



**Rural Municipality of Morell
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2023**

Present:

Mayor David MacAdam

Councillors: Marla Drake, Chris Dunn, Danny Kelly, Garry MacAdam, Heather Sampson,
and Vince Trombetta

CAO: Amanda Benedict

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson David MacAdam called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented.

2.1 moved by Chris Dunn

2.2 seconded by Garry MacAdam

2.3 2023-05-15 motion carried

3. Declaration of Conflict:

Section 2.3 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that 'No member of council shall derive and profit or financial gain from his/her position as a member of council and where a member of council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

4. Approval of Minutes:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Council meeting be adopted as read.

3.1 moved by Chris Dunn

3.2 seconded by Heather Sampson

3.3 2023-05-15 motion carried

5. Correspondence:

- Maritime Electric Trees For Life Program inviting Island communities and schools interested in trees being planted to apply for the program –Danny Kelly offered to add that to his info on tree restoration programs for the area

- Randall Parkman notice that he will no longer being able to fulfill bi-monthly monitoring of the sewer/pumping station effective May 31st 2023. –Was being mentioned to DJ Dunn for his recommendations for possible replacements
- Morell Consolidated School asking for a donation for end of year graduation donation –discussed giving \$100 in the past. Agreed unanimously by Council to match previous year’s donation
- Card from Jennifer Phelan to thank Council as she retired
- L’Nuey notice that there will be signs being put up for the Morell River for the Indigenous Awareness Week, done in connection with the Government of PEI, highlighting place names that have a Mi’kmaq origin or hold particular importance. – Questions were raised in regards to the size, placement, how long they will be up and care for the signs. Looking for additional information from L’Nuey and the Indigenous Awareness Week and an email has been sent.
- Request for info from a Policy Researcher from Mount Allison University in regards to place name policies. –Decided we did not have any info to share with them.
- Notice from business who seen an item about the Rink Renovations and wanted to send info on Wheelchair Accessible picnic tables and other items.
- Request from local group for 2023 Graduation March and Dinner Event for Morell High to use the Rossiter Park Pavilion for the evening of June 17, 2023 for their event. Looking for it to possibly be donated. –It was decided to invoice them for the event and then reimburse the group afterwards as a donation. A request to Dave with the Fire hall was sent to check on Fire Regulations regarding any capacity issues.

6. Councillor Reports:

a. Gary MacAdam:

- i. Update on the past month. 2 of volunteer firefighters attended a CISM workshop. It included a good incident stress management session. Guest speaker who was Head Coroner when Swiss Air crashed off of Peggy’s Cove.
- ii. Attended a mutual aid to St. Peters
- iii. Had 1 control burn
- iv. Fire at St. Peter’s Harbour, while at that fire there was also the Crowbush fire, while at the Crowbush fire there was a third call for a fire on the Burn’s Rd. Cardigan was mutual aid and they took care of the Burn’s Rd fire.
- v. 1 motor vehicle accident near MacEwan Road near Wyman’s.

b. Heather Sampson:

- i. Nothing on the sewer
- ii. Call from DJ regarding getting wifi for Rossiter Park. He has heard people requesting this. –Discussion brought up possibility of getting extender from the Rink and running it to the Park. Could be used for cameras. Discussed possibilities of having wifi available. Need to look into ability to run there.

c. Vince Trombetta:

- i. Suggesting submitting a similar law to one of 3 River's. –It was suggested to send it to members of the Council to get input
- ii. Looking about assistance with the map of the area denoting commercial and residential. –Danny pointed out his contact that was going to connect with no longer works there.
- iii. A resident approached Vince about them having a property that needed to be split because they want to have it as a commercial. But he noted that the property already has a commercial label. –Noted no bylaws by Morell that would stand in its way, it would be Provincial laws. Requested that he talk to his land.
- iv. Someone approached him about a Farmer's Market. Proposed either supporting or running it ourselves. –Discussed past offering of building for free. Discussed issues with getting participation. Offers of who previously run it and put them in contact.

d. Danny Kelly:

- i. He is attending Federation of PEI Municipality meeting on Thursday, May 18.
- ii. Rink: there are a number of companies willing to do the work. Darren from Cole's confident there will be a number interested in providing the work, from the pneumatic that's going in, the foyer, the new entrance, the lobby, the new dressing rooms, cleaning the rafters with sealant. It will commence once it is agreed to who will be doing it.
- iii. Chairs: how many and picking them up? –Decided on picking up on 20 at a time as that's all the room in his truck he can take at a time.
- iv. Trees: Ideal program didn't cover. Program Green Spaces program, non-profits, churches and municipality/community falls under. Native species can be added back in. Danny offered to complete proposal for that. There is an additional program to get discounted trees. There are a number of other programs and have pulled together into a document to share out. Danny is sending info directly to those that responded previously about the programs. –Shared on the website and social feed.

e. Chris Dunn:

- i. Fielding baseball calls.
- ii. Mike getting fields prepared.

f. Marla Drake:

- i. Morell & Area Development Corp.
 1. Community Survey will be sending out within the next week. Similar to past survey.

2. Medical building sign is missing. Their concern is with the new Streetscape signage, if it will impact it –It was destroyed from the winter.
3. Is Mike going to create a new Welcome to Morell sign? They want to know about putting in for flowers for that one too. –Yes, likely. Brian Kelly may have a sign that blew down. Danny will talk to them about it.
4. David and Marla met with Roger Steadman, Martina MacDonald, and Heather MacLean. Martina and Heather are with Active Communities and CBDC in Montague, believe Roger was on their board. There is some funding opportunities and they had some ideas as to what may work in the area. They were recommending a STEP program around sustainable tourism. Perhaps there is an opportunity to look at the whole Rossiter park planning and how to enhance it. It was brought up during the meeting as to who would be best to spearhead it, MADC or the Community and they recommended both. –Danny noted that likely will need to have a committee to tackle this with a varied group of stakeholders.

g. Dave MacAdam:

- i. Discussing the baseball field proposal and changing the direction it faces. –All agreed to plan
- ii. Site work for School field to start within the next few weeks.
- iii. Discussed to funding opportunity and application to be filed for combining the Church ballfield lights and renos and the School field development into one. –All members agreed to move ahead with this.

7. Administrator Report:

- a. Applications for Jobs for Youth and Special programs tentatively approved
- b. Mike MacDonald has started back as of May 1, 2023
- c. Application for ballfields is being pulled together
- d. Accessed control of Google Account
- e. Provided report on analytics of website and social media
- f. Quotes from PEI Inflatables for Canada Day – confirmed
- g. Walk-In Clinic possible options from Tara with Health PEI, tentative meeting
- h. AER Report updates
- i. MRSB to do audit sometime in July
- j. Updating documentation online for Rossiter Park and other Municipal documents –these are to include branded items
- k. Creating a new file storage management online

8. Financial Reports:

Balanced and reconciled.

9. New Business:

- a. Portable toilets –decided on one for Rossiter Park and one for Church Ballfield
- b. Canada Day – book inflatables. Find list of Jennifer’s and send to Councillors. Similar activities as previous year.
- c. Discussed possibly doing photos following the next Councillor meeting for use on website. -tentative

10. Old Business:

- a. Update on Ballfield was provided in Dave MacAdam’s report.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

David MacAdam, Chairperson

Signature:

D. MacAdam

Date:

June 19/2023

Amanda Benedict, CAO

Signature:

Amanda Benedict

Date:

June 19/23