

Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 29, 2019

In attendance: Bernadette McInnis, David Stewart, Arthur Baker, Danelle Elliott, Grace Cameron, and Chief Administrative Officer, Ron Coffin.

Regrets: Anne McPhee, Bradley MacDonald

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grace Cameron at 6:15 pm. A quorum was present so the meeting could proceed.
2. Agenda Approval – It was moved by Bernadette McInnis and seconded by Arthur Baker that the agenda be approved as presented; all in favour and the motion was carried.
3. Presentation by PEI Energy Corporation – Kim Horrelt; also in attendance Blair Arsenault, Operations Technician. Kim gave verbal permission to put the Powerpoint presentation she used on the RMEK website; she noted in any follow up meeting, she would come back with more graphics showing potential sites for wind turbines under specific scenarios.
4. Conflict of Interest Declaration - No conflict of interest was declared by any of the Councillors in attendance.
5. Council moved to a ten (10) minute recess to address questions from the public regarding the Presentation from PEI Energy – moved by Arthur Baker and seconded by Danelle Elliott; all in favour so the motion was carried.
6. Minutes Approval from Council Meeting of January 14, 2019 – Minutes were reviewed with corrections in paragraph 7(b) regarding date of April meeting. It was moved by Bernadette McInnis and seconded by Arthur Baker that the minutes be approved as amended; all in favour and the motion was carried.
7. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Report as shown in Appendix A was presented and a clarification was made from the previous meeting regarding the payments from Gas Tax Funding of \$9240 X 2. It was determined that this was part of Notional Funding of Capital Investment Plans for 2018, not part of the regular operating Budget.

Ron also noted that the bill to renew the website hosting was due along with the charge for the domain name; as efforts are underway to renew the website it was felt that only the domain name should be renewed at this point and an invitation will be issued to Wallace Rose to make a presentation on what services he could provide regarding an improved website; he will be scheduled for the February 12th meeting.

8. Capital Investment Plan – Gas Tax Funding -- Resolution for Capital Investment Plan for the Community Centre Energy Upgrade was introduced. It was moved by David Stewart and seconded by Danelle Elliott that this resolution be adopted; all were in favour and the motion was carried.

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9. Old Business: Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings emails – whose is set up? Left to do? Determined that there should be an email for the Mayor styled as mayor@rmek.ca so easier to pass on to subsequent Mayor; clarify with Deputy Mayor if one is required there; also, Arthur and Bernadette require email addresses with first name @rmek.ca.

10. New Business

- a. Correspondence from Souris West Mayor re. Amalgamation Discussions: Pat O'Connor, Mayor of the Rural Municipality of Souris West has sent emails to the five municipalities who had participated in discussions one year ago regarding a different model for regional government; he invited members of the Councils (Souris, Eastern Kings, Annandale/Howe Bay/Little Pond, Central Kings, Souris West) to attend a meeting on January 29th to pick up the discussions again.

It was agreed that members of Council should attend the meeting; concerns centred around getting unincorporated areas involved, where would funding for any study come from; how would we ensure there were no cuts to current budgets in Eastern Kings. Need to look a full Pros and Cons as well as Increased Revenues vs. Increased Expenditures. Grace, David, Danelle and Bernadette advised they would attend.

- b. Notification to Council of Ongoing Survey Work in Kingsboro – Grace advised that the Council had been contacted regarding survey work that was to take place back of the properties from 2557 – 2683 East Point Road, running back to the East Tarantum Road. This survey is as a result of approximately 235 acres in this area being donated by the owner to a nature conservancy group.

11. Due to meeting time elapsed, the remaining Agenda items were deferred until future meetings, including:

- c. Way Ahead for Bylaws including the review of the Land Use Bylaws and those required under the *Municipal Government Act*
d. Code of Conduct Bylaw
e. Procedural Bylaw

12. Council moved into an In Camera session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss a matter under Section 119 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

13. Adjournment – It was moved by Danelle Elliott and seconded by Bernadette Mcinnis that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm. All in favour and motion was carried.

Signed in accordance *Municipal Government Act* S.116 (4)



Grace Cameron – Mayor

5 March 2019

Date



Ron Coffin – Chief Administrative Officer

April 9, 2019

Date

Appendix A:

CAO Report Jan 29, 2019

Our bank account was credited with \$106.95 Jan 15, 2019 representing a service charge adjustment.

Gas Tax:

The \$9,240.00 x 2 payments received in 2018 represent the regular funding of Eastern Kings Capital Investment Plans. This money is not part of our regular budget. This money is not specific to any one Capital Project but is a funding in general of approved Capital Investments Plans to date. Revised amounts for Infrastructure / Gas Tax Funding have been received for 2019 – 2024, as of January 17, 2019.

Other:

A new corporate seal has been ordered for the Municipality reflecting our legal name, Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings. The seal will be ready by mid-February, 2019. Cost \$51.47

The cost to renew our domain name 'easternkingspei.com' will expire Feb 22, 2019. The hosting service currently being used is a 'platinum' service, we have been paying for a basic service, a discount that was negotiated by Horatio and is still in effect. I think we should continue in the short term with this service and develop the tool.

Resolution for Community Centre Energy Upgrades to be read – Amount of funding \$21,000.00