

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL
Monday January 18, 2016

A regular meeting of Oxford Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 pm. Mayor Stewart presided with Councilors Kay, Patriquin, Ellis, Adshade, Thompson and Jones in attendance.

Town Council Meeting – Called to order by Mayor Stewart – 6:00 pm

Presentation – No presentations tonight

Additions to the agenda – 7.2 Long Term Health Care - Discussion

It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Jones that the agenda be approved with the above noted addition.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Jones that the minutes from the meeting held Monday, December 21, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Reports

All Director Reports and Councilor Reports were distributed and/or discussed.

Public Works – General Discussion on Public Works Report that was enclosed in the Council Package. Brenton’s retirement date is May 27, 2016. Discussion on the new salt spreader, question as to how is it working out?

Arena – General Discussion on the Arena Report that was enclosed in the Council Package. Council would like to see more of a breakdown in Brian’s report as to how many hours for each group and a better breakdown of the usage. It was commented that it seems that minor hockey is using the Oxford Arena more. Councilor Thompson commented that the Junior C wants to come back and play again. It was commented from Council that the Junior C can come back if they pay before they play. No Tabs. An idea was discussed to have Corey Skinner involved with managing different events into the arena. For next month Council would like to have a detailed report from Darrell White the stats for the past groups and the ages of the groups that had used the Oxford Arena facility. Council would also like to see the breakdown of the working hours at the Arena.

Recreation – General discussion over Corey’s report.

Fire – noted that there was no fire report enclosed in the package to discuss.

Finance – A general discussion on the report that was enclosed in the Council package. As Darrell was absent, it was requested by Council for Darrell to advise council on the budget by e-mail.

Councilors' verbal reports that were presented:

- **Councilor Ellis** – attended the YMCA board meeting on January 5, 2016 and also attended the Art Gallery Grand Opening, she was very impressed.
- **Councilor Adshade** – nothing to report
- **Councilor Patriquin** – he will be attending the CJSMA meeting on January 28, 2016. He noted that the Theatre is doing very well.

- **Councilor Thompson** – attended the Get Healthy garden meeting (last year this was very successful and noted that there was very little destruction). She applied for some upcoming grants. The teen room is open until June. The Strawberry Festival planning still continues and is growing. She now has 31 tables booked and a dance confirmed. The venue time will be from 10 – 4. Coordinated the old Hymn night. She noted that she is unable to attend the CNTA meeting coming up. She also attended the Art Gallery Grand opening and was very impressed.
- **Councilor Kay** – attended the art gallery grand opening and he was impressed. He also attended Alice Mayne's 90th Birthday Celebration. He will be attending a meeting with the L A Lillian Animal Shelter on Wednesday night.
- **Councilor Jones** – He also attended the grand opening of the Art Gallery and was impressed with the young talent we have here. Councilor Jones would like to see an Immigration Committee formed. He would like to see 3 – 5 families to be located here. It was discussed that the Nazarene Church shared interest in helping, and also Alia Ahmad Kamareddine as she could translate. We should include Brent Noiles. The Councilors that would like to be involved in this committee are Councilor Jones, Thompson and Patriquin. They would also like to include someone from Oxford Frozen Foods and more from the community.

Councilor Patriquin made a motion to form an immigration committee.

Seconded by Councilor Ellis

Motion Carried

- **Mayor Stewart** – Oxford Riverside Gallery is going lovely. There will be another two month slot coming up with other artist's within Cumberland County. A variety of various arts will be showcased. A fundraiser for Habitat will be at the Oxford Capital Theatre with Kristina Martin as the headliner. Dale Murray, Mark Steven and Deedra Greene will also be part of the show. Habitat are now planning the building of the next two homes. Volunteers can sign up on the Habitat site to help with the Oxford site. The Oxford Youth Drama Club will be presenting Beauty and the Beast and it plans to run for four nights at the Oxford Capital Theatre. At the theatre we are looking at having new steps put in to go downstairs into the old dressing rooms. Every weekend at the theatre is booked. The heat pump should allow for summer usage at the theatre as well. She noted that Chris McNeil will be coming in the near future to speak to council. The piano will be ready in the spring. Rod Macintosh donated the Santa Sled to the Town and Shelley Mattinson is storing it for us. April is volunteer month. Any one you feel is deserving of an award, please send your submissions to Dawn and Trish.

It was moved Councilor Jones, seconded Councilor Adshade that all reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

A note from Darrell that regarding the RCMP we are sending a letter to the Department of Justice this week. It was requested that a copy of this letter to be sent to the Police Advisory Board.

New Business

7.1 – Motion to withdraw from Water Depreciation Fund – this motion was discussed and it was asked why are we reducing our nest egg? Why can't we borrow? Does this bring up a red flag indicator? It was decided that there are too many questions to be answered to pass this motion so this is deferred to next month's meeting.

7.2 – Long Term Health Care – Councilor Kay brought this to Council's attention. He is looking for Council's support. What can we do to help with the new approaches? It was decided to draft another letter to send to the Health and Wellness Minister Leo Glavine. Include in the letter that we have land available as a location site and that we are central.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Kay moved Adjournment

Motion Carried

Trish Stewart
Mayor

Darrell White
CAO