

Minutes

A public council meeting held at the Massey Drive Town Hall on Tuesday March 15th, 2022 with the following in attendance:

Mayor Allan Gillespie
Deputy Mayor Penny Piercey

Councilors: Kerry Ryland
Gary Warren
Libby Chaulk
Don Brown

Clerk/Manager: Rodger Hunt
Assistant Town Clerk: Pennie Oke

Residents:

Mayor Gillespie called the meeting to order at 7PM
Mayor Gillespie presented the Health and Safety Report.
Council reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

Brown/Piercey

21-22 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of the February 15, 2022 public council meeting as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed the request from MNL to send letters of support for regionalization and decided that they do not have enough information and are not prepared to send letters at this time.

Ryland/Brown

22-22 Be it resolved that council will do a ¼ page ad at a cost of \$420.00 for The RNCA's 32nd Anniversary Community Guide

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed the request from Blanche Whelan to do a quilting class at the town hall one afternoon a week. Council agreed to let her use the town hall at no charge.

Council reviewed the accounts payables.

Piercey/Chaulk

23-22 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills in the amount of \$41,188.50 as presented and council will ratify the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$ 19,113.68 as identified.

Motion carried Un

Mayor Gillespie left council chambers and Deputy Mayor Piercey took over as chair of the Meeting

Piercey/Warren

24-22 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills for United Rentals in the amount of \$412.85 as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0(Mayor Gillespie left council chambers and did not participate in the discussion or voting of this motion)

Mayor Gillespie returned to council chambers and resumed as chair of the meeting

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Council discussed the rental rates for daytime rentals at the town hall.

Piercey/Brown

25-22 Rental fees for a 2h our daytime rental will be \$50.00 rental fee and \$40.00 cleaning fee with a \$50.00 refundable deposit also required

Motion Carried Un

Rodger gave council an update on the payroll and discussed the new payroll report with them and council decided that they would like that report monthly.

Rodger informed council that the Don Dicesare was in and said he should have the report done in a couple of weeks for the Link Pond lift station.

Rodger asked council what they wanted to do about Covid 19 restrictions in municipal buildings. Council discussed

Ryland/Chaulk

26-22 Be it resolved that council will be lifting all Covid 19 restriction on municipal buildings as of today's date.

Motion Carried Un

Rodger gave council an update on the revisions that Municipal Affairs requested to the 2022 Budget

Piercey/Ryland

27-22 Be it resolved that council will accept the revised 2022 Budget as presented with no changes made to the tax structure.

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed the structuring of the loan for the new plow truck.

Brown/Chaulk

28-22 Be it resolved that council will submit a request for approval to borrow \$297,346.60 for the purchase of a new plow truck. Financing would be through the Bank of Montreal at 3.39% interest on a 5 year term for a 5 year amortization period. HST of \$44,999.89 would be financed by the town through its own reserves.

Motion Carried Un

Rodger let council know that this year is fire fighter Bill Michielsen's 35th year with the department. Council discussed options on how to mark the occasion and Deputy Mayor Piercey will come up with some ideas and get back to council.

Rodger informed council that they were given some funding to do a community cleanup. Council discussed and Councilor Warren offer to plan some events.

Council discussed the Stratton's Pond recreational space and decided that they will only tender out for the space except for the beach volleyball court which will be put on hold until the other costs come in.

Rodger informed council that Megan Adams would like to resume fitness classes on just Monday nights.

Piercey/Chaulk

29-22 Be it resolved that council will approve Megan Adams to resume fitness classes one night a week.

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed the rental rates for weddings for the town hall

Ryland/Brown

30-22 Be it resolved that council will charge \$500.00 plus \$100.00 returnable deposit for rental of the town hall for a wedding. The rental will run from 4pm the day before the wedding until 2 pm the day after the wedding.

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Brown no new business

Councilor Ryland told council that he had met with Councilor Chaulk and Rodger to work on the HR polices and that they were hoping to have something to present to council in the near future.

Councilor Chaulk no new business

Councilor Warren no new business

Deputy Mayor Piercey asked if the new SCBAs were ordered or was council waiting to hear on funding. Rodger informed council that the funding was applied for but that the deadline for applications was not until the end of March so it would be a while before they would hear anything and that you cannot use funding for something already purchased. Council said they will wait to hear about funding before ordering anything. Deputy Mayor Piercey told council that the Recreation Committee's financial report was done and she would get it to them. She gave council an update on the winter fest activities that had happened the previous weekend and informed them that they are planning a spring fest. She then told council that she had received a request for a donation from the ACE Volleyball club that will be travelling to Edmonton for Nationals and that 5 of the players on the team are from Massey Drive. Council discussed.

Piercey/Brown

31-21 Be it resolved that council will donate \$100.00 to the Ace Volleyball team

Motion Carried 5-1(Ryland)

Mayor Gillespie congratulated the Receation Committee on excellent job on their winter fest activities. Job well done. He then set the next meeting for March 22, 2022 at 7pm.

Piercey/Chaulk

32-22 Be it resolved that the meeting will adjourn at 9PM

Motion Carried Un

Mayor

Assistant Town Clerk

