

Public Meeting  
Cavendish Beach Music Festival  
July 29, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting was held on July 29, 2019, at 6:30 at the North Rustico Lion's Club.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lowther. Councillor Clark Dunning. Brenda MacDonald, CAO, Heather Hay Administrative Assistant.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Matthew Jelley. Councillors: Bill Drost, Kenny Singleton, Lee Brammer and Chris Robinson.

**VISITORS:** There were 12 visitors in attendance at the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Deputy Mayor Lowther called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised everyone to sign in at the front of the room if they haven't done so for the record.

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised the public of the public meeting process. She advised that the meeting is being taped for accurate minutes and no other reason.

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised that the meeting is being held tonight to discuss the 2019 Cavendish Beach Music Festival and that no other business will be discussed.

Deputy Mayor Lowther introduced the head table that included Jeff Squires and Brodie O'Keefe – Cavendish Beach Music Festival, Richard Blacquiere – Liquor Control Commission, Cindy Bowring – RCMP and David Rossiter – Provincial Fire Marshal's Office

Jeff Squires advised that the public meetings are part of the ongoing process each year to meet with the public and gather feedback from the public as well as the various government departments.

Jeff Squires advised that year eleven is now completed and this year's event was a success and they have received great responses to customer satisfaction from their customers.

Mike Duffy commented that he felt that it was the best year yet for the municipality and that the festival has moved their game up.

Kay Hryckiw advised that there was a big difference this year at the main road and there was a different vibe from the clientele.

Richard Blacquiere advised that things went well. He commented on the event being the second year of all ages at the site and it worked out well. He advised that there has been more exposure to date on the process and that people will be having their ID's checked and more attention to it on social media.

Richard Blacquiere advised that the security was the best this year to date.

Councillor Clark Dunning commented on the amount of liquor that was allowed to be purchased. On Sunday night he took a walk through the tents and people seemed to be able to get 3 -5 drinks at one time.

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Richard Blacchiere advised that if there was more than two drinks being served that it should have been brought to the attention of a supervisor as he did not see anyone being served more than two drinks at a time when he was in the area.

Jeff Squires advised that they will bring the drink limit up again in 2020 to their food and beverage team but that any issues should be brought to a supervisor if there are any issues seen at the time.

Mike Duffy advised that the proof is in the pudding and that things were not out of line outside the site as he could see a big difference in the community.

David Rossiter advised that it was the quietest year that they had on site. His department had a staff of four on during the event and they had staggered shifts so that someone was on site at all times from the department.

David Rossiter advised that on Saturday there were some issues due to the weather but they were resolved quickly with the Incident Command Team.

There were no major infractions.

Cindy Bowring advised that public safety is the RCMP's first priority.

There were no impaired drivers at the checkpoints coming into the area.

There were some issues at one of the campgrounds on Friday night, but Brodie had that resolved after the concerns were raised for the next day.

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised that there is a pre and post meeting each year on the festival to gather feedback from property owners.

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised that there were three people in to the office to get information on the public meeting and three written comments were received.

Carl and Jean Hood – Concerns over the level of the base at the site and wondered if it could be lowered and maintained throughout the event.

Mayfield Country Cottages – Guests commented on the music and the need to have other artists.

Paul Larkin – Event went well he had concerns over the power issues in the area especially on the first day of the event that he understands is not as a result of the event but power issues in the area on an ongoing basis.

Jeff Squires commented on each of the letters.

- On the base issue he advised that the music is at a certain level at the site and it changes with the weather and the winds as well.

- On the music matter there is a lot of great artists from all genres so this is subjective to what style of music that the public likes.

- On the power issue he agrees with Paul Larkin as there is an ongoing issue with power in the area and this year is started in May and needs to be addressed. Maritime Electric also needs to be part of the Senior Operations Team and should have someone near the area to address issues when needed throughout the weekend.

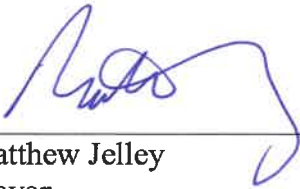
It was suggested that a letter should be sent through to Maritime Electric to address the power issues in the area.

Deputy Mayor Lowther advised that there are comment sheets at the back of the room and the public has until August 2, 2019 to send in any written comments.

Jeff Squires thanked the municipal Council, staff, government staff, CBMF staff, the resident's and property owners for their support and work to make the event such a success.

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Lowther adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m..



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Matthew Jelley  
Mayor



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Brenda MacDonald  
CAO