

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA  
MINUTES OF CUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2020  
6:30 P.M. , SCHOOL HOUSE  
730 VICTORIA STREET  
VICTORIA**

In Attendance: Mayor Keith Dewar  
Deputy Mayor Pat Smith  
Councilor Richard LaGrange  
Councilor Jean McCardle  
Councilor Susan Oxley  
Councilor Marly Anderson

Councilor Eric Gilbert by Zoom

CAO Margaret Andrade

Mayor Dewar opened the meeting at 6:30.

Request for additions to Agenda

1. Report and discussion on CAO's work since hired

Approval of Agenda with amendment.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith; Seconded by Councilor LaGrange

Conflicts of Interest

1. Mayor Dewar, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councilor Lagrange – 24 Bardin Street, Development Permit - Neusch
2. Councilor Gilbert – 8 Main Street – Development Permit – Isselstein

Mayor Dewar asked if there was Approval of Minutes for Council meeting of January 10, 2022.

Moved by Councilor McCardle; seconded by Councilor Oxley

Mayor Dewar added a request for CAO to include all approved Minutes of Committees in the future.

Committee Reports

Planning Board Report

Chair Pat Smith announced that the Official Plan and Subdivision Control Bylaw would not be coming before Council for adoption this evening. Chair asked CAO to report on issues with Ministry that have put the adoption on hold for now.

CAO advised that she had received a phone call from the Ministry advising that Minister Fox had received a letter from a resident household advising that a second public meeting that had been promised had not been fulfilled. As a result, the Minister would not approve the documents when they came before him. Therefore, the adoption of both documents would not happen until after the public meeting was held.

Councilor McCardle discussed at length her belief that 2 public meetings had been held and that the adoption process should go ahead.

#### Water and Sewer Report

Chair LaGrange had requested that the CAO include Water Reports in the Council package, which request was complied with. However, they were not the type of Reports needed. Chair LaGrange requested the Reports done by our contractor, Preston Siliker from individual residences. CAO will request those reports and provide them at the next Council meeting. Chair LaGrange advised it was time to hold a Water and Sewer Commission meeting and would arrange the details with the CAO.

Chair LaGrange also had questions about water quality tests at Halibut PEI. Had we received any, and if so, could they be passed on to Council and the public. CAO affirmed that no such records had been received and would request them.

#### Climate Committee

Councilor Gilbert advised the Report from UPEI intern, Quinn Howard, had been sent out on the distribution email list. Mayor Dewar spoke about how impressive the report was and encouraged all residents to take the time to read it and that he hoped the committee would start meeting to plan ways to move forward with the report.

#### CAO Report

CAO advised that an Audit Plan had been included in the Council's package. There are 3 questions that need to be answered and it would be appreciated if Councilors could provide those answers.

Financial Statements were discussed and all Councilors were pleased to see forecasting included on the Statements this month. CAO advised that planning is going ahead for a Saturday morning meeting with the CAO, Municipality Bookkeeper and Council to meet and begin the process of going through the 2022/2023 Budget.

CAO has received 2 enquiries regarding tenders for Municipal Sustainability Study. Will keep Council advised of any tenders that come in.

#### Development Permit

Council held a discussion regarding the application for a Development Permit for 8 Main Street – Isselstein. The Development Officer's Report advised that the Applicant would need a variance as the commercial area is over the acceptable area of 300 sq ft by 13 sq ft.

MOTION by Council to approve variance of 13 sq ft at 8 Main Street, Victoria as recommended by the Development Officer.

Moved by Councilor McCardle; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Motion CARRIED

MOTION for Council to approve development application for 8 Main Street, Victoria

Moved by Councilor McCardle; Seconded by Councilor La Grange

Motion CARRIED

MOTION for CAO Andrade to add Development Agreement to the Permit for 8 Main Street, Victoria, stating the Applicant agrees to install a fence between the driveway of 8 Main Street and their neighbours, as well as an understanding that the business is incidental to the residence.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith; Seconded by Councilor Anderson

Motion CARRIED

An email received from the FPEIM was included in the Council package for consideration, wherein the FPEIM would be sending a request to the Government of PEI to reduce their property taxation levels in all Municipalities across the Province. It has long been held that Provincial property taxes are too high and prohibit most Municipalities from raising revenue by increasing property taxes.

Council requested that thanks be passed on to the FPEIM for tackling this issue. It was decided that RMV should send their own letter to the Minister and Premier in support of the FPEIM's efforts

Motion that the Rural Municipality of Victoria send a letter to Minister Fox and Premier King endorsing FPEIM's 2022-2023 Provincial Budget efforts to reduce Provincial Property Taxes in order to allow Municipal governments to adjust Municipal taxes. It is requested that this letter is cc'd to FPEIM.

Moved by Councilor McCardle; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Motion CARRIED

Motion to enter closed portion of meeting to discuss 24 Bardin Street, Victoria.  
Moved by Councilor Oxley; Seconded by Councilor LaGrange

Motion CARRIED

Exit of Councilors in Conflict – Mayor Dewar, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councilor LaGrange

MOTION to end closed portion of meeting

Moved by Councilor Oxley; Seconded by Councilor Anderson

Motion CARRIED

MOTION to return to open meeting

Moved by Councilor Gilbert; Seconded by Councilor Oxley

Motion CARRIED

MOTION that the Development Application for 24 Bardin Street, Victoria be rejected because the Applicant has not defined the use of the new addition under Sect 7.3(1) of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Bylaws.

Moved by Councilor Anderson; Seconded by Councilor Oxley

Motion CARRIED

Invitation to return to meeting extended to Councilors in Conflict – Mayor Dewar, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councilor LaGrange

Public Input

Questions:

Will Audit Plan be open to the public – Yes

What stage is the Wharf Project at? – Stantec is awaiting Tenders for the project. Work will begin in the Spring of 2022.

Resident wants to discuss errors in the new Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaws – it was requested that the information be forwarded by email to the CAO.

MOTION to move to in camera meeting to discuss Personnel

Moved by Councilor Gilbert; Seconded by Councilor Oxley

Motion CARRIED

MOTION to return to open meeting

Moved by Councilor McCardle; Seconded by Councilor Gilbert

Mayor Dewar requests a Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith