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## Rural Municipality of West River Council Meeting

<b>Meeting No</b>	21	<b>Chair</b>	Helen Smith-MacPhail
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday, January 13, 2022	<b>Phone</b>	902-675-7000
<b>Start Time</b>	7:00 PM	<b>E-mail</b>	admin@westriverpe.ca
<b>Location</b>	Online (Via Zoom)	<b>Session</b>	Public
<b>Present</b>	Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail, Deputy Mayor Robert Clow, Councillor Lori Ashley, Councillor Pam Baglole, Councillor Stephen Gould, Councillor Sabrina Loughran, Councillor Shaun MacArthur, Councillor Aaron MacEachern, Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite, Councillor Chad Stretch		
<b>Also</b>	Laala Jahanshahloo – CAO		
<b>Regrets</b>	Councillor John Yeo		

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- **Call to order**

Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow and seconded by Councillor Chad Stretch; 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 Aaron MacEachern, seconded by Councillor Pam Baglole; the minutes of November 18, 2022, Council meeting be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

- **Business Arising from Minutes**

Nil.

- **Mayor Report**

- ➔ Mayor attended all the December Committee Meetings.
- ➔ Mayor was in constant contact with CAO, PLB Chair, and SJM consultants to coordinate the January 25 Public Meeting as the CPHO guidelines frequently change. Also, she has contacted the media to announce the meeting on the radio.
- ➔ As a tradition Mayor was planning the year-end dinner for Christmas but complying with the CPHO guidelines, she and the CAO paid a doorstep visit to the Counsellors' home.

- **CAO Report**

- ➔ CAO reviewed the Councillors and Mayor's achievements last year and posted them on the website as "2021 at a Glance."
- ➔ CAO presented a brief report of the "Municipal Climate Change Practitioners Networking Event" of January 12, 2022.
- ➔ CAO has applied for the "Canada Summer Jobs 2021" federal program and will attend a training session on January 21, 2022.

- **Emergency Measures Committee Report**

- ➔ As PEI EMO sent out the storm warning, the response process was coordinated with CAO and Mayor on January 7, 2022.
- ➔ Councillor Shaun MacArthur (Chair & Deputy Emergency Coordinator) and Mark MacFadyen (Emergency Coordinator) opened both Municipality's emergency heating centers (Afton

Community Center and Kingston Legion #30) on January 8, 2022, as the storm caused a power outage for the majority of the residents.

- Councillor Shaun MacArthur suggested the next time opening of the heating center announced on the radio alongside the RMWR website and social media.

- **Finance Committee Report**

- Chair Stephen Gould noted the Committee met on December 7 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.
- Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Sabrina Loughran, seconded by Councillor Stephen Gould; the minutes of December 7, 2021, Committee meeting approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

- **Planning Board Report**

- Chair Sharon Slauenwhite noted the Committee met on December 13 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.
- Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow, seconded by Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite; the minutes of December 13, 2021, Committee meeting approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

- **Properties Committee Report**

- Chair Chad Stretch noted the Committee met on December 6 and presented a summary of the meeting's report.
- Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Shaun MacArthur, seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern; the minutes of December 6, 2021, Committee meeting approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

- **Other Business**

- ➔ The Council reviewed Municipality's Name change (deferred to this meeting from WRC#20). Bonshaw resident brought up this request after amalgamation as Councillor Lori Ashley, and Councillor Sabrina Loughran explained the reason behind this request.
  - During the amalgamation and the WRG study meetings, the former community of Bonshaw suggested adding "interim" to the name of "Rural Municipality of West River." Still, they have been told it would not be acceptable for the restructuring application.
  - On May 1, 2019, Sabrina Loughran and Lori Ashley, Bonshaw representatives on the West River Group, reported to the Bonshaw Council that a contest would likely be held in order to have input into the new Municipality's name.
  - On October 2, 2019; Sabrina Loughran and Lori Ashley, Bonshaw representatives on the West River Group, reported to the Bonshaw Council that WRG is ready to proceed with the submission of the restructuring proposal to the Minister of Communities and IRAC and the other four communities that are involved have all passed their resolutions to proceed and are waiting on the resolution from Bonshaw. Following discussion, Mayor Copleston called for a motion to consider amalgamating together under the name of the Rural Municipality of West River with consideration to change the name after public input, i.e. a contest, at a later date; this motion was carried with four votes in favour and two votes against.
- ➔ The Council reviewed the "Logo" public survey before finalizing their decision (deferred to this meeting from WRC#20).
- ➔ Deputy Mayor Robert Clow suggested the name of the audience who asks a question or brings concerns to the Council's attention recorded in the minutes. Council directed CAO to make inquiries by contacting Municipal Affairs and report back at the next council meeting.
- ➔ Deputy Mayor Robert Clow suggested another flag pole be added to each of the existing flag poles in municipality-owned properties. Council directed CAO to add this request to the following properties Committee meeting for further review.

- **Resolutions**

➔ **MOTION#2021-125**

**Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould**

**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow**

**WHEREAS**

The Council of former Community of New Haven-Riverdale on August 18, 2020, approved to allocate all surplus funds available as of August 31, 2020, in all the accounts of the Rural Municipality of New Haven Riverdale to a reserve account set up by the newly amalgamated Rural Municipality of West River to be used solely for Capital additions, repairs and maintenance of the recreational area located in the community of New Haven Riverdale, 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 \$10,000.00 from the Official Plan expenditure budget to a new expenditure item for the Mutter Park Improvement and revises the Operational Budget for April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 accordingly.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

➔ **MOTION#2021-126**

**Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould**

**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow**

**WHEREAS**

Pursuant of Motion #2021-125, to spend the former Community of New Haven-Riverdale on surplus funds available as of August 31, 2020, only for capital additions, repairs and maintenance of the recreational area located in the community of New Haven Riverdale,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves using the \$10,000.00 allocated for the Mutter Park Improvement to obtain \$100,000.00 through a guaranteed funding process by Grant Match (attached proposal) and authorizes the CAO to execute it.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2021-128**

**Moved by Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite  
Clow**

**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves selected locations as the attached map for ten welcome signs.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2021-130**

**Moved by Councillor Aaron MacEachern**

**Seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves the attached Flag Flying Policy 2021-04.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-01**

**Moved by Councillor Sabrina Loughran**

**Seconded by Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite**

**WHEREAS**

The Rural Municipality of West River conducted a survey to obtain public opinion for the three final logo concepts from October 29, 2021, to November 15, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**

The survey result showed that 44.66% of participants voted in favor of "Concept # 2",

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves "Concept # 2" as its official logo.



**CARRIED 8- 1**

→ **MOTION#2022-02**

**Moved by Councillor Shaun MacArthur Seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the CAO to create social media accounts using the RMWR@westriverpe.ca email address.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-03**

**Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould    Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow**

**WHEREAS**

Under Section 151 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, not less than two weeks before adopting its financial plan, the Council shall give public notice and hold a public meeting in respect of the financial plan,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for Rural Municipality of West River will hold a public meeting on February 1, 2022 (Afton community Center or virtually - 5:30 pm.) to present the Financial Plan.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-04**

**Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould    Seconded by Councillor Chad Stretch**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to request the PEI Infrastructure Secretariat to transfer \$68,401.29 from uncommitted funds to Bonshaw Community Cultural Centre Upgrades project (32.1.1) and \$100,000.00 from uncommitted funds to the Soccer Field Upgrade project (57.1.1).

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-05**

**Moved by Councillor Stephen Gould    Seconded by Councillor Sabrina Loughran**

**WHEREAS**

Pursuant of Motion #2021- 95, the Council appointed Roy Main to act as the independent Remuneration and Allowances Commission,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River accepts the "Compensation Plan for Members of West River Council" (attached report).

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022 -06**

**Moved by Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite    Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Clow**

**WHEREAS**

To comply with Municipal Government Act section (227) (e) of Contravention of bylaw made under Municipal Government Act section (226) (3), and

**WHEREAS**

Chief Administrative Officer has obtained approval from the Minister of Fisheries and Communities on December 14, 2021,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River accepts the proposed add-on component to the Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw project contract with SJ Murphy Planning & Consulting (MOTION # 2021- 37) at the cost of \$21,105.00 plus HST (as per the attached proposal) and authorized the CAO to execute it.

**CARRIED 9- 0**



→ **MOTION#2022-07**

**Moved by Councillor Shaun MacArthur Seconded by Councillor Chad Stretch**

**WHEREAS**

According to Motion #2021-89, the selected request for quote did not include the mechanical drawing for the heating and ventilation system,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves increasing the accepted price of \$28,500.00 plus HST with W. D. Lawrence Architecture Inc. to \$30,000.00 plus HST to provide additional services as per the attached proposal.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-08**

**Moved by Councillor Chad Stretch      Seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to request the PEI Infrastructure Secretariat to change the Gas Tax project (57.1.1) name from "Soccer Field Upgrade" to "Mutter Park Improvement" also to revise it by adding the following description to the original application:

- Improvements to the existing access road and parking area.
- Improvements to the Legacy playground.
- Adding a basketball field.
- Improvements to the existing walking trail.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-09**

**Moved by Councillor Aaron MacEachern**

**Seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur**

**WHEREAS**

Pursuant of Municipal Government Act section (82), a council shall establish the types, rates and conditions of payments to be made to or behalf of a member of the Council or a member of a council committee only by means of a bylaw passed pursuant to this section,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2022-01, the Bylaw to Regulate Remuneration of Council and Appointees, be read and approved a first time.

**CARRIED 9- 0**

→ **MOTION#2022-10**

**Moved by Councillor Aaron MacEachern**

**Seconded by Councillor Shaun MacArthur**

**WHEREAS**

There were several public consultations on amalgamation, with no objections, to the name of Rural Municipality of West River, and

**WHEREAS**

There were no public objections to the Island Regulatory Appeals Commission, which is the last stop for checks and balances of public engagement, on the amalgamation of the Rural Municipality of West River, and

**WHEREAS**

Rural Municipality of West River, being officially adopted and amalgamation enacted by the Province of Prince Edward Island under Restructuring Order EC2020-485,

**BE IT RESOLVED**

It is hereby presented by this motion that this Council is given the authority to continue to conduct Rural Municipality of West River business under the Rural Municipality of West River entity as approved by the province and to continue to conduct all business, advertisements, promotions, etc. under the Rural Municipality of West River entity.

**CARRIED 6-3**

- **Questions from the Audience**

- ➔ Nil.

- **Adjournment**

- ➔ The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.
  - ➔ The next meeting will be on February 10, 2022.

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HELEN SMITH-MACPHAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LAALA JAHANSHAHLOO \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER