

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2017

Present

Mayor Bill Martin
Deputy Mayor Norma McColeman
Councillor Frank Costa
Councillor Gordie Whitlock
Councillor Brent Gallant
Councillor Bruce MacDougall
Councillor Brian McFeely
Councillor Greg Campbell
Councillor Tyler Desroches
Bob Ashley, Chief Administrative Officer
Rob Philpott, Director of Financial Services
Brian Hawrylak, HR Officer
Lorri Laughlin, Director of Communications
Members of the Media
Members of the Public

Call to Order / Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Declaration

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The Agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration – no conflicts were declared by any member of council with any of the items on the agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated April 17, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated April 25, 2017 be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

New Business

Accolades

Bob Ashley stated Music PEI presented JP DesRosiers with Industry Professional of the Year Award

Councillor McFeely congratulated Patrick Martin and Alex Lapp on their recent posting to the Bluenose II

Councillor DesRoches congratulated Sport Events Tourism team for their work in a recent national tournament bid.

Councillor Campbell congratulated Carol Lily on her recent silver medal win in softball at the World Masters Games

Councillor McColeman congratulated the Women's Institute on another successful roadside cleanup.

Mayor Martin congratulated the Summerside Chamber of Commerce on the recent choose Summerside event.

Councillor Campbell congratulated the business owners who are now operating out of the old Dairy Queen building.

Junior Mayor and Council Report

Hello, good evening, and thank you for having us back here. We thoroughly enjoyed our tour day and appreciate the opportunity you gave us to learn about the city in an engaging way. We are back here today to share our experience with you, and what we thought of it. We will then share a few ideas the junior mayor and council came up with to make Summerside an even more appealing and entertaining place to be for youth.

We started our tour with a trip to the CUP, where we went everywhere from under the chairs, to up in the box seats, to behind the bowling lanes to get a real sense of how the place ticks. We listened to stories of performers in their change rooms and learned just how important the CUP is for the city. All things considered, this tour felt timely and satisfactory.

Next, we got up close and personal with the massive turbines at the wind farm. With our hardhats fastened, we stepped inside the towering giants for a sense of scale, learned the specifics of power production and consumption, and got a better idea of how green Summerside energy is.

After that, we went to the water treatment plant, where we learned just what happens to what we flush down the toilet. Obviously it was quite smelly, but the whole process was incredibly interesting, and looking through a microscope at a sample was very neat.

Then we drove to the municipal services building where we learned about pipe repair and got to sit in various machines. Crossing the street, we visited the Summerside Electric building where we saw all the generators used to power the city when we're not using other methods or buying power, and we were taught the history behind them.

At lunch we returned to a Subway catered City Hall feast, and various speakers gave us intriguing talks about their areas of expertise, to which we asked well-answered questions.

Shortly after that, we headed to the Wyatt house, where we learned of the family that once abided there, as well as what life in general was like at the time it was lived in. We also heard accounts of spirits making refuge in the building.

Finally, we wrapped up the day by visiting the Police Station where we got a rundown on forensics, how crime is handled in Summerside, and of course got our mug shots taken, then went down to the fire department where we heard the history of firefighting and engines in Summerside, and got to sit in some as well.

One thing that we can say for sure is that you guys know how to put on a tour. It was interesting, and at the same time entertaining, so thank you again for the learning opportunity.

As you know, the junior mayor and council were put to the task of coming up with ways to make Summerside a better place to be for youth, and we came up with a few that we think are very good.

One of the ideas born from the genius of council member Mark Menezes is putting wifi hotspots throughout downtown, and perhaps several other locations. This would not only impact the lives of youth, but tourists too. While the price of maintaining these hotspots would be a factor, the attraction towards parts of the city might just make it a worthy investment.

*The addition of the bowl to Summerside was a genius idea, however there's still a demand from youth for places to be and to hang out that just isn't being met. The big idea that many council members, myself included came up with on their own is one big youth hangout spot. I've heard many different variations and twists on the idea, but the gist is that it's similar to the bowl but much less skateboard/bike/scooter catered, more of a place to go, have a seat and relax with your friends. It might sound like a glorified park, but perhaps with the addition of wifi, it would be **the #1** go-to spot for bored Summerside youth (which there are a lot of).*

*I just have one, final idea for you to consider. At the age **we** are now, we can't quite drive yet, but we desire to get around Summerside on our own more and more. Uptown on Granville street, walking is the number one way of getting around as a teen, but it becomes dangerous when your choices to get from Tim Hortons to the mall are walking 5 minutes to the nearest crosswalk and back or risk sprinting across 4 lanes of traffic, which I have seen people do because it's certainly more convenient. A solution for this problem is definitely needed, even if it's as simple as putting down more crosswalks, in order to improve the safety of Summerside's walkers.*

Well, I'll wrap this up with some well deserved thanks.

*I would like to thank Mr. Sears and Joanne for driving us around the city all day, as well as SIS for doing their part in keeping the junior mayor and council alive. And, thank **you** once again for **everything**, the tour, the food, the opportunity, and keeping this tradition going. It provides a whole new educational experience for all outgoing kids like us, teaching us hands on politics, what our city has to offer for us and gets us thinking about what could be. This has been a wonderful adventure for us and we valiantly encourage you to continue it for as long as possible.*

*Thank you.
Trent Baker*

City Council thanked the Junior Council for their report, feedback and recommendations.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated that he has had meetings with provincial cabinet ministers and federal MPs in recent weeks regarding items of importance to Summerside. The Mayor had hosted a delegation from China. He stated that he has had a meeting with CMHC on affordable housing in Summerside. Summerside will be hosting the Atlantic Mayor's Congress later in the week.

Financial Services

Report:

Councillor Costa:

"Here is my monthly update to Council regarding the recent work of Finance Committee. This will be followed by resolutions to seek financing for capital expenditures and to re-finance loans that have come due.

The City's financial performance to date has been positive. General Fund results as of the end of the first quarter place the City ahead of expectations at this point in the fiscal year.

For the most part, all revenue and expenditure categories are either on- or close to budget. Some observations to note:

- Economic Development was \$58,000 ahead of pace in its revenues. This was due primarily to the receipt of unbudgeted funding from the Government of Canada's Invest in Canada – Community Initiative (ICCI) program for various projects within the department.*
- Public Works received \$40,000 in unbudgeted revenue in March, due to the sale of road salt to contractors, to service roads during the past winter season.*
- The \$280,000 received from the Province for snow clearing costs is included in our general revenue figure and a reserve has been recorded.*

Overall, the City's utilities finished the first quarter of the year with positive results, including the electric utility whose financial results were over half a million better than expected. This continues the trend from the month of February. The City's electricity requirements in March were not significantly different from February (24.6

megawatts in March versus 25.2 megawatts in February). Because of the lower power requirements, March electric sales was \$1.8 million as opposed to the \$2 million in February. Power purchase costs were also comparably lower in March, for the same reason.

Committee members may recall as well from previous Municipal Services Council updates that the electric utility generators need to run from time to time, in cases whereby the submarine cables between New Brunswick and PEI are overloaded. However, the need to have the generators running has been significantly reduced by our wind power generation taking place at the same time. For the first quarter of 2017, this has equated to fuel cost savings of \$280,000.

As well, the water and sewer utilities finished the first quarter in a positive position, with all categories within the utilities being within an acceptable range of their budgets.”

Resolution It was moved by Councillor Costa and seconded by Deputy Mayor McColeman;
Whereas The City of Summerside borrows from financial institutions to finance the cost of a portion of its capital expenditures from the previous fiscal year, and/or to re-finance existing loans that have come due,
Be it resolved That Council authorizes long-term borrowing in the amount of \$7,234,280 for 2016 capital expenditures as follows:

- Refinancing Issue 94 (Electric, water, sewer, SCN) = \$1,018,630
- General Fund = \$2,428,900
- Electric Utility = \$1,785,950
- Water Utility = \$1,477,450
- Sewer Utility = \$ 520,350
- Electro Thermal Storage = \$ 3,000

This bears the recommendation of the Committee of Council meeting of May 2, 2017.

Resolution Carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor Costa and seconded by Deputy Mayor McColeman;
Whereas The City of Summerside partners with the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Canada to fund selected infrastructure projects through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) program;
And whereas The City received CWWF funding to support the following projects:

- MacKenzie Drive Storm Sewer
- South Drive & Water Street Storm Structures
- King Street Storm system
- Water Street Culvert Replacement & Creek Enhancement
- Lift Station SCADA
- Water/Sewer Replacement 2017

Be it resolved That Council authorizes the City’s share to be funded as follows: \$280,000 from General Revenue, and \$252,280 to be borrowed.

This bears the recommendation of the Committee of Council meeting of May 2, 2017.

Resolution Carried

Economic Development

Report:

Councillor Gallant:

“CUP Innovative Energy Storage Project is Underway

I am pleased to inform our community that our exciting and innovative CUP Smart Storage Project has begun. The “smart storage” system will seamlessly blend solar power with traditional power sources and provide a cost-effective way of storing and dispatching surplus energy. Storing energy is not new for small applications, but it’s still in its infancy when ramped up to an industrial/utility scale. The project’s renewable component is a solar farm at the city’s Credit Union Place connected to a massive battery coupled to an advanced electronic design system that will put forth a full array of system management controls for its facility’s utility.

The project team has been assembled and work has begun on the first priority of relocation of the southern volleyball court. Residents can expect to start to see in Mid-June a full court press on site preparation, materials arriving and significant construction started to transform the grassed area into PEI first large scale solar oasis. There has been significant amount of work of both staff and our project partners have been working on over the past several months in anticipation of this exciting project and we are very excited to this major demonstration project get started.

Summerside is widely recognized as a leader and early adopter of green technologies. With our unique municipally owned infrastructure, combined with a business environment that encourages innovation, distinguishes us from other communities in Atlantic Canada and that is what attracted a global partner in Samsung Renewable Energy to want to partner with Summerside to advance this real world project in Summerside with aspirations for global export in partnership with Summerside

Company Visits continue to Showcase Summerside’s Business Advantages

Summerside Economic Development and partners have continued to host inbound companies and entrepreneurs looking to expand into North America over the past 6 weeks. The office has organized and hosted over 15 companies looking at expansion opportunities in various parts of Canada and specifically PEI in a diverse cross section of the economy including IT, Aerospace and Renewable Energy.

Feedback from the visiting companies have been positive and many continue to comment on our open for business philosophy, the capabilities of our firms and infrastructure, our cost competitiveness our local business partners and their support. Several companies have already reached back out to the staff for more information on setting up in Summerside and again it is our belief that as we have more opportunities for us to showcase our community and its capabilities we will increase the business investment opportunities.”

Councillor Gallant stated that he will be bringing forward a discussion at the next Committee of Council meeting to discuss lighting to Slemon park and wifi hotspots in the City.

Resolution It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor MacDougall;
That Staff review the Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw in regards to vacant buildings and recommend measures that can be applied to vacant properties including imposing a different tax rate when vacant building are not looked after

Discussion:

Councillor Whitlock stated that he thinks it may be more appropriate to have this placed under finance to have them apply different taxation rates

Councillor Gallant stated that he does not disagree and he is looking to have some teeth put in a bylaw to deal with vacant buildings that are becoming problems. He stated that this resolution will open up discussions on helping to resolve the issue.

Deputy Mayor McColeman stated that perhaps discussions with the land owner should also take place

COA Ashley stated that perhaps an amendment can be made so that Staff investigate policy options, negotiating with provincial government as well as property tax measures.

Councillor Whitlock moved an amendment to rephrase the resolution to
That staff review all options in regards to vacant buildings and recommend measures that can be applied to vacant properties including imposing a different tax rate
Motion carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor MacDougall;
That staff review all options in regards to vacant buildings and recommend measures that can be applied to vacant properties including imposing a different tax rate
Resolution Carried

Technical Services

Report:

Councillor MacDougall stated that the department is very busy as it moves to construction season with tenders and permits.

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Whitlock;
WHEREAS an application was received from Owen and Julie MacDonald for a portion of PID #71035 for a zoning amendment to Restricted Use (Service Commercial), RU(C2), zone for a Warehouse under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)*;

AND WHEREAS zoning amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)* was read and formally approved a first time at the Council meeting held on April 25, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* be hereby read a second time.

Resolution Carried

[schedule B is attached]

**ZONING AMENDMENT SS-15-A135
A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF SUMMERSIDE ZONING BYLAW SS-15 (Revised 2007)**

The Council of the City of Summerside under authority vested in it by Section 18 and Section 19 of the *Planning Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988 Cap. P-8* hereby enacts as follows:

- I. The zoning for a portion of PID #71035 as shown on Schedule B of the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)*, is designated as Restricted Use, RU (C2), for the purpose of a warehouse.

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Whitlock;
WHEREAS an application was received Owen and Julie MacDonald for a portion of PID #71035 for a zoning amendment to Restricted Use (Service Commercial), RU(C2), zone for a Warehouse under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)*;

AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw*, was read a second time at this Council meeting;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 4.7 of the zoning bylaw, Council shall consider the following general criteria, as applicable:

- Conformity with all requirements of this Bylaw;
- Conformity with the Official Plan;
- Suitability of the site for the proposed development;
- Compatibility of the proposed development with surrounding land uses, including both existing and projected uses;
- Any comments from residents or other interested persons;
- Adequacy of existing water, sewer, road, storm water and electrical services, city parking, and parklands for accommodating the development, and any projected infrastructure requirements;
- Impacts from the development on pedestrian/vehicular access and safety, and on public safety generally;
- Compatibility of the development with environmental, scenic and heritage resources;
- Impacts on City finances and budgets;
- Other matters as specified in this Bylaw;

- Other matters as considered relevant.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* as read a second time be hereby approved.

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee (Planning Board) meeting held on May 2, 2017.

Resolution Carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Whitlock;
WHEREAS an application was received from Owen and Julie MacDonald for a portion of PID #71035 for a zoning amendment to Restricted Use (Service Commercial), RU(C2), zone for a Warehouse under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)*;

AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)*, was read and approved a second time at this Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)* be hereby formally adopted.

Resolution Carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Whitlock;

Whereas tenders were called for the MacKenzie Drive Project 2017.

And whereas the following tenders were received:

MacKenzie Drive Project 2017		
Bidders	Net Total amounts	Schedule:
Curran and Briggs Limited	\$ 860,295.66	14.8 wks.
Island Coastal Services	\$ 1,033,593.00	20.6 wks.

Be it resolved that the tender submitted by Curran & Briggs Limited for **MacKenzie Drive Project 2017** to a total amount of **\$ 860,295.66** (HST included) be accepted as it was the lowest tender received.

This bears the recommendation of the Committee of Council meeting of May 2, 2017

Resolution Carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Whitlock;

Whereas tenders were called for **Water and Sewer Replacement Phase Two - 2017**;

And whereas the following tenders were received:

Firm	Tendered Amount	Construction Period
AJL Ltd.	\$2,275,533.98	15
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$2,358,759.25	26

Be it resolved that the City of Summerside awards the Water and Sewer Replacement Phase Two 2017 Tender to AJL for the “City Budget” amount of \$ 1,315,125.00 total price including HST. Based on the Contractor’s tendered price of \$2,275,533.98 including HST being accepted as it was the lowest tender received.

Resolution Carried

Resolution It was moved by Councillor MacDougall and seconded by Councillor Gallant;
Whereas tenders were called for Storm Sewer 2017 Westchester St. and MacWilliams Drive

And whereas the following tenders were received for the following Streets:

Westchester Street Ranking 6.5		
Bidders	Total amounts	Schedule:
Curran and Briggs Limited	\$ 431,135.00	8.1 wks.
Island Coastal Services	\$ 519,425.00	13.3 wks.

MacWilliams Drive Ranking 6.4		
Bidders	Total amounts	Schedule:
Curran and Briggs Limited	\$ 391,243.60	8.1wks.
Island Coastal Services	\$ 459,261.00	13.3 wks.

Be it resolved that the tender submitted by Curran & Briggs Limited for Westchester Street to a total amount of \$ 395,713 (HST included) be accepted as it was the lowest tender received. The balance of the \$504,000 budget to be spent on MacWilliams Drive based on the tendered unit pricing.

This bears the recommendation of the Committee of Council meeting of May 15, 2017.

Resolution Carried

Police/Fire& Emergency Planning

Police Report:

Councillor McColeman:

“Our Police Service members participate on many committees, a full list which our Chief of Police can provide. These committees/groups apply themselves to family, social, educational, and security concerns. Volunteering with the Pathfinders group, volunteer at school dance at Ecole Sur Mere, volunteering with local school band at the Atlantic Festival of Music in Halifax.

One member has taken the two week Senior Police Administration Course in Ottawa, taser re-certification at APA, tactical Troop training in Aldershot N.S., several members took the Immediate Action Rapid Deployment training at Slemon Park, Emergency Response training at Slemon Park

Summerside Police Services officers recently added a new life-saving resource in their toolbox. SPS recently rolled out its first automated external defibrillator (AED), which is used in situations where victims have cardiac distress. Officers are often the first to arrive at emergency situations and having an AED on hand could significantly increase a victim’s chances of survival if they are having heart problems.

Members attended a presentation on bomb threats put on by the Office of Public Safety, two functions as Aide de Campe, tour of SPS office by day care children, several members took part in the annual Polar Plunge in aid of Special Olympics.

A complete account of the month’s occurrences will be made available to Councillors and the media upon request. The following is a list of some of the totals for April;

Traffic Accidents – 21

Crimes Against Persons (Assaults, Threats, etc.) - 25

Crimes Against Property (Thefts, B & E’s, Mischief, etc.) – 78

Impaired Driving Offences - 7

Parking Tickets Issued – 106 & 17 Warnings”

Fire Report:

Councillor McColeman:

“There were 20 paged calls for the months of April; the breakdown is as follows:

2 - Structural Fires

1 - Alarm Panel Call

2 - Medical First Responder Calls

2 - Cancelled Calls

1 - Accidental False Alarm

5 - Miscellaneous Calls

1 - Carbon Monoxide Call

5 - Grass Fires

1 - Flue Fire

There were 11 training opportunities for the month totalling 91.5 hours; the breakdown is as follows:

<i>Apr 03/17 - Preplan - Biomass/26 Unit Apt.</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>Apr /17 - PEI Fire School Level 2</i>	<i>30 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 08/17 - Ice Rescue Practice</i>	<i>4 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 10/17 - Store Ice Rescue Gear</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>Apr 17/17 - Flow Test at GST Centre</i>	<i>2 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 22-23/17 - PEI Level 1 Field Training</i>	<i>24 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 24/17 - Testing BA's, Ladder Work</i>	<i>1.5 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 24/17 - Rescue Practice</i>	<i>2 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 26/17 - B.A. Practice</i>	<i>2 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 29/17 - Level 1 Instructor</i>	<i>12 hrs</i>
<i>Apr 30/17 - Level 1 Instructor</i>	<i>12 hrs</i>

- *Fire Chief Jim Peters is asking residents to remember that there is no grass burning allowed within city limits. Sometimes it only takes an unexpected gust of wind to send a grass fire into an area where property damage can happen. Summerside actually experienced five grass fires in the month of April that firefighters had to extinguish. “*

Councillor McFeely stated that he has had numerous calls regarding loose dogs, specifically around the boardwalk and asks that dog owners be respectful and considerate of others.

Community Services

Report:

Councillor DesRoches:

“With the announcement of local talent, Adam Casey, competing in the Road to the Roar tournament, local interest has increased. The full list of confirmed teams competing is expected to be announced within the next month.

Two bowlers from Summerside attended the National Singles Bowling Championship in Quebec, Sherry Wedge was awarded silver medal for the junior girls division and Dawson Gallant ranked 8th place in the bantam boys.

Our community partnership with the boys and girls club continues to grow with the new addition of the after-school squash program. Approximately 15 youth visit the squash courts once a week to learn about the sport and practice their skills.

Green Spaces Division has started seasonal spring operations conducting cleanup of Maple Wood Heights Park, Memorial Park, and Legere Park along with conducting maintenance of Outdoor sporting facilities...Including Tennis Courts, Turf Field and the majority of our Ballfields and removal of Deadfall and cleanup of tree debris along Mackenzie Drive Boardwalk.

Outdoor sports fields have begun to open for the season. Canada Games Turf Field opened on April 17th for the season. Minor Soccer and Flag Football season are now underway. Work began April 17th on City ball parks. Slemmon Park Fields, Lions Field and Greenfield Diamond opened May 1. Queen Elizabeth Park opened May 8th. Tennis Courts opened for the season on April 22nd and the Wilmot Tennis Court opened on May 1st.

Fit stop staff spent an afternoon with staff of the Summerside Tax Centre, educating them on proper posture for breathing and 3 breathing techniques that can help with stress, anxiety and heart health. A noticeable amount of employees are now regularly taking part in fitness classes at Credit Union Place.”

HR/Legal Affairs/Heritage & Culture

Councillor McFeely:

HR Report:

- May has been a busy month in the HR Department ramping up staffing requirements for the busy summer season. We are pleased to note that summer seasonal staff have been hired in various departments and are hard at work.
- We currently have hiring competitions ongoing for a Power Plant Operator within Summerside Electric and for Dispatch positions within our Police Service.
- We would like to congratulate Fred Gallant on his recent retirement from Summerside Electric after close to 35 years of service.
- The Department provided Council support this month at Committee & Council meetings
- The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee continue to meet on a regular monthly basis as well as department sub-committees
- The Green Commute Program started on May 8th with close to 50% of City staff participating and over 200 participants from around the Summerside business community. The Green Commute Program is in its 10th year and encourages participants to leave their car at home and have a “green commute” to work by either walking or biking. Participants track their “green commute” days and have the opportunity to earn memberships at the Credit Union Place based on meeting performance thresholds. Through this simple program the City of Summerside once again demonstrates leadership in developing a sustainable, green, community. Participants achieve better health outcomes, save fuel costs, and reduce their overall carbon footprint. A win, win, win scenario!

Culture Report:

“Culture Summerside, continues to build enthusiasm and energy around the 2017 Summerside Lobster Carnival. Event tickets are currently on sale and we are encouraging a show of support through the purchase of Lobster Supper or Kitchen Party Tickets. Available at <https://www.summersidelobstercarnival.website/shop> Feedback on the event plans thus far is extremely positive.

The 2017 edition of Arts In Motion Chautauqua presented by Wyatt Heritage Properties Inc. and Culture Summerside is being organized, this year’s event will take place outside of the Harbourfront Theatre in July. It begins on July 19th with the Daily Muse, and ending with a three day Chautauqua wrapping up on July 29th. This event includes three days of action packed artist demonstrations and performances in our historic downtown.

Councillors, city staff and members of the community are invited to the opening of the Wyatt / Lefurgey 150th Anniversary Celebration Art Exhibition. This exhibition marks the 150 year presence of the Wyatt and Lefurgey Houses in downtown Summerside. Original works of art created by 20 artists inspired by the houses and their collections will be on exhibit. The event date: Thursday, May 18th, 7pm, Lefurgey Cultural Centre, 205 Prince Street, Summerside. Refreshments served.

Culture Summerside staff participated in a focus group devised to help inform police pertaining to a new Provincial Cultural Plan scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017.

Culture Summerside is currently working with the HR department to interview and fill summer positions for a number of museum tour guiding, cultural events and programming positions.”

Governance, Policy and Strategy Committee Report:

“Community Support Policy

Committee of Council has reviewed GPS’s submission of the Community Support Policy and recommended it be brought forward for Council consideration and potential adoption.

Committee of Council’s review of the Policy document resulted in general support, but with one direction to revise item **#8** of the **Eligibility Requirements**. More specifically, the following language was to be replaced.

8. Organizations must be located within the boundaries of the City of Summerside, with the following exceptions:

- Organizations located outside of Summerside are able to present convincing evidence that Summerside residents will be the most direct and primary beneficiaries of City support

The revised language as directed by CoC appears in the final document as follows:

8. Organizations must be located within the boundaries of the City of Summerside

Discussion at Committee of Council indicated that despite this change, Council will remain open to studying certain partnerships with organizations located outside of Summerside. A special case may arise from time to time in which an outside organization may be able to make a convincing case that City support for a particular program or project will primarily benefit City residents. These special exceptions have been reasoned to be more effectively dealt with on a one-off basis, outside of the Community Support Policy .

In-Kind Support, Including Facility Fee Waivers and Discounts

The Community Support Policy, once adopted by Council, is the foundation document for not only for cash grants to organizations, but also in-kind supports. GPS will be studying various approaches to managing in-kind support, with options and recommendations to come forward for Council consideration.

Councillor Liaisons

As directed by Committee of Council, GPS will be reviewing the roles and responsibility and ultimately the practical utility of councillors acting as appointed liaisons to various community groups.

Parking Lot

The GPS Parking lot includes a review of alignment between City bylaws and the new MGA. “

Resolution It was moved by Councillor McFeely and seconded by Councillor MacDougall;
That City Council accept the Community Support Policy as presented at the Committee of Council meeting of May 2, 2017 with the exception that the wording for item #8 be re-worded to read “Organizations must be located within the boundaries of the City of Summerside”

Discussion:

Councillor DesRoches asked for clarification if organizations outside the City could still be considered for support. Councillor McFeely stated that groups outside the city can still be considered on an individual basis outside of the policy.

Mayor Martin stated that those groups should be identified if they are no longer fall within the policy.

Councillor Whitlock stated that in principal council agreed that if groups outside the city were doing work within the city, Council would give it consideration. He stated that city taxpayers fund the community grants.

Resolution Carried

Municipal Services

Report:

Councillor Whitlock:

“Plant effluent for the month of March was within regulated requirements for the month. The plant treated 314,640 cubic meters (69,220,800 gallons) of raw sewage while producing 413 tons of Exceptional Quality fertilizer from its waste sludge processing, with no waste going to the landfill and processed 30,494 gallons of primary sewage from the surrounding area.

The City’s sewer collection efforts focused on service to 7 residents in distress and performed one sewer videos for inspection. A sewer service was replaced this month on Brockville Street due to a collapsed pipe section. The biosolids fertilizer was started to be loaded into Agromart vehicles for land application this month,

it is expected all material will be emptied out of the warehouse by the end of May.

The City's water utility efforts continued their focus on service to read all water meters, performed 8 shut off and turn-ons, tested and maintain chlorine levels for safe drinking water 12 times throughout the month with all systems operating normally. Two water main breaks were experienced and repaired this month, one on Central Street and the other on MacEwen Road. The water curb stops in resident's lawns that were damaged from snow removal efforts were repaired this month. All drinking water tests conducted were clear of all bacteria. Staff attended the MPWWA conference in Halifax this month.

The City's public works efforts have turned away from snow efforts and have now turned to beautifying the City streets and roadways. The first pass of efforts of the City street sweeper has taken the full month and will continue keeping streets clean until Late November. The rights of way repairs to curbing, lawns and sidewalk areas have started this month. Municipal Services department asks for patience from the public in having rights of way repaired, if it is not repaired by the end of May please contact the department for prompt repairs. Pot hole repair continues this month and in late May the hot asphalt will be started.

Topic of Interest: The area of street sweeping is the areas with curbing as debris is caught along the curbing creating a mess. In the peak season (fall leaves), it can take up to a month to get to all areas of the City as the sweepers have to make more trips to empty the container. In the Spring and Summer months a rotation of sweeping takes about a week."

Councillor Whitlock stated that the Youth Committee met last week and have finalized a survey that will be distributed to local schools along with being available online. Kool Breeze Farms is a sponsor who will provide 2 for 1 ice cream coupons for those who complete the survey along with a prize pack from CUP.

Councillor Whitlock stated that the RC park is being constructed by the windfarms and the local club is liaising with a club from Cap Pele to begin having competitions.

Electric Services

Report:

Councillor Campbell:

"Generation this month was 7,392 kilowatt-hours; this was for 1 test run on April 28 consisting of 7.7 engine run hours. The exhaust stack tender for #8 engine was issued this month and the tender for the removal of asbestos piping insulation was awarded to Envirobate this month. Staff concentrated on heat for less now service calls for the spring (part of the program maintenance) with minimal work on the removal of the heavy fuel systems.

Wind power production was a low in April when compared to March with 34.7% of our power this month coming from renewable wind energy. The peak electricity for the month was 21.1 MW's. Our power purchase costs rose by 2.1%.

The City's Electric Utility had 7 new customers and 2 service upgrades this month. This month work progressed in removing old poles in the right of way and fixing up the land on Water, Harvard, Fitzroy, Spring and Autumn Streets. Utility Line work consisted of new secondary upgrades on Duke Street along with the new primary upgrade for the College of Piping development. The utility experience two customer outage events this month.

Topic of Interest: The Electric utility's customers use the least amount of electricity in the months of May and June when the days get longer and the heating load disappears and no cooling is needed."

Councillor Campbell stated that he attended the EPSI meeting today and told them that Council is looking at the role of liaisons with other groups.

Committee of the Whole

Motion It was moved and seconded
That That Council move into Committee of the Whole after a brief Recess.
Motion Carried

Open Session Resumed

Report:

No report

Adjournment

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The meeting be adjourned.
Motion Carried

Bill Martin
Mayor

Brian Hawrylak
HR Officer