

Minutes  
Resort Municipality Public Meeting  
Monday, March 1, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting on the Official Plan General Land Use Map Amendment for the Stewart Property # 231639 located on Cavendish Road and the Pre-Budget Consultations for the 2021 – 2022 Operating Budget were held on March 1, 2021 in person and on Zoom at the Resort Municipality Office.

**PRESENT:** Zoom - Mayor Matthew Jelley, Deputy Mayor Linda Lowther, Councillor Clark Dunning, Councillor Kay Hryckiw, Councillor Bill Drost and Councillor Lee Brammer.  
In Person: CAO – Brenda MacDonald. Administrative Assistant – Heather Hay.

**ABSENT:** Chris Robinson.

**VISITORS:** Vic and Moe Greenwood, Peter Fullerton, Joanne Poirier, Kevin Blacquiere, Roland Gallant, Romeo and Sonja Gallant, Lloyd Adams and Bill Power.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Jelley called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Jelley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that the meeting was being recorded for office use only.

Mayor Jelley advised the public to mute their microphones during discussion at the meeting to allow for no interruptions when people are speaking.

Mayor Jelley advised the public to raise their hand or send a message on chat if they have any questions. They can turn on their microphone when they want to be addressed and to speak and then turn their microphone off after they are finished speaking.

Mayor Jelley confirmed that there were only two items on the agenda for discussion at the meeting that included: the Official Plan General Land Use Map Amendment for the Stewart Property and the 2021 / 2022 budget consultation and that no other discussions will take place.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that the first portion of the meeting has been called tonight as a public meeting was held on September 9, 2020 to discuss this same matter. There was an issue with the wording on the amendment as the original information had stated that the meeting was to review and comment on an official plan General Land Use Map Amendment for a four-acre portion of PID # 231639 – owned by George, Kenneth and Ian Stewart to re-designate a four acre portion of this parcel of land from the current **Resort Accommodations** to **General Commercial** use on the property.

The amendment should have stated that it was to review and comment on an official plan amendment to the General Land Use Map Amendment to change a four-acre portion of PID # 231639 owned by George, Kenneth and Ian Stewart to re-designate a four acre portion of this parcel of land from the current **Accommodations** to **Commercial** use on the property.

Mayor Jelley asked if there were any questions on the Official Plan Amendment for the Stewart Property, for the public to raise their hand or send a message through chat if they wish to ask a question and to state their

name for the record.

Mayor Jelley advised the public that there were two calls received at the office from adjacent landowners looking for further information on what was taking place with the property and they advised that they had no concerns based on the purpose of the amendment for the wording change.

Councillor Kay Hryckiwi questioned the property location and whether it is currently vacant.

Mayor Jelley confirmed that the property is currently vacant, and the new owner wants to use the land for commercial purposes.

Mayor Jelley asked again if there were any questions from the public on the Official Plan Amendment for the Stewart Property.

Mayor Jelley advised the public that they have until March 5, 2021 to send in any written comments on the official plan general land use map amendment for George, Kenneth and Ian Stewart's Property.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that this portion of the meeting deals with the budget process and consulting with the public on the 2021 budget is part of the review process.

The following items will be part of the discussion as part of the budget consultations and will also include any input from property owners:

**Highlights of the current year:**

**Tax Rate Decrease:**

Decrease to tax rates of \$.01 per hundred of assessment value for both non-commercial at \$.20 / \$100.00 and commercial properties @ .30 / \$100.00.

**Multi-Cultural Community Heritage Day:**

\$1,600.00 was received from the Government of Canada for the Multi-Cultural Community Heritage Day and the event was held on September 5, 2020 at the Stewart Homestead Community Park.

**Active Transportation – Route 6 Cavendish Road / Stanley Bridge:**

The Resort Municipality received funding approval of \$22,000.00 for consulting work on the Cavendish Road / Stanley Bridge Project. Dan Glenn was hired to complete the consultant work.

ACOA is funding \$16,500.00 of the project and the Resort Municipality is funding \$5,500.00 of the project.

**Safe Restart Program:** \$8,355.00

Office, computer and COVID-19 supplies were purchased through this process.

**Montgomery Park:**

Work completed on removing stumps and damaged shelter and landscaping repairs at the site \$1,025.00

**Swimming Rock:**

Fence installation and rock removal \$15,203.00

Swimming Rock Step Replacement \$25,102.50

Cleanup of trees from Hurricane Dorian at the park \$1,840.00

**Old-fashioned streetlighting retrofit:**

Changing of old-fashioned streetlights on the Cavendish Road to LED lighting \$14,945.40.

**Banner Replacement:**

Replacement banners \$1,303.05

**Total invested: \$91,373.95**

**Capital Projects:**

**Route 13:**

Route 13 Active Transportation trail project was completed at a cost to the municipality of \$227,491.56. This project was completed through Gas Tax Funds.

**Strategic Plan Review:**

Strategic Plan Review Upland Planning and Design Studio \$39,065.50

Paid for with Gas Tax Funds

Total Spent to date on Capital Projects \$266,557.06

Total invested in the Resort Municipality for all projects in 2020 was \$357,931.01

**Capital projects 2021 / 2022 Gas Tax Funds:**

**Official Plan and Bylaw Review:**

Contract awarded and will be completed over the next year.

\$36,388.16

**Active Transportation Cawnpore Lane**

Funding was received from the Active Transportation Fund for engineering services for design and construction costs at a total cost of \$10,397.50. The Active transportation Fund will contribute \$5,197.50 and the Resort Municipality \$5,197.50. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2021.

**Sanitary Sewer Collection and Upgrades:**

\$310,288.45

**Signage and Gateways:**

\$16,512.02

**Active Transportation Projects:**

Design and construction costs are being completed for Active Transportation Trail projects on Cawnpore Lane and Cavendish Road.

Mayor Jelley confirmed that all allocations are in place or completed until 2024 for the five-year allocation.

**Cavendish Sewer Utility**

LS # 4 engineering \$15,106.16

LS # 1 transfer switch rebuilt \$7438.84.

**Total Spent on projects for 2020: \$22,545.00**

**New Capital Projects:**

LS # 4 Upgrades                      \$260,000.00

Mayor Jelley highlighted the year-to-date expenses.

Reserve funds were discussed and allocating funds towards them for such things as elections, active transportation, mapping, generator for a warming centre for the community, community priorities, active transportation and priorities in the strategic plan.

Mayor Jelley opened the meeting up to the public.

Bill Power commented on streetlights and having lighting throughout the municipality at all the entrances to areas throughout the community.

Councillor Drost advised that he would like to get some feedback from property owners on their feelings on support for the North Star Arena and Wellness Centre;

Mayor Jelley provided some details on the North Star Arena and Wellness Centre project from the initial meeting with the group to where the project is now.

- The arena will host the 2023 winter games
- The building will have the Mount Academy with classrooms
- There will be walking track and community rooms
- Construction is to start very soon

Councillor Hryckiw asked if any other communities had provided funding to date.

Mayor Jelley advised that Hunter River and Cavendish are the only incorporated areas that he was aware of and no funding has been confirmed to date from the information provided by the rink committee.

Romeo Gallant asked about the walkway on Churchill Avenue coming out of the National Park into the Town of North Rustico.

Mayor Jelley advised that the area on Churchill Avenue is under the Town of North Rustico and not the Resort Municipality.

Peter Fullerton advised that he feels that the community should support the North Star Arena and Wellness Centre as it will be used by property owners in the municipality.

Mayor Jelley advised that the walking track and wellness centre would be used by the community and one thing to see will be whether or not the municipality and the public will have certain access times based on the Mount Academy using the facilities and what restrictions might be in place for use of the facility by the public.

Councillor Drost asked Peter Fullerton if there was a dollar value that he would like to see the community contributing.

Peter Fullerton would like to see the expectations and what use there will be for the public as he currently doesn't have enough information to make a recommendation on funding without having the facts.

Mayor Jelley commented on various sponsorship opportunities and long term commitments for funding that they have in their campaign.

Councillor Brammer commented on funding for the arena and a long-term commitment for the community to support the project.

Deputy Mayor Lowther commented on the wellness centre and that a lot of the community will use that part of the facility.

Councillor Drost commented that a lot of sponsorship opportunities are taken already with other businesses and the municipality was approached a little later for funding support.


Mayor Jelley advised that the municipality is not trying to finance the project as it is the Town of North Rustico that has committed to the project and maintaining the facility. He advised that the municipality may look at some short term as well as long term funding and we will await input from the public through the consultation process.


Mayor Jelley advised the public that they had until March 5, 2021 to respond back with any written comments either for or against the official plan amendment and the budget meeting process.

Mayor Jelley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and advised them to stay safe.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Jelley adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Matthew Jelley

  
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Brenda MacDonald, CAO