

Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings

Conference Call Minutes Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

This conference call was initiated by the Mayor as a result of information received from the Emergency Management Organization and Municipal Affairs regarding closure of Municipal Offices and holding of Municipal Council Meetings during the COVID-19 health crisis. Due to the limits of cell phone technology, the following Councillors were in attendance, i.e. on the call:

Mayor Grace Cameron, Councillors Danelle Elliott, Anne McPhee, Arthur Baker, Bradley MacDonald and David Stewart.

Regrets: Councillor Bernadette McInnis and Chief Administrative Officer Sonya Martin; (both Bernadette and Sonya were briefed on the discussion, after the fact).

No formal agenda was prepared or approved; discussion topics are in bold: decisions were taken by consensus, rather than formal motions and voting; minutes were taken by Danelle Elliott.

Should we close the office to the public for the time being?

All were in favour of the office being closed to public as per precautions coming from Chief Public Health Officer. CAO is still expected to work from office. The public can still be in touch via telephone or email. Signs will be put on front door of Community Centre and at Elliott's General Store. Facebook and website will be updated accordingly.

Should we cancel our monthly council meeting scheduled for March 24th?

All were in favour of cancelling the meeting and moving all business to the monthly meeting scheduled April 14th. Facebook and website will be updated accordingly.

Vulnerable people in the community

Grace and Bernadette had made a list of vulnerable people in the community that may be elderly, living alone or have health issues and may need assistance in some way. A few additional names were added by Councillors. It was decided the list would be divided and that Councillors would call people to offer our assistance and make sure they know they have someone to contact if need be. Council will give those people their contact information or council office phone number to reach. Danelle will check voicemail on days Council Office is closed. Grace will divide names and forward to the rest of Council.

Response to email from Horatio Toledo

Mr. Toledo sent an email to council seeking information on how the COVID-19 situation is being handled in the Municipality. Grace will respond.

Development Officer

Anne reported that Judy Burke has agreed to work as our development officer. Payment has not been discussed with Judy. Council agreed that \$30/hour would be offered and that she should start in the new fiscal year.


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Dr. Heather Morrison, Chief Public Health Officer


Anne suggested that the municipality send a note of gratitude to PEI's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison for her leadership and service at this time. All were in favour. Grace will take action on this.

There will be another teleconference with the Emergency Measures Organization and Municipal Affairs on Friday, March 20th. Grace and David will call in. Situation Reports from EMO will be sent out to all Councillors.


Signed in accordance
Municipal Government Act S.116(4)



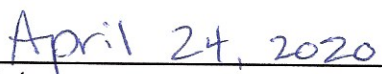
Grace Cameron – Mayor



Date



Danelle Elliott – Deputy Mayor



Date