset Management \$10,000.00. Work was completed by Stantec Consulting at a cost of \$8,500.00 and is under review by the province.

Strategic Development Plan / official plan and bylaw \$50,000.00. This work will be put out to tender in the winter following completion of the current official plan \ and bylaw review. This work will involve a complete review of the official plan document as well as a review of the Zoning and Subdivision Development (Control) Bylaw and mapping.

Heritage Park \$50,000.00. This work will be reviewed in the winter as to what is the best options for a Heritage Park or if there will be a reallocation of some or all of the funds.

Signage and gateways and beautification of intersections \$35,000.00. The municipality is working with the Central Development Corporation on a signage RFP that is expected to be put out this fall and consultations will be held with the community.

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It was moved by Councillor Linda Lowther, seconded by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi that the current round of capital projects through Gas Tax Funds be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Linda Lowther, seconded by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi that the Strategic Development Report be adopted as presented. All in favor. Motion Carried.

John Brewer requested why the reports were not in the meeting package.

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the reports can be obtained at the municipal office, or could have been picked up prior to the meeting.

John Brewer felt that the reports should be in the meeting package.

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the Council will review the request at the next Council Meeting, but the reports can be picked up at the municipal office as well.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

6.A. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the audit was prepared by MRSB Chartered Accountants for 2015 and that Michelle Burge presented the audited statements.

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the Auditor's Report is in the meeting package.

Michelle Burge stated that the audited financial statements presents fairly, in all respects the financial position of the Resort Municipality as of December 31, 2015 and the results of the operations for the year.

Michelle Burge commented on the non-consolidated and consolidated financial statements. She went through the non-consolidated financial statements and the Revenue for yearend being \$272,344.00 and the expenses being \$323,650.00 for a deficit of \$51,306.00 at year end.

Michelle Burge commented on the sewer loan that is under the municipality. She advised that the loan had to be completed through the municipality for the sewer utility to be able to acquire the long term loan at a secured rate for 20 years.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the non-consolidated audited statements be approved as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the consolidated audited statements be approved as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to the Cavendish Sewer Utility Report.

7. CAVENDISH SEWER UTILITY REPORT:

The utility continues to be busy dealing with a number of items over the last year with the sewer system and equipment. The utility has installed a new panel at the Green Gables Lift Station at a cost of \$31,000.00 along with some new rails and sliders at a cost of \$7,000.00, a new pump has been installed at the Friendly Lane lift station at a

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cost of \$6,000.00 and two pumps have been removed and repaired at the Cranberry Village Lift station at a cost of \$25,000.00 and six new meters were purchased at a cost of \$1,285.00.

The utility will be installing the permanent generator at Green Gables Lift Station in the fall through the Gas Tax funding.

The sewer utility would like to continue to remind its customers that if anyone sees any of the red lights flashing at the lift stations to please ensure to contact Toombs Plumbing and Heating to ensure that someone is aware that there is an issue.

The utility has advised the province and the infrastructure program that the municipality is not applying for any additional funding at the present time under the infrastructure programs due to the current financial position of the utility and the sustainability of the sewer system.

A rate increase was approved through the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission effective January 1, 2016. The increase was 24% due to the ongoing operating costs and expenses for the system.

The utility's priorities for the ratepayers continues to be the first priority to maintain the current system and the lagoon upgrades project is underway and will be completed in the fall at a cost of \$351,659.55, the second priority is to ensure sustainable disposal of effluent, the third priority is to provide required upgrades by authorities and the fourth priority is to expand to service environmentally threatened areas.

The utility as part of the lagoon upgrade work will be installing a new flow meter at Cranberry Village Lift Station to monitor the flow coming through the system as well as the panel at the blower house at a cost of 10,000.00.

The utility has spent a lot of time and money collecting outstanding sewer fees this winter and spring. A new policy was adopted by the sewer utility to ensure that customers are paying their fees in a timely manner. If you are outstanding for more than 90 days from the date of the first billing, you will be sent a notice that you have 30 days in which to pay the outstanding bill from the notice. If the bill is still not paid then it will be sent to the lawyer for collection. Once a lawyer's letter is sent there will be an additional \$100.00 fee placed on the sewer customer for legal services. If payment is still not made then the utility will take further action as necessary under the Water and Sewer Act PEI. Section 24 allows the utility to cut off services and disconnect pipes and fittings if the rates and charges are not paid.

The municipality also has the right under section 38.4 of the Municipalities Act to put a lien against the real property that is provided with sewer service and a lien can be enforced by an application to the court for the sale of the real property.

The sewer utility has had to put a lien against one sewer customer and has also sent out several disconnection notices.

Notice to all sewer customers that August 26, 2016 is the 30 day time period before interest will be charged to any customers on the 2016 sewer bills based on the date on which the bills were sent out by the accountant's office.

On behalf of the sewer utility I would like to thank Acting Chair Matthew Jelley, Victor Hryckiw and Vic Greenwood, the municipal staff and Toombs Plumbing and Heating for their work throughout the year on behalf

of the sewer utility.

Michelle Burge from MRSB is present at the meeting tonight and she is the Sewer Utility Auditor and will be presenting the financial statements for the utility.

It was moved by Councillor David Gauthier, seconded by Councillor Gwen Wyand that the sewer utility report be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

7.A. Auditor's Report:

Michelle Burge presented the non-consolidated statements for the Cavendish Sewer Utility.

Michelle Burge stated that the audited financial statements presents fairly, in all respects the financial position of the Cavendish Sewer Utility as of December 31, 2015 and the results of the operations for the year.

It was moved by Councillor David Gauthier, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther that the non-consolidated audited statements for the sewer utility be adopted as presented. All in favor 6, 1 non-voting. Motion Carried.

Chair Matthew Jelley thanked Michelle Burge for her explanation of the audits.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to Business Arising from Minutes.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

8.A. UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY BYLAW:

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the Council has worked on a bylaw with the legal counsel this year and a draft is available at the meeting tonight for everyone to take home and review for the public meeting that will be held in September.

8.B. INTERNET SERVICE:

Chair Matthew Jelley advised that the Council has heard the public and they have been meeting with service providers and the province to see what the best options are for providing internet in the area. The community is unique in its area and population and this creates some challenges for servicing.

An update will be provided to the community as soon as some options are available.

Chair Matthew Jelley asked Councillor Kay Hryckiwi to present the 2017 estimates and tax rate.

2017 ESTIMATES AND PROPOSED TAX RATE:

Councillor Kay Hryckiwi commented on the proposed revenue for 2017.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther that the revenue of \$361,826.08 for 2017 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

Councillor Kay Hryckiwi advised that the surplus brought forward from previous years has been added to the budget.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Gwen Wyand that the total administration of

\$173,200.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Clark Dunning that the fire protection expenses of \$66,000.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther that the street lighting budget of \$27,000.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the maintenance expenses of \$5,000.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Edmond Richard that the board travel expenses in the amount of \$10,800.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther that the snow removal expenses of \$6,000.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Edmond Richard that the miscellaneous expenses of \$10,000.00 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the CMHC sewer loan of \$35,169.63 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Linda Lowther that Community Projects expenses in the amount of \$28,656.43 be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Edmond Richard that the total expenditures of \$361,826.08 for a balanced budget be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor Gwen Wyand that the budget be adopted as presented. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Kay Hryckiwi, seconded by Councillor David Gauthier that the tax rates will increase by one (1) cent for 2017 at a rate of \$.22 / \$100.00 for non-commercial and \$.32 / \$100.00 for commercial. All in favor 20, 1 non-voting, 1 neigh. Motion Carried.

Chair Jelley advised that the Council has not increased taxes for a number of years. He advised that the Council had increased the taxes two years ago prior to the new Council being elected and the new Council then decided to hold the old rate. He advised that there is a number of developments and new growth happening in the community and with that comes increased tax rates.

Chair Matthew Jelley moved on to other business.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

10.A. PUBLIC: Dee Dee Brewer Wilson raised concerns over the National Park and the woods around the area

and the fear of fires based on what has happened out West this year as it is basically a tinder box and one small mishap with a match or cigarette could create devastation to the area.

Chair Jelley advised that the Council hears her concerns and agrees that this has been an issue for the municipality as well and will continue to push Parks Canada for a resolution to this issue.

Chair Jelley advised that the municipality received a report from Parks Canada and there is nothing in the plan at the present time to address the tree concerns in the municipality, but that the Council is working on it and will continue to work on behalf of the community in getting something in place.

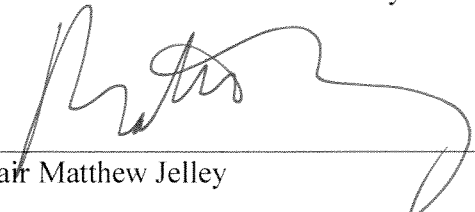
Mike Duffy advised that he wanted to give the Council a vote of thanks and confidence in the job that they do for the municipality.

Chair Jelley advised that he thanks Mike for his comments and he thanked the property owners for their work as well as we have a highly engaged community that likes to be involved and bring their issues to the Council.

There being no other business, Chair Matthew Jelley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved Chair Matthew Jelley that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.. Motion Carried.



Chair Matthew Jelley