

Minutes  
Resort Municipality Public Meeting  
March 7, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting of the Resort Municipality was held on March 7, 2022 at the North Rustico Lion's Club.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Matthew Jelley, Councillor George Clark Dunning, Councillor Kay Hrycki and Councillor Bill Drost. CAO - Brenda MacDonald and Deputy CAO Heather Hay.

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Lowther, Councillor Lee Brammer and Councillor Chris Robinson.

**VISITORS:** There were three visitors in attendance.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Jelley called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**2.Pre-Budget Consultations for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget:**

Mayor Jelley advised that engaging Property owners in the decision-making process is an important part of our efforts to build the best community possible. As we develop our 2022 - 2023 budget we want to know your opinions and spending priorities. You are invited to a Budget Consultation Meeting regarding the proposed budget for 2022-2023 and the Capital Budget for 2022 – 2027. Please let us know where you believe we need to spend more, or less of your tax dollars and make any requests for projects and spending.

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;
- Strategic Plan priorities;
- Community Projects;
- Active Transportation - including trails, paths and sidewalks;
- Other items presented by property owners;

**Mayor Jelley went through the municipal highlights over the past year:**

**Tax Rate:**

Tax rates - non-commercial at \$.20 / \$100.00 and commercial properties @ .30 / \$100.00.

**Municipal Highlights:**

Mayor Jelley commented on some of the municipal highlights that were worked on over the past year.

**Montgomery Park:**

Work completed on the removal of three existing shelters and the addition of four new shelters being constructed. Infrastructure funds were received at a breakdown of Federal \$52,130.44, Provincial \$43,437.69, Municipal \$34,757.96 for a total cost of \$130,326.09 and the project was awarded to Sperra Construction.

**Swimming Rock:**

Swimming Rock Step base Replacement was completed at a cost of \$20,614.20 to Diversified Divers Inc.

**Lighting Improvements:**

Maritime Electric Overhead Streetlights are being added to the entrance of private subdivisions, six new lights are being installed at a cost of \$17.00 per light per year at a cost of \$1,020.00 per year.

**Active Transportation Trail:**

An Active Transportation Trail was completed on Cawnpore Lane to the National Park as a joint project with the Province of PEI. Cost of the project was \$524,000.00 with a contribution from the municipality of \$215,000.00 from (CCBF Funds) - Gas Tax Funding.

**UPEI Engineering Students:**

The municipality is working on a project with UPEI Engineering Students on brackets, screws and low level lighting for Grahams Lane. A final project update will be completed by summer.

**Municipal Office Lease:**

A five year lease has been signed with the Province of PEI for the municipal office space at a cost of \$10,290.00 each year.

**High Speed Internet Project – North Rustico:**

\$17,940.00 was received from the Department of Innovation to assist with costs for running high speed internet on Cavendish Road in North Rustico.

**EV Charging Station:**

An EV charging station was installed at the Visitor Information Centre. Funding partnership with Maritime Electric and Federal Government was completed at a cost of \$3,061.44 to the municipality.

Sandy MacKay asked about the budgets for the Resort Municipality and the Cavendish Sewer Utility.

Mayor Jelley confirmed that the two budgets were done separately as they are two different entities as the sewer utility is a user pay system.

Mayor Jelley outlined the serviced area for the municipality for the Cavendish Sewer Utility.

Sandy MacKay asked why there were different tax rates for Commercial and Residential Properties.

Mayor Jelley advised that the tax rate structure was inherited from previous Council's and there are different assessments for farm properties and fixed roof accommodations as they are not considered commercial and that is a province-wide tax initiative.

Mayor Jelley also highlighted some potential budget items:

Montgomery Park – Cats;

Cavendish Road West – wooden walkway / asphalt underneath;

Removal of Swimming Rock Steps - \$5,000.00 on a yearly basis,

Election Ads / costs for staff - \$5,000.00 (2022 election year for all of Council if anyone is looking to offer);

Discussion on financial support for the North Star Arena and Wellness Centre;

Strategic Plan Priorities;

Community Projects;

Active Transportation including trails, paths and sidewalks;

Maps, planning, public meeting and official plan review;

Legal – Official Plan Review;

Generator – Warming Centre, municipal office space; Looking for a place for showers, to get something hot to drink and to be able to charge phones.

Office Space / Ambulance / Emergency Services;

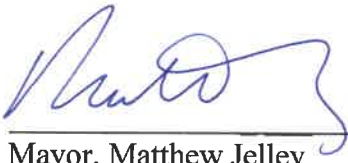
Gateway Signage;

Other;

Mayor Jelley advised the public that they had until March 11, 2022 to submit any written comments on the proposed budget and that the Council would be presenting the 2022 / 2023 budget at March 21, 2022 for approval of the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Jelley adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Mayor, Matthew Jelley



Brenda MacDonald, CAO