

Regular Council Meeting
Rural Municipality of Warren Grove
Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

PRESENT: Mayor Laurie Turner
Destiny Wells-Arsenault
Shelley Harvey
David Maloney
Coady Tawil
John MacAllar
Noemie Wheatley
Michel Arsenault, CAO

Two members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Turner welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She also informed Council that Derek French would not be able to attend this meeting of Council. A new date will be set for him to come and meet with Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Tawil indicated a conflict of interest around the use of a storage/shipping container as an accessory building.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault and Seconded by Councillor N. Wheatley

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

April 17, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

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

That the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1. Flea Market at the Hall

Date now set for Saturday June 17th, 8am-2pm. Setup on Friday evening, June 16th. Priority for vendors will be given to residents of Warren Grove. It will be combined with the community yard sale on the same date. Information will be posted on the Facebook Group and in the newsletter. Admission will be by donation and tables will be rented for a small fee (\$10), all proceeds to go towards the Hall grounds improvement projects.

Use of Hall for Flea Market

Moved by Councillor S. Harvey

Seconded by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault

Whereas: There is a desire to hold more community activities and make good use of the Municipal Hall;

Therefore, Be it Resolved: The Rural Municipality of Warren Grove hold a flea market on Saturday June 17 2023, with no fees associated with the use of the Hall. Entrance will be by donation, and any funds raised going towards the hall grounds improvement projects.

Motion Carried

5.2. Spring Newsletter

The summer newsletter will be for June, July and August, and will include: Canada Day Celebration, Community Yard Sale, Public Presentation on the Hall Grounds Improvement, and possibly the Deep Roots Distillery fundraising activity. Could also start including a community member of the month highlight, or business highlight.

5.3. 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. For 2023 there will be two themes: 1) best decorated door, and 2) Best snowman themed.

Mayor Turner suggested the purchase of new Christmas light fixtures that require less effort to install and take down. There is an Island company that makes them, orders need to be placed before the end of July to ensure they are ready for the holiday season.

Purchase of new Christmas lights

Moved by Councillor J. MacAllar

Seconded by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault

That the Rural Municipality of Warren Grove purchase new Christmas light yard fixtures that are simple to install, up to a maximum dollar amount of \$400.

Motion Carried

5.4. Internet at the Hall

CAO is waiting for more information from Bell on installing Fiber at the hall. Looking for confirmation that the phone bundled with the internet would still work if the power is out. Contractor who was going to set up multiple networks is no longer available to assist but did explain to CAO steps involved. Will discuss and decide how to move forward at the next meeting.

5.5. Liquor License for the Hall

CAO is waiting to discuss details with PEI Liquor Control Commission around distinction between Permit and License for the Hall for the fundraising event and allowing renters to have alcohol in the building. More info to follow at the June meeting

5.6. Hall Rental - Tiny Pastures

High level financial projections were received from Tiny Pastures and additional questions were sent following the last meeting of Council and presentation on the before and after school program. Discussions were held around the rate for Hall rental for commercial use on an ongoing, contracted basis.

Hall Rental Rate for Tiny Pastures

Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley

Seconded by Councillor C. Tawil

That the Rural Municipality of Warren Grove inform Tiny Pastures that the rate for rental of the building, based on the program described, would be set at no less than \$1000 per month based on an agreement for a full school year.

Motion Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1. Notice of re-application for Grant-in-Lieu of property tax program, due May 12, and revised payment schedule for Municipal Hall property tax.
- 6.2. GST/HST sales tax rebate notices (Jan-June 2021: \$407.27; July-Dec 2021: \$497.73)
- 6.3. 2023-2024 Equalization Grant Program monthly payment now set at \$907.99 from April 2023 through March 2024.

7. 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. The use of volunteers directed by staff from the playground company (that we would need to be flown in), could potentially save \$30,000 on play structure set up costs. The Genealogical Society of PEI provided a list of other cemeteries that have recently been restored and could provide information or expertise on the process.

A priority will be the clearing of the trees before other work can proceed. In addition to the trees being removed where the multi-use sports pad, a priority will be the removal of leaning and fallen trees where the play structure will go, and the path to the cemetery.

Next Committee meeting will be held on June 12 at 6pm (prior to Council meeting).

Public presentation to residents on planned work to the Municipal Hall grounds will be held at 7PM on Tuesday July 25.

8. REPORT FROM CAO

- 8.1. Review of financial statement for April 2023 and Operating Budget

Transfer of Funds to the Shares Account

Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley

Seconded by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault

That the Rural Municipality of Warren Grove transfer \$40,000 from the Operating Account to the Non Profit Share Account.

Motion Carried

- 8.2. Planning and permits.
- 8.3. Application for the FCC AgriSpirit Fund is currently in process for Hall Grounds Projects and is due May 15th

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Use of Sea/Shipping Container as a shed. This item is being brought to Council as Councillor C. Tawil inquired on the topic to Derek French. Warren Grove's zoning bylaw does not specifically reference the use of storage containers (C-can) as an accessory building. Derek has asked for

comments from Council on this to see if there are any issues from Council's perspective on containers being used as an accessory building.

Sea/Shipping Container as an accessory building

Moved by Councillor S. Harvey

Seconded by Councillor N. Wheatley

That the Rural Municipality of Warren Grove accept the use of sea/shipping containers as a shed or other non-permanent structure.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m

Next Regular Meeting of Council - June 12, 7PM

Signed Laurie Turner, Mayor

Dated

Signed Michel Arsenault, CAO

Dated