

Regular Council Meeting
Rural Municipality of Warren Grove
Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

PRESENT: Destiny Wells-Arsenault
Shelley Harvey
David Maloney
Coady Tawil
John MacAllar
Noemie Wheatley (by phone)
Michel Arsenault, CAO

Two members of the public were present.

REGRETS: Mayor Laurie Turner

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Wells-Arsenault welcomed all present, informed that Mayor Turner asked that she chair the meeting as she would not be able to attend, and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared for this meeting of Council.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor C. Tawil and Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney

That the agenda be approved as amended, with the public presentations placed after the adoption of minutes.

Motion Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 13, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting, and March 27, 2023 - Special Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley and Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney

That the Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and the Minutes of the March 27, 2023 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Scott Beamish - Deep Roots Distillery

Deep Roots Distillery would like to be more present and involved in the community.

Offered to host a fundraising event at the Hall, where they would take on food and beverages - serve cocktails and drinks - and Council would take on the entertainment/games. A few options were discussed - outdoor yard games, board games, "speed dating" style socializing. Council agreed that fundraising would be a good idea along with increased awareness and a way to bring the community

together. Council would need to acquire a liquor license for the Hall. There have been a few inquiries recently around Hall rentals and consumption of alcohol on site. S. Beamish also invited Council to take a tour of their facilities and suggested that a future Council Meeting could be held in their events tent.

Deep Roots Fundraising Event at the Hall

Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley and Seconded by Councillor S. Harvey

That Council collaborate with Deep Roots Distillery to host a fundraising event at the Municipal Hall at the end of June or early July.

Motion Carried

Premises Liquor Licence for the Municipal Hall

Moved by Councillor D. Maloney and Seconded by Councillor J. MacAllar

That a Premises Liquor Licence be obtained for the Municipal Hall.

Motion Carried

Deep Roots - Harvest Time Market

Moved by Councillor J. MacAllar and Seconded by Councillor C. Tawil

That Council collaborated with Deep Roots Distillery to put on a Harvest Time Market, in late September, with the event being advertised in the Municipal Newsletter and Municipal social media channels.

Motion Carried

5.2. Joanna Goodman - Tiny Pastures Free Range Child Care

J. Goodman currently runs Tiny Pastures, a small licensed in-home daycare that provides services to preschool children (2-6 years of age). Looking to expand to a before and after school program for school aged children (5-12 years of age). J. Goodman would continue to run the in-home daycare and hire staff to run the program. There is a high demand for before and after school programs. The program would run school days September to June, potentially also have a summer program and be open school holidays. Requirements for this type of program (fenced area, insurance, etc.), and target rental cost were discussed with Council. J. Goodman agreed to send some basic financial information to Council around the anticipated revenue and staff salary fees.

Following the presentation and discussion, Council further discussed rental of the Hall for a before and after school program. All agreed that the aim would be to at least break even, which would include the wear and tear to the building in addition to the costs associated with keeping the building open.

Questions for Tiny Pastures

Moved by Councillor J. MacAllar and Seconded by S. Harvey

That the following list of questions be sent to J. Goodman regarding the before and after school program:

- 1 - What does she feel is a reasonable monthly rate for rental?
- 2 - What are the expectations from Council (ie. would Council need to put up the required fenced in area?)
- 3 - Would there always be two staff on site? What happens if there is an emergency and one staff member needs to leave?
- 4 - Does she have previous experience supervising/managing staff at a secondary site?

Motion Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1. Discussion with Hampshire

CAO was able to discuss with the CAO of Hampshire their position around amalgamation or annexation. She indicated that there is no interest in meeting to discuss. Hampshire has no intention of pursuing amalgamation, and any annexation would be against their will. They are proceeding with dissolution.

6.2. Flea Market at the Hall

Date set for Saturday May 20th, starting at 9am. Setup on Friday evening, May 19th. Priority for vendors will be given to residents of Warren Grove. Information will be posted on the Facebook Group.

6.3. Spring Newsletter

Target for the next newsletter will be June 2023, and will include: Canada Day Celebration, Community Yard Sale, Public Presentation on the Hall Grounds Improvement, and the Deep Roots Distillery fundraising activity.

Other ideas for engaging with the community were discussed including: highlighting residents, or special events in residents lives, local businesses, etc. Short blurbs monthly on the website and social media as well as in the newsletter.

Distribution of the newsletter was again discussed. Although members of Council distributing the newsletter to residents' doors has created opportunities for discussion and awareness, it is not ideal.

Direct Mailing of the Newsletter

Moved by Councillor C. Tawil and Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney

That the newsletter be direct mailed to residents on a go-forward basis rather than delivered door to door.

Motion Carried

6.4. Christmas Event and New Lights

Want to move to a more inclusive event, those who have won have the most lights and will continue to have the most lights. Suggestions included: door decorating, wreath, decorations on a theme. This item will be carried forward to the May meeting as Mayor Turner had a suggestion on purchasing new lights for the Municipal Hall.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor D. Wells-Arsenault, chair of the Municipal Hall Grounds Planning Committee read a report on the current status and planned way forward from the committee.

Hall Grounds Funding Applications

Moved by Councillor S. Harvey and Seconded by Councillor N. Wheatley

That the CAO have Council's support and approval to apply for all pertinent funding for the Hall Grounds Projects.

Motion Carried

Hall Grounds Permit Applications

Moved by Councillor D. Maloney and Seconded by Councillor C. Tawil

That the CAO inquire and make application for all pertinent permits related to the Hall Grounds Projects.

Motion Carried

Volunteers for Cemetery Project

Moved by Councillor J. MacAllar and Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney

That inquiries be made with neighboring churches, the PEI Genealogical Society and residents to establish a volunteer group to assist with the Cemetery restoration project.

Motion Carried

Purchase of Park Benches

Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley and Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney

That D. Wells-Arsenault be refunded \$200 for the two used benches, purchased for \$100 each, to be used on the Hall Grounds.

Motion Carried

9. REPORT FROM CAO

9.1. Review of financial statement for March 2023 and Operating Budget

9.2. Planning and permits.

Derek French is scheduled to attend the May 8 meeting of Council.

Working on adding educational information to the website around permits and planning. Make it easy to find the needed information, FAQ in a “Did you know...” format.

9.3. No applications for funding currently in process.

10. NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m

Next Regular Meeting of Council - May 8, 7PM

Signed Laurie Turner, Mayor

Dated

Signed Michel Arsenault, CAO

Dated