
Rural Municipality of West River Council Meeting

Meeting No	19	Chair	Helen Smith-MacPhail
Meeting Date	Thursday, October 14, 2021	Phone	902-675-7000
Start Time	7:00 PM	E-mail	admin@westriverpe.ca
Location	Afton Community Center	Session	Public
Present	Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail, Councillor Lori Ashley, Councillor Pam Baglole, Councillor Stephen Gould, Councillor Sabrina Loughran, Councillor Shaun MacArthur, Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite, Councillor Chad Stretch, Councillor John Yeo		
Also	Laala Jahanshahloo – CAO		
Regrets	Deputy Mayor Robert Clow, Councillor Aaron MacEachern		

● **Call to order**

Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

● **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Councillor Chad Stretch and seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur; the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

● **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest was declared.

- **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Lori Ashley, seconded by Councillor Pam Baglole; the minutes of September 9, 2021, Council meeting approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

- **Business Arising from Minutes**

Nil.

- **Mayor Report**

- ➔ Mayor sent a letter to the Minister of Land and Agriculture on September 14 via email dated October 8, 2021. As Minister did not address the Municipality's requests and concerns, Mayor will send a formal letter accordingly.
- ➔ Mayor had discussed the complaint received from a concerned resident of Cumberland regarding a flag with inappropriate language. The Council concluded it is not in a position to take action on this complaint as it is out of the Municipality jurisdiction. RMWR does not have any authority over this matter.
- ➔ Mayor briefed the Council on the OP&LUB project's first public workshop held on October 13, 2021, at Afton Community Center.

- **CAO Report**

- ➔ CAO presented a progress report on the Branding project and gathered the Council's input on the first draft of the logo design.
- ➔ As the "Restructuring Timeline" Page has completed on the website, The Councillors are asked to review and provide feedback.
- ➔ The 309 P.O. Box has closed, and all the correspondents will go to 1552-B Rte. 19, New Dominion, PE C0A 1H6 hereafter.

- **Emergency Measures Committee Report**

- Chair Shaun MacArthur noted the Committee met on September 22 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.

- **Finance Committee Report**

- Chair Stephen Gould noted the Committee met on October 5 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.

- **Planning Board Report**

- Chair Sharon Slauenwhite noted the Committee met on October 6 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.

- **Properties Committee Report**

- Chair Chad Stretch noted the Committee met on October 4 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.

- **Resolutions**

- **MOTION#2021 -100**

Moved by Councillor Chad Stretch

Seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur

WHEREAS

According to section 3 (d) of the Municipal Government Act, one of the Council's purposes is to develop and maintain its Municipality as a safe and viable community.

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves prohibiting any kind of open fire, open flame, and charcoal grills usage on all the municipality-owned parks premise due to safety concerns and fire risk and authorizes the CAO to post the appropriate signage.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ **MOTION#2021 -113**

Moved by Councillor John Yeo

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Gould

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves of keeping 2022 the Non-Commercial properties tax rates for the former communities of Afton, Bonshaw, Meadowbank, and West River at \$0.16 per \$100 of assessment and \$0.19 per \$100 of assessment for the former community of New-Haven Riverdale.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ **MOTION#2021 -114**

Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould

Seconded by Councillor Sabrina Loughran

WHEREAS

The North River Fire Department increased the Fire Dues rate for commercial properties from \$0.0725 to \$0.16 per \$100 assessment from January 2021, and

WHEREAS

The Municipality had covered the Fire Dues increase for the Commercial Properties in 2021 without any cost to the Commercial properties' owners,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves to increase 2022 Commercial properties tax rates for the former communities of Afton, Bonshaw, Meadowbank, and West River at \$0.16 to \$0.2425 per \$100 of assessment and \$0.19 to \$0.2725 per \$100 of assessment for the former community of New-Haven.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ **MOTION#2021 -115**

Moved by Councillor John Yeo

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Gould

WHEREAS

The former Community of Bonsahw had received \$25,000 from New Horizons for Seniors Program for project number 016580953 on March 16, 2020, which was transferred to the Rural Municipality of West River operating budget after amalgamation, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant of Motion #2021-83, all the surplus of the 2020-21 operating budget has transferred to the Community Priority and Contingency Reserve account,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves reallocating \$25,000.00 from the Official Plan expenditure budget to a new expenditure item for the Community of Bonshaw Community Center New Horizons project and revises the Operating Budget accordingly for April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ **MOTION#2021 -116**

Moved by Councillor Sabrina Loughran

Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

Rural Municipality of West River has committed to "Protect the unique identity of each community," and

WHEREAS

Pursuant of Letters Patent of Communities 13 Inc. (May 31, 2001) section (2) (a), former communities of Afton, Meadowbank, New- Haven Riverdale and West River are among the thirteen communities incorporated to acquire, develop, build, maintain, and operate facilities to be used for recreational and other purposes for their residents, and

WHEREAS

According to Communities 13 Inc Bylaw#3, the subscribers to the memorandum of agreement hereto shall be members of the Corporation, and

WHEREAS

According to Bylaws of Communities 13 Inc Bylaw#4, that each of the communities referred to in bylaw 3 clause 2 shall be entitled to become a director of the Corporation,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves to keep the former communities name at the Communities 13 Inc and fill the Board of Directors positions with the following representatives:

- Robert Clow from Afton;
- Colin MacPhail from Meadowbank;
- Stephen Gould from New-Haven Riverdale;
- Shaun MacArthur from West River.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ MOTION#2021 -117

Moved by Councillor Sabrina Loughran

Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

Pursuant of Letters Patent of Communities 13 Inc.(Dated May 31, 2001) section (2) (a), former communities of Afton, Meadowbank, New- Haven Riverdale and West River are among the thirteen communities incorporated to acquire, develop, build, maintain, and operate facilities to be used for recreational and other purposes for their residents, and

WHEREAS

According to Communities 13 Inc Bylaw #3 and Bylaw #11 clause (1), in the event of winding up or any other dissolution, the funds shall be distributed to each of the communities described in bylaw no. 3 in proportion to the contribution made to the Corporation as capital for the construction of the multipurpose facility.

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves to continue contributing an amount acceptable to the Council to the capital fund of Community 13 – APM Center on behalf of former communities of Afton, Meadowbank, New- Haven Riverdale and West River and to be reviewed on an annual basis.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ MOTION#2021 -118

Moved by Councillor Shaun MacArthur

Seconded by Councillor Chad Stretch

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River accepts the proposed offer Locus Surveys Ltd to conduct a land survey at the cost of \$3,400 plus HST (as per the attached scope of work and proposal) and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute this resolution.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ MOTION#2021 -119

Moved by Councillor Chad Stretch

Seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River accepts the proposed from Kevin Doiron for replacing the six doors in Lloyd Inman (part of Cano Cove- Gas Tax Project 58.1.1) at the cost of \$6,600.00 plus HST as per the attached quote and authorizes the CAO to execute the contract.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ MOTION#2021 -120

Moved by Choose an item.

Seconded by Choose an item.

WHEREAS

That the Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2021-18, the Election Bylaw, be read and approved a first time on September 9, 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2021-18, the Election Bylaw, be read and approved a second time.

CARRIED 8- 0

→ **MOTION#2021 -121**

Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould

Seconded by Councillor Lori Ashley

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2021-18, the Election Bylaw, read and approved a first time on September 9, 2021, and

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw # 2021-18, the Election Bylaw, read and approved a second time on October 14, 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2021-18, the Election Bylaw, be adopted by Council.

CARRIED 8- 0

● **Other Business**

→ Rural Municipality of West River will be closed from December 27, 2021 until January 3, 2022.

● **Questions from the Audience**

→ Nil.

- **Adjournment**

- ➔ The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.
- ➔ The next meeting will be on November 18, 2021.

HELEN SMITH-MACPHAIL _____

MAYOR

LAALA JAHANSHALOO _____

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER