



**NEW BUSINESS: - BY-LAWS, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT & RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED MOTION – RESOLUTION - AGENDA ITEM #2, MEETING DATE:**

**February 14, 2018**

It was moved by Councilor Kip Smith, seconded by Councilor Garth Gillis, that Agenda Item #2 be approved as presented. “Whereas 3278 Rte 1 TransCanada Highway, South Pinette, PE, COA 1B0 is designated as the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Belfast, communicates and interacts with the public for the first 5 years (2018-2022) up to but not exceeding December 31, 2022.”

**Be it resolved that** 3278 Rte 1 TransCanada Highway, South Pinette, PE COA 1B0 be the designated Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Belfast. **APPROVED**

**BYLAWS:**

**Bylaw #2018-01- A bylaw to establish tax rate groups**

**MOTION:** That Bylaw #2018-01 being the Tax Rate Group Bylaw be read a first time.  
**APPROVED**

**Bylaw #2018-02 – A bylaw to establish municipal grants**

**MOTION:** That Bylaw #2018-02 being the Municipal Grants Bylaw be read a first time.  
**APPROVED**

**Bylaw #2018-03 – A bylaw to Provide Rules Governing Conflict of Interest for Members of Council**

**MOTION:** That Bylaw #2018-03 being the Conflict of Interest Bylaw be read a first time.  
**APPROVED**

Council will meet tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. with second readings and final approval of the 3 new bylaws.

Due to her position as President of the Belfast Fire Rural Fire Department, Rikki abstained and left the room for correspondence and discussion on 2018 budget items.

**BUDGET PREPARATIONS INCLUDING LETTERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS:** – The following letters were received and read:

1. Letter requesting \$500 for Belfast Mini Soccer.
2. Copy of Belfast Fire Department's annual meeting agenda and proposed budget of \$85,350.00.
3. Letter requesting \$3000 for the Point Prim Lighthouse Society.
4. Letter requesting \$3000 for Belfast Minor Hockey Association.
5. Letter requesting \$6000 for Belfast Historical Society.
6. Letter requesting \$5000 for Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation.
7. Letter requesting \$2000 for Belfast Area Watershed Group.
8. Letter requesting funding for Pinette Raceway – no amount suggested.

It was noted there was no letter of request from the Belfast Recreation Centre. Janice reported having been in contact with David Cooper who was to talk to Monica Ross about the request and any information on last year's Provincial grant. Janice to talk to Ross MacKenzie for more information in regards to request from Pinette Raceway.

Discussion was held on what amounts the Belfast Historical Society (\$3000), WIADC (\$4000 with \$2000 of that designated to Wood Islands Lighthouse), Belfast Minor Hockey (\$3000) might receive. It was decided Janice to obtain further financial information for the Budget Committee. The MGA requires a public meeting in respect of the financial plan, which replaces old annual meetings. It must take place before March 16<sup>th</sup>. A pre-budget information meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, between 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at Belfast Consolidated School. It will be advertised on our new website and signs accessible to the public (The Store, Cooper's, Belfast Rink, Belfast and Belle River Post Offices.) The Budget must be adopted by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Council will hold a Budget Committee meeting following the pre-budget information meeting.

Discussion was held on information received by Belfast Area Watershed Group on the MacPherson's Mill property.

Council will set schedule of meetings at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Garth that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Approved February 15, 2018

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Mayor - Paul MacDonald

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Administrator - Janice MacDonald