

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

Present

Mayor Bill Martin
Deputy Mayor Frank Costa
Councillor Bruce MacDougall
Councillor Gordie Whitlock
Councillor Brent Gallant
Councillor Norma McColeman
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 at 6pm

There was an item added under the Committee of the Whole under the title property.

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

Conflict of Interest Declaration -No conflicts were declared by Council with any items on the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated April 16, 2018 and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings dated May 1, 2018, May 14, 2018 and May 16, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

New Business

Accolades

Councillor Campbell recognized Summerside teacher on her recent national recognition along with Gerry MacAulay on receiving the Golden Apple Award.

Councillor Whitlock recognized Rita and Angus McCormack on their recent induction into the JA Business Hall of Fame.

Councillor Gallant welcomed the two sisters to the new convent in Summerside and wished Gerard Gallant and the Vegas Golden Knights best of luck in the Stanley Cup finals.

Councillor McColeman recognized Deputy Sinclair Walker on his Police Officer of the Year award.

Councillor McFeely congratulated the athletes and organizers of the Special Olympics National Bowling Championship.

Mayor Martin recognized Jim Bradley at ADL for his recent CEO award recognition.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Martin stated that he attended the Atlantic Gymnastics Championships and presented some medals, the Atlantic Mayor's Congress, he recognized the National Day of Mourning with a flag raising, he attended a Summerside Pride event, participated in the walk for Mental Health and boardwalk cleanup.

Financial Services

Report:

Councillor Costa:

"The General Fund realized a surplus of \$547,000 during this time period, against budgeted results of \$275,000. This was driven by the following factors:

- *General revenue was \$200,000 higher than expected due to infrastructure funding for the Water Street Culvert and Creek Enhancement project. The timing of this project was extended when the Government of Canada allowed extensions to projects. This revenue will be somewhat offset by capital expenditures related to this project.*
- *Community Services revenue was over by \$35,000, primarily due to two revenue sources:*
 - *Building rentals which typically are not budgeted in full, as they may not be confirmed during budget deliberations*
 - *Building sponsorships; this variance may be due to timing of the budget.*

The utilities finished the first quarter in a positive position as well. The electric utility's performance was attributed in part to a colder-than-expected first three months of the year, and therefore higher electricity consumption city-wide. This was especially true during the month of January, as the colder weather contributed to the highest-ever peak of electricity needs for the City (just over 28 megawatts).

This trend of greater energy consumption continued into the month of February, although the City's power purchase costs were almost 10% higher than the same period last year.

The City's capital spending was approximately \$1 million over compared to budget. The primary reason for this was related to the sludge holding tank project: the project's year-to-date budget is based solely on the City's share of the cost of this project, while the actual results reflect the total cost of the project to date (this project is one of several that are receiving funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund administered by the Province as well as the Government of Canada)."

Resolution It was moved and seconded;

Whereas the City of Summerside receives an annual allotment of funding from the Province of PEI under the Gas Tax program, ranging between \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million,

Be it resolved that Council endorses that the direct allocation of Gas Tax funding be allocated as follows:

- 2017-18 = \$1,404,872
 - \$200,000 – 2017 Curb Replacements
 - \$460,000 – 2017 Storm Sewer Upgrades
 - \$744,872 – 2017 Paving
- 2018-19 = \$1,490,163
 - \$110,000 – Splash Pad

- \$120,000 – 2018 Curb Replacements
- \$225,000 – 2018 Storm Sewer Upgrades
- \$300,000 – 2018 Sidewalks
- \$735,163 – 2018 Paving

And, the following projects should be withdrawn as being funded by the direct allocation of Gas Tax:

- Project 22.4.3 (Credit Union Place Community Energy Storage): \$1,490,163
- Project 22.4.4 (Summerside Eco Innovation Park Utilities Upgrades): \$504,872

Resolution Carried 8-0

Economic Development

Report:

Councillor Gallant:

***“Immigration** – Changes to the Provincial Nominee Program continue to dominate the office efforts in a positive way and EDO has developed both a compelling investment message and rapport with intermediaries and prospectus clients. The office has interviewed a significant number of clients seeking to bring new investment and business ideas to our community. Some of the diverse concepts include digital software, food services, accommodations, light manufacturing, aquaculture, farming, aerospace and services. Clients are looking both at starting new enterprise but also are looking at purchasing any existing opportunities from business in Summerside. EDO has developed an inventory of business for sale that are presented to clients and for information are continuing to work with local enterprise interested in a transition opportunity.*

***Summerside Physician Awareness Campaign** – Summerside EDO is working directly with a group of physicians looking to heighten the awareness of our medical services and compliment of professionals servicing Summerside. EDO has been working directly with the group for the past several months on a marketing and promotion campaign and hopes to be ready to launch in the coming weeks in partnership with this group. A special note of gratitude goes out to Dr. Rob McKay for his energy and commitment to this initiative whom is the driving force behind showcasing the great services in the medical profession we have right here in Summerside. In November of this year we will be partnering with the group and attending a National Medical Convention to showcase Summerside as a place to practice medicine and enjoy one of Canada’s best locations for quality of life*

***Rotary International** - A delegation from Summerside is in the final stages of gearing up for one of the biggest conventions being held in Toronto. EDO has been spearheading and working for the past 4 months getting in preparing for this event which will be attracting over 30,000 delegates from around the globe. Building on the success of Mayor Martin’s road show in 2017, we will be looking to engage in discussions with companies looking for that next expansion opportunities.*

***Client Servicing** – EDO in partnership with its partners Provincially and Federal EDO agencies continue to work on attracting and growing investment in Summerside. Currently EDO has over 20,000 square feet of commercial and industrial clients in their sales funnel looking for expansion opportunities in Summerside representing a diverse cross section of industry including aerospace, manufacturing and retail. EDO and partners are working hard to facilitate these growth opportunities and are somewhat challenged with the lack of usable industrial and commercial stock*

in Summerside to seize these opportunities in an expeditious manner, but the interest in Summerside continues to grow.

Mr. Mayor this concludes my remarks for May but again seeing the level of investment interest, some recent commercial transactions and early building permit interest, I am seeing great things for Summerside.

I would also like to recognize Jim Bradley CEO of ADL on his recent award of being named one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEO's a true recognition of Jim's leadership and stewardship of ADL. We are all certainly proud to have ADL call Summerside home and with the recognition of Jim."

Mayor Martin mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce, PEI Connectors, Downtown Summerside, Explore Summerside, Economic Development and Innovation PEI will be moving their services to the former offices or PEI Mutual.

Technical Services

Report:

Councillor Bruce MacDougall:

"Well now that Spring has arrived and the ground has firmed up, the construction season is about to hit full stride.

This month, we issued some residential permits. There were a couple of new single-family homes, 3 semidetached, as well as a house addition and accessory buildings, which shows a nice mix of housing construction and renovations to kick off the Spring.

Staff have been working to prepare for this construction season. Paving, Water and Sewer contractors have started this week. Tenders have closed for Sidewalks, Curbing, Infill, with all those projects expected to start by the end of May. There is a map which outlines all the projects planned for 2018, this map can be found on the City's website.

In regards to a few City projects: Renovations at the treatment plant are nearing completion, the New well field building is under construction to house the associated well field equipment. The contractor for the water mains associated with the new wellfield has started back up, to complete that work which was started last fall.

Staff continues to review and assist the public with development and building permit inquiries. Citizens are encouraged to stop in and speak to staff for assistance with their projects that they may have planned for this summer. "

Resolution

It was moved and seconded;

Whereas

the property located at 99 Duke Street (PID 304667) constitutes a dangerous or hazardous building as defined in Bylaw SS-18 and as deemed by the Building Inspector per the Notice dated September 15, 2017 and subsequently posted on the property per Section 7.4 on September 29, 2017;

And whereas

on the date of compliance, October 16, 2017, the owner failed to comply with the posted Notice;

- And whereas** on November 7, 2017, the Committee of Council had been advised of the failure of the owner to comply with a “Dangerous or Hazardous Building” Notice and the Committee of Council deferred the item until the January 15, 2018 meeting;
- And whereas** on January 12, 2018, the owner obtained a Building Permit that outlined specific requirements in the permit conditions to be completed in order to comply with the Notice dated September 15, 2017 and as posted on the property September 29, 2017;
- And whereas** the owner failed to complete the requirements outlined in the Building Permit conditions by the compliance date on April 30, 2018 (109 Days);
- And whereas** on May 1, 2018, Committee of Council had been advised of the failure of the owner to comply with a “Dangerous or Hazardous Building” notice and passed the Technical Services recommendation;
- Be it resolved** that the Council, pursuant to Section 8 of Bylaw SS-18 authorizes the Building Officer to enter the property without written warrant, or other legal process and thereupon carry out any and all works required to bring the property into compliance with Bylaw SS-18 by demolition of the structure, pursuant to Section 6.1(C). This resolution shall be in effect for forty-eight (48) months from the date of passing. The Building Officer shall cause the costs of demolition or other work done to be charged to the owner, and failing receipt of payment within thirty (30) days therefrom from the owner, such costs shall be charged against the property as a municipal lien or recorded in a lawsuit against the owner.

Motion was moved and seconded to make an amendment to the resolution for it to state “Up to and including demolition” in the last paragraph.

Motion carried

Resolution Carried 8-0

- Resolution** It was moved and seconded;
- Whereas** Tenders were called for Sidewalk Project 2018;
- And whereas** the following tenders were received:

Bidders	sub total	10 % hst	total	# of weeks	cost @ \$ 2000 per week	project cost inc. schedule
MacAusland’s Const	\$ 317,117.01	\$ 31,711.70	\$ 348,828.71	13.6	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 376,028.71
Earth form	\$ 325,805.00	\$ 32,580.50	\$ 358,385.50	9.6	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 377,585.50

Be it resolved that the tender submitted by MacAuslands Construction Ltd in the amount of \$364,684.56, 15 % HST Included be accepted as it was the lowest tender received up to the total Budget amount of **\$305,800.**

This bears the recommendation of the Committee of Council.

Resolution Carried 8-0

Resolution It was moved and seconded;
Whereas an application was received from Uncle Mike’s on the Water (Maxine Casey) for a discretionary use approval at 150 Heather Moyses Drive, PID #801118, to allow a tavern/licensed lounge in the Downtown Commercial (C1) zone.
Be It Resolved that Council approve a discretionary use to allow a tavern/licensed lounge at 150 Heather Moyses Drive, PID #801118, in the Downtown Commercial (C1) zone.

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee [Planning Board] Meeting of May 22, 2018.
Resolution Carried 8-0

Resolution It was moved and seconded;
Whereas an application was received from Evermore Brewery (Alex Clark) for a discretionary use approval at 192 Water Street, PID #880872, to allow a tavern/licensed lounge in the Downtown Commercial (C1) zone.
Be It Resolved that Council approve a discretionary use to allow a tavern/licensed lounge at 192 Water Street, PID #880872, in the Downtown Commercial (C1) zone.

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee [Planning Board] Meeting of May 22, 2018.
Resolution Carried 8-0

Resolution It was moved and seconded;
WHEREAS an application was received from Aaron and Lindsay Dawson for PID #995027 for a zoning map amendment, Restricted Use designation to allow a “Personal Training Service” in the Agricultural (A) zone under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)*;
AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A146, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* was read and declared as read a first time at the Council meeting held on May 1, 2018;
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-A146, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* be hereby declared as read a second time.

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee [Planning Board] meeting held on May 7, 2018.

[schedule B is attached]

**ZONING AMENDMENT SS-15-A146
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:

The zoning map for PID #995027 as shown on Schedule B of the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)*, is designated as a Restricted Use (Personal Training Service), the zoning remains as Agricultural (A) zone.

Resolution Carried 8-0

Resolution It was moved and seconded;
WHEREAS an application was received from Aaron and Lindsay Dawson for PID #995027 for a zoning map amendment, Restricted Use designation to allow a “Personal Training Service” in the Agricultural (A) zone under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 (Revised 2007)*;

AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A146, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)*, was read and declared as read at two separate meetings of Council held on different days;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning bylaw amendment SS-15-A146, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw (Revised 2007)* be hereby formally adopted.

Resolution Carried 8-0

Police/Fire& Emergency Planning

Police Report:

Councillor McColeman:

“Committee and Volunteer Work

Committee and volunteer work by our police service represent an ongoing commitment to participate in issues of concern to our local community. Our involvement helps address many issues such as: family, social, educational & security concerns. As an example, one member assists with the breakfast program, an important initiative of a local elementary school. To raise public awareness, a member arranged a meet & greet at this school and invited representatives from S’Side Fire & Island EMS to participate to get more people involved. Great initiative.

Training and Service Enhancements

Training in April included an all-day webinars on sexual assault investigations. We attended another webinar on Workers Compensation, and two more on CDSA (Controlled Drugs & Substances Act) warrants executed. Three members attended 5 days of training on Special Tactical Operations in Nova Scotia, several members attended the Standard Field Sobriety Testing training and one member assisted with this training. Members also attended First Aid training to keep their certifications current.

Community Policing Activities

One member has volunteered on the Board of a local financial institution. A forensic seminar was conducted for a group of Pathfinders. Another member gave a talk to two law classes at Three Oaks along with a presentation to the school parent council. Several members took part in the annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, and several members taking part in a Special Olympics floor hockey game, attended the Cooking for Kids Sport fundraising event, assisting with the St Eleanor’s Lions Club convention. A member attended the ‘Day of Mourning’ event, and a member attended the Poverty Reduction Advisory Council meeting. One member volunteers with the TOSH band, two Aide de Camp functions.

All of these SPS activities go toward building and maintaining positive relationships with local residents, youth, and community based organizations.

Occurrence Statistics

The following is a list of some of occurrence totals for April 2018.

Traffic Accidents –24

Reported Crimes Against Persons (Assaults, Threats, etc.) – 32

*Reported Crimes Against Property (Thefts, B & E’s, Mischief, Shoplifting, etc.) – 146 (*Majority were thefts & shoplifting)*

Impaired Driving Offences – 11

Highway Traffic Act Tickets – 61 (Speeding, stop signs, hand held devices, etc.)

Parking Tickets Issued – 123 & 20 Warnings

Provincial Traffic – 61 (Fail to remain, Due Care & Attention, Disqualified Driving, etc.) “

Actual break and enters include into a business, residence, unlawfully in a dwelling, shed, and a fenced-in compound, there were a total of 4 in January, 1 in February, 7 in March and 10 in April 2018. (22 so far in 2018).

Fire Report:

“There were 15 paged calls for the month of April; the breakdown is as follows:

MFR (Medical)	2
Alarm Panel Calls	1
Dumpster / Mulch Fires	1
Grass Fires	1
Structural Fires	2
Appliance Fires	2
Cancelled Calls	2
Accidental False Alarms	1
Smoke Complaints	1
Miscellaneous	1
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1

There were 8 training opportunities for the month totalling 68 hours; the breakdown is as follows:

Apr 02/18 - Tour / Hose work / Ladder work	1.5
Apr 07/18 - PEI Fire School Level 1	12
Apr 08/18 - Ice Water Rescue	2
Apr 16/18 - Hose Work	1.5
Apr 21-22/18 - PEI Fire School Level 1	24
Apr 23/18 - MFR Training	1.5
Apr 28-29/18 - PEI Fire School Level 1	24
Apr 30/18 - Truck Work / Inventory	1.5

Burning Permits

Burning permits are required for all outdoor burning in PEI during fire season - March 15 to November 30 each year. Permits are available free-of-charge at any Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division office from Monday to Friday during normal working hours...

Check Fire Weather Index Online

Fire season runs from March 15th to December 1st. During this period, burning permits are required for outdoor burning. Many Island communities have their own burning regulations. Find more information in Burning Permits. Even with a burning permit at

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/fire-information>

Councillor Whitlock stated that the City should develop a strategy to combat the increase in graffiti in the City.

Resolution It was moved and seconded;

Whereas Complaints were received at Summerside Police Services in the last few months from neighbors and council concerning the property at 835 Read Drive becoming very unsightly.

And Whereas per the Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw, SS-18 a letter was sent to the property owner on January 29, 2018 advising the property owner to have the issue rectified within 10 days and after repeated visits by the investigating officer to have the property cleaned up, some attempt was made to clean up the property but the homeowner failed to complete the task

Be it resolved that the City of Summerside allow an Inspector to enter upon the property situated at 835 Read Drive (PID #72173) in the City of Summerside and have the property brought into compliance with the requirements of the 'City of Summerside Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw SS-18', as per Section 5.4 of the City of Summerside Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw SS-18 that states: All property shall be kept clean and free of: (a) objects or conditions that may create fire, health or accident hazards; (b) litter.

The cost will be initially borne by the City of Summerside and charged against the property as a municipal lien.

Resolution Carried 8-0

Resolution It was moved and seconded;

Be it resolved that Effective June 1, 2018, three parking spots be eliminated on the east side of MacKenzie Drive at the bottom of Seaweed Road to allow easier access to the group mailbox

Resolution Carried 8-0

Community Services

Report:

Councillor DesRoches:

“Summerside was part of the 2018 Special Olympics Canada Bowling Championships from May 15-19. 312 bowling athletes from across the country came together on Prince Edward Island to compete in 5 & 10 pin bowling. 10 pin athletes stayed in Slemon Park for the week travelling to Tyne Valley and Summerside for their games.

Atlantic Gymnastics Championships took place April 19-21 at Credit Union Place. 300 athletes and 1,200 spectators were in Summerside for the event.

A total of 9,639 people made a visit to the pool in April. On average, 321 swimmers visited the pool each day.

The Eric Johnson turf field, tennis courts and Skate Park at Credit Union Place are now open for the season. Lights are on until 10pm at the skate park and tennis courts. Queen Elizabeth Park will officially open for the season on June 2.

The Leger Park upgrades have commenced. For the safety of the public the park will remain closed until complete the project is complete. The park is scheduled to re-open to the public on August 10.

The Block Party program was launched May 1. In 2018 four communities will be selected to host a block party in their community park. Applications for the program are being accepted until June 1. The 4 communities will be announced June 2.

The Choose Summerside Event took place May 12 at Credit Union Place. Approx. 1,000 people were recorded visiting the 60 booths of local businesses and organizations.

Monster Spectacular roared into Credit Union Place May 18. Spectators ranging from age 2 – 80 travelled from across Prince Edward Island and the Maritimes to see the show.”

Councillor DesRoches stated that the Community Services Department are planning promotions with the Vegas Golden Knights in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

HR/Legal Affairs/Heritage & Culture

Councillor McFeely:

HR Report:

hiring occurred for Municipal Services for the positions of Seasonal Laborers, Flaggers, and Engineering Students. Nick Doucette and Brett St. John were hired as the Seasonal Laborers. Denis Delisle and Sandy Wedge are our returning flaggers. Mason Carragher and Morgan Mollins are our Electrical Engineers who will be working with Gerald Giroux and Sam Arsenault this summer.

Barb McNeill has retired after over 40 years with the City of Summerside

The HR Department has had a busy month, offering a variety of information and tools to our staff members:

-Donuts and Coffee were handed out this month to the winners of the ‘At Work Photo Contest’. The Ice Makers, Economic Development and Line Crew were the winners.

-In-house First Aid was offered to expiring or new staff members on April 25th and April 26th. Sean Murphy with Community Services ran these training sessions.

-Members attended the WCB Safety Conference on April 26th.

-Interviews and hiring occurred for Municipal Services for the positions of Seasonal Laborers, Flaggers, and Engineering Students. Nick Doucette and Brett St. John were hired as the Seasonal Laborers. Denis Delisle and Sandy Wedge are our returning flaggers. Mason Carragher and Morgan Mollins are our Electrical Engineers who will be working with Gerald Giroux and Sam Arsenault this summer.

-WHMIS in-house Education happened for the first time this month, with Ashley Schurman running the education on May 1st and May 8th.

-Staff Engagement Survey results were discussed with Directors and ideas were generated to improve the participation and the survey for next year. The results were also circulated and shared with all staff members as well.

- Green Commute Club for 2018 started on May 7th. This year we have 53 City Staff members who are participating- the most in the history of the club. Externally we have a number of businesses and individuals participating as well. 11 businesses, 17 individuals and 2 schools are taking part this year.
- ‘8 Weeks to 5K’ started on May 7th as well. This is an beginner running program designed for staff who are interested in taking up or trying running. There are 12 staff members taking part in this currently.
- The Posture Challenge wrapped up at the end of April, with Gerald Giroux winning a prize for his participation of completing the daily exercises 21 out of 30 days of the month.
- Mental Health Week was promoted with staff during the week of May 7th-May 11th.
- Pension Talk happened for staff on May 14th.

Culture Summerside Report:

“The sixty second Summerside Lobster Carnival program has been developed and is available online at summersidelobstercarnival.website This year’s event is being presented by the Lobster Fishers of PEI, supporting and community sponsors include Red Shores at Summerside Raceway, Prince County Horseman’s Club, Callbeck’s Home Hardware Summerside, Honeywell, Standard Aero, Sobey’s, PEI Association of Exhibitions, Water Street Bakery and Deli, Journal Pioneer, SPUD 102, PEI Mutual, ADL, Synergy Screens, Egg Farmers of PEI, PEI Cattle Producers, PEI Potato Board, Quality Inn & Suites, Generation XX, Summerside & Area Historical Society and the Royal Canadian Legion.

Enthusiasm is building around the parade, scheduled for 12 noon on July 14, same route as last year. We are encouraging a show of support for this year’s Lobster Carnival through the purchase of lobster supper tickets available at <https://www.summersidelobstercarnival.website> or directly through Lori Ellis and the Culture Summerside team. Tickets can be held at the door for payment.

Wyatt Heritage Properties Inc. in partnership with Culture Summerside is presenting the Summerside Arts Festival on July 23rd, 24th and 25th. The festival will include artist highlights, arts and artisan demonstrations on Water Street, a Chautauqua and a sculptural exhibition called “Refresh” that challenges artists to work using only donated and gifted recycled materials. A program will be available soon.

The Wyatt Heritage Properties Olde Fashioned Carnival is scheduled for June 22.

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:

“Municipal Bylaws and MGA Compliance

At its most recent meeting, GPS surveyed the catalogue of bylaws required by the new Municipal Government Act. The following bylaws must be in place by December 23, 2018:

- Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw
- Conflict of Interest Bylaw (sample bylaw provided)
- Code of Conduct for Council Bylaw (sample bylaw provided)
- Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw
- Procedural Bylaw (sample bylaw provided)

Some bylaws are new. But we already have some of the others. The bylaws we have in place will require various levels of editing in order to bring them into compliance with the MGA.

Note that the Elections Bylaw must be in place by July 20th, 2018.

Other bylaws will also be required if a municipality chooses or needs to engage in certain actions: For example:

- Borrowing Bylaw
- Council Remuneration
- Tourism Accommodation Levy
- Animal Control
- Nuisance
- Cosmetic Pesticide
- Water & Sewerage (sample bylaw being developed)
- Emergency Management Bylaw (by 2020) [City already has "Emergency Measures" bylaw]
- Bylaws related to Land Use Planning (by 2022) [City already has "Zoning" bylaw]

In addition, the municipality undertakes other actions for which we have policies or resolutions, not bylaws. Where required by the MGA, these policies will have to be embedded in a bylaw format. A Summerside example would be the Community Support Policy.

The GPS workplan for MGA Bylaw compliance will commence at June 2018's Committee of Council. For those bylaws only requiring minor, non-substantive changes, the plan outcome is to "gang" them together into a single resolution for Council approval. This should save a lot of time, especially insofar as this is a compliance project; undertaking in-depth reviews will need to be a separate exercise. "

Councillor McFeely mentioned that the College of Piping is gearing up for a new season in their newly renovated facility and the Harbourfront Theatre has a full summer of events planned.

Municipal Services

Report:

Councillor Whitlock:

"Plant effluent for the month of April was in compliance for the full month. The operating permit for the City of Summerside Waste water treatment plant is based on Total Suspended Solids (TSS) of less than 25 part per million and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) of less than 25 part per million. Carbonaceous Oxygen Demand (COD) is less than 50 part per million. By ensuring the plant treats to these criteria it ensures a safe Summerside harbor and great shell fishery industry. The plant treated 259,182 cubic meters of raw sewage while producing 320 tons of Exceptional Quality fertilizer from its waste sludge processing, with 0 ton of waste going to the landfill and processed 39,399 gallons of primary sewage from the surrounding area. Chad Fraser a Waste water Treatment Operator rescued a dog that made its way into the primary clarifier and returned it healthy to its owner.

The City's sewer collection efforts focused on service to 14 residents in distress. Crews replaced a sewer lateral and completed the spring cleaning of the lift stations this month.

The City's water utility efforts continued their focus on service to read all water meters, performed 25 shut off and turn-ons, tested and maintain chlorine levels for safe drinking water 15 times throughout the month with no abnormalities on the chlorination of the water system. All water samples for the month (32) were tested clear of all bacteria. Crews repaired one service lateral this month and many curb stops that had risen from frost heave over the winter season. Crews started working with the contractors for this year's capital work to assist in isolating lines, locating lines and planning the work.

In April, the final winter season month, staff performed 2 salting events and plowing of sidewalks. As May approaches the efforts in this area will wind down and rights of way repairs will be completed before the end of May.

The crews continued efforts to repair potholes with cold patch this month. As May approaches crews have concentrated on rights of way cleanup for large debris in advance of the street sweeping efforts and rights of way repairs. Staff have been generating the list of culvert heave repairs this month in preparation of repair efforts to start in late May and early June."

Electric Services

Report:

Councillor Campbell:

"Generation was 9,472 kilowatt-hours consisting of 10.5 engine run hours; these operation runs were due to 3 test runs on April 17, 18, and 19th.

Staff welcomed Chris Young onto the team as a participant in the youth in trades program for the community.

UPEI Educational Display Booth is completed and now at the Credit Union Place. This booth showcases the use of energy storage, solar panels, and the wind that are used in our community to create a lower carbon footprint for the community. The City of Summerside continues its commitments to environmental responsibility through its use of renewable energy.

Wind power production in April was 46% of our power this month coming from renewable wind energy. The peak electricity for the month was 21.4 MW's.

The City's Electric Utility had 11 new customers this month. The utility experienced 1 customer outage event this month. The Power Line Operations team completed the work for the College of Piping facility expansions, repaired 12 street lights this month, continued the cut out replacement program with 5 replaced this month, upgrade the wiring along Noonan Street for the ADL plant expansion, and upgraded wiring for the new brewery at the old library.

The City sales in its heat for less now program had 1 new units sold in April. The total units contracted for sales increased to 377 for April."

Committee of the Whole

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That That we 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