

***Regular Council Meeting***  
***Rural Municipality of Warren Grove***  
***Monday, February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m***

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

Michel Arsenault, CAO

One member of the public was present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Turner welcomed all present 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 N. Wheatley, and Seconded by Councillor J. MacAllar**

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**January 9, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting, and February 16, 2023 - Special Meeting of Council**

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

That the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting of Council and the February 16, 2023 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5.1. Provincial Approval of 2016 Official Plan**

An update was provided by CAO and Councillor J. MacAllar following a meeting they attended with Municipal Affairs on January 16, 2023. Derek French was also present at the meeting. Given legislative changes over the past 7 years, including recent changes to the Special Planning Area regulations, the 2016 Official Plan that had been submitted, but not yet approved by the Province, no longer meets the requirements. A new process will need to be undertaken to review and update the Official Plan.

## **Meeting with Hampshire**

**Moved by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault**

**Seconded by Councillor N. Wheatley**

**Whereas:** The neighbouring Rural Municipality of Hampshire is in the process of dissolution;

**And Whereas:** There is potential benefit to increasing the population of the municipality with regards to political and developmental pressures;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved:** That the CAO contact the Rural Municipality of Hampshire to set a meeting with Mayors and Councillors of both municipalities to better understand Hampshire's position and their opinion on a potential Amalgamation/Annexation with Warren Grove.

## **Motion Carried**

### **5.2. Non-Renewal of TAJ Contract**

With TAJ's decision to not renew their rental agreement, their last day at the Hall will be February 28. The Hall will now be available during the day for rental and use, and an opportunity if other groups present themselves that are interested in using the building.

### **5.3. Update - Shared Municipal Office**

A binder has been prepared and will be brought to the office at the Miltonvale Hall. Information will also be shared with residents through a sign on our Municipal Hall door, our webpage and Facebook.

### **5.4. Update - Internet at the Municipal Hall**

CAO is waiting for a quote on equipment to allow for a public network at the Hall to be available to residents and renters.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

CAO will share links with Council members to sign up for the FPEIM and PEI Municipal Affairs newsletters.

## **7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A report was given on the status of the Hall Grounds projects by Councillors D. Wells-Arsenault and N. Wheatley following the January 30 Committee meeting and the February 22 Working Group meeting. Draft minutes from the January 30 Hall Grounds Planning Committee Meeting were shared.

Various funding options and grants applications are being explored.

For the play structure, the current quote has the purchase of the structure at \$36,000 and installation cost at \$41,000. Other smaller municipalities, such as Brackley have done the installation work themselves. Will need to confirm insurance coverage for people volunteering time to work on the Hall Grounds, such as assembling the play structure.

## **Canada Post Foundation Grant Application**

**Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley**

**Seconded by Councillor C. Tawil**

**Whereas:** Additional funding is required for the Hall Grounds improvement projects, and the Canada Post Foundation offers non-repayable grants that can be used for the purchase of playground equipment;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved:** The Rural Municipality of Warren Grove submit an application for \$25,000 for the Canada Post Foundation Grants by the March 9, 2023 deadline.

**Motion Carried**

**8. REPORT FROM CAO**

- 8.1. Review of financial statement for January 2023 and Operating Budget  
Deadline for submission of the 2023-2024 Financial Plan is March 31, 2023. The Operating Budget and 5-year Capital Plan will need to be presented to the public at the March meeting of Council and a special meeting will need to be held two weeks later to adopt the Financial Plan before the March 31 deadline.
- 8.2. Planning and permits.  
January 2023 was a Nil month for permits issued.  
Will invite Derek French to come give an overview presentation and answer questions around planning and issuing permits at the May Regular Meeting of Council.
- 8.3. No applications for funding currently in process, several are being explored. The Canada Post Foundation Grant will be applied for.  
Will invite our Community Development Officer and a representative from the Province to come give an overview presentation and answer questions around the Canada Community-Building Fund and other provincial funding at the April Regular Meeting of Council.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1. Crokinole**

The Crokinole provided payment for use of the hall of \$770 for the year. They also indicated that there is room for more players and asked that we share the information: Tuesdays, 7:30pm, \$4 and that beginners are welcome

**9.2. Activity Ideas**

Councillor S. Harvey presented several ideas for activities to be held at the Municipal Hall including a craft supply sale/trade, a winter yard sale or flea market, a rotating community school, and a card making class.

**Use of Hall for Flea Market**

**Moved by Councillor S. Harvey**

**Seconded by Councillor D. Maloney**

**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 a Saturday in March 2023, with entrance being by donation, with any funds raised going towards the hall grounds improvements.

**Motion Carried**

**10. INTRODUCTION AND READING BYLAWS**

**10.1. Shared Services Bylaw**

**Second Reading**

**Moved by Councillor D. Wells-Arsenault**

**Seconded by Councillor S. Harvey**

That “A Bylaw to provide for entering into an Agreement regarding Shared Services, Bylaw # 2023 – 01” be read a second time.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Bylaw, Second Reading**

**Moved by Councillor N. Wheatley**

**Seconded by Councillor J. MacAllar**

That “A Bylaw to provide for entering into an Agreement regarding Shared Services, Bylaw # 2023 – 01” be approved as read a second time.

**Motion Carried**

**Adoption of Bylaw**

**Moved by Councillor C. Tawil**

**Seconded by Councillor N. Wheatley**

That “A Bylaw to provide for entering into an Agreement regarding Shared Services, Bylaw # 2023 – 01” be adopted.

**Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting of Council - February 13, 7PM

Signed Laurie Turner, Mayor

Dated

Signed Michel Arsenault, CAO

Dated