

Regular meeting of Council opened at 112 Water Street at 7:35 P.M. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were, Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams, Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Kathy Tetford and Clr. Patrick Haire.

Absent from meeting: Clr. Tony McCarthy

Also in attendance were Lisa Carroll, CAO/Town Manager, Nancy Pike, Office Assistant, Patrick Hearn, Works Superintendent, Erica Pardy, Economic Development Officer, and Mike Adam, Stadium Facility Manager.

Minutes of regular meeting of September 29, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone.

Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-166**

Business Arising from Minutes

Demolition Cochrane St Clr. Blake requested and update on the demolition of duplex on 13 Cochrane Street. CAO advised demolition is scheduled for October 21st and is being carried out by Blue Rock Construction.

Fire Protection Clr. Blake inquired about meeting between Bristol's Hope representatives and Mayor Barnes. Mayor Barnes and CAO met with three representatives on behalf of the Bristol's Hope residents to discuss increase in Fire Protection Fees. Representatives felt that \$100.00 was too high, some residents would not be able to afford this amount and some simply would not pay it. All were in agreement that a fee of \$70 to \$75 dollars would be a fair compromise.

Correspondence

Dept. of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs advising of December 1st, 2015 deadline to adopt 2016 budget and submit budget with required forms to regional office no later than December 31, 2015.

Joint Council Minutes September 24, 2015 Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Joint Council. Minutes from the September 24 meeting were determined to be for information purposes only. Clr. Blake thanked Mayor Barnes for his comments at the meeting.

Clayton Williams Deputy Mayor Williams stepped out of chambers at 7:40pm. Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Clayton Williams requesting assistance to install a new water and sewer. Deferred to Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Williams returned to chambers 7:43pm

CBN Skating Club Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Conception Bay North Skating Club requesting a donation. Deferred to Finance Committee.

Ronald McDonald House Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Ronald McDonald house requesting a donation. Deferred to Finance Committee.

Cyril Simmons Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Cyril Simmons to construct a new residential dwelling. Deferred due to concerns about access to property.

Wallace Mercer Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Wallace Mercer to replace side patio with larger patio at 158 Lady Lake Road. Motioned by Clr. Haire and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to approve application to replace and enlarge side patio subject to all Town Development standards. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-167**

Correspondence

HGOE Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises to erect a temporary structure, after discussion the following motion was made. Motioned by Clr. Haire and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to approve application received from Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises to develop an area of the harbour front for more wharf space, pending government approval and subject to all Town Development Standards.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-168**

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Fair Clr. Stone inquired if the Stadium Manager spoke with the Department of Agriculture regarding the dates of the Fall Fair. Stadium Manager advised that the Department of Agriculture would like to remain part of the fair and is open to discussion. Deputy Mayor Williams requested to see financial report for the Fall Fair. Report was available with exception to financials from the pageants.

Southside Well Clr. Stone requested update on Southside Well. PW Superintendent advised that the floor has been poured will soon be ready to erect building.

Eastern Waste Mgmt Clr. Stone could not attend meeting with Eastern Waste management due to an emergency council meeting.

Removal of signs Clr. Stone requested update on removal of signs from Town property. CAO advised that NL Power says parties who place signs on poles are responsible to remove them. Signs on Town property have not yet been removed.

Hardpath-Bus Route Clr. Stone requested update on Hardpath bus route. PW Superintendent advised that necessary road work has been completed. Representative from the School Board was due to inspect on Friday October 9, 2015 but no information has been received from them.

Committee Reports

Capital & Public Works Committee

Bennett's Lane Motioned by Clr. Haire and seconded by Clr. Tetford that Council apply to the Gas Tax Secretariat to replace a portion of water/sewer on Bennett's Lane to a maximum of \$15,000.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-169**

Finance Committee

Tabled

ACOA Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Stone that any large amounts of funding received by the Town be placed in separate interest bearing accounts.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-170**

Old Council Office Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Blake that the Old Council Office located at 104 Water Street and the S.W. Moores Stadium located at 12 Bannerman Street be placed on tenders with an expression of interest clause.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-171**

Finance Committee

- CeeBee Stars Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Stone that instruction be given to the Stadium Manager to have CeeBee Stars contract reflect Finance Committee recommendations.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-172**
- Property Tax Assessments Clr. Tetford advised that Council will be meeting to discuss the rise in property taxes and possibility of lowering the mill rate.
- Fire Service Bristol’s Hope Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Haire to rescind motion #14-259 from November 19, 2014.
Motion Carried 4 Ayes 2 Nays; Clr. Blake & Clr. Stone **Motion #15-173**
- Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to send invoices to residents of Bristol’s Hope in the amount of \$75.00 for firefighting services.
Motion Carried 5 Ayes 1 Nay; Clr. Blake **Motion #15-174**
- Budget Clr. Tetford advised that Town is running approximately \$135,000 over budget. A motion will be made in the near future to stagger the budget. Budget will be balanced at the end of the year.

Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

No Report

Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee

- Harvard Students Clr. Blake advised that 14 masters students from Harvard University arrived on October 10, 2015. Kevin and Lucy Haire of Rose Manor hosted the students and opened their home to five of them. They should be commended for all of the work they have done. There has been substantial media coverage since the group arrived. Students are only mid way through the week and there are more events to come.
Clr. Stone advised that there are two public sessions involving the Harvard students EDO said students will meet with invited guests on at 3:00pm on October 14, 2015 and a public session at the Splash Centre on form 7:00pm-8:30pm. There is a send-off planned for the group on October 15, 2015 involving a boat tour in the afternoon and local entertainment in the evening.
- Heritage & Redevelopment Committee The committee is in the process of designing items for a fundraiser. Ideas will be brought back to Council.

Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee

- Union Contract Deputy Mayor Williams requested that the union representative send copies of the contract for review.
- Funding Deputy Mayor Williams motioned and seconded by Clr. Haire that office staff apply for funding for walking trail in Bear’s Cove, airstrip and the west end ball fields.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-175**

Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee

Stadium Door Deputy Mayor Williams expressed concern about an emergency exit door at S.W. Moores Stadium; repairing emergency exits should be a priority

Town Signs Deputy Mayor Williams would like the Welcome to Harbour Grace signs at the entrances to Town replaced, they are outdated.

Stadium Liaison No report

Fire Dept. Liaison Clr. Blake advised the Paul Snow would like Council to read the Town of Harbour Grace Emergency Plan and supply responses prior to meeting.

Civic Events Liaison

Seniors Card Games Mayor Barnes advised Council that the senior's card games have resumed.

Winter Carnival Mayor Barnes advised that the dates for the Winter Carnival have been set and will be made public once details are finalized.

Public Works Superintendent Report Tabled

Clr. Blake questioned if "No Heavy Trucks" sign was done. PW Superintendent advised that sign is ready and is waiting to be installed.

Councillors' Concerns

Clr's Concerns Clr. Stone suggested that the Councillor's Concerns portion of the meeting be called Councillor's Information instead, since topics addressed are often times only updates and/or information and not concerns.

Water St. Clr. Stone advised that Water Street is in progress, asphalt patches are temporary, and workers are fixing specific places in preparation for paving.

Stadium Manager Clr. Stone complimented the Stadium Manger, staff and Fair Committee on the success of the 2015 Trinity Conception Agriculture & Home Crafts Fair.

Pictures of Town Clr. Stone and Mrs. Stone have a collection of pictures from around Town showing the beauty and unique aspects of Harbour Grace, such as a beautiful rock wall in the Thicket and the playground in Riverhead.

MIP Clr. Stone inquired if there was any new information on the MIP. Mayor Barnes advised that there is no new information but he will call on Thursday.

Firefighter's Ball Clr. Blake expressed disappointment over not being able to attend the Firefighter's Ball due to a conflict with dates. The MNL Convention is the same weekend.

Fire Prevention Week Clr. Blake commended the volunteers with the fire department not only with their dedication to firefighting but also volunteering in the schools; teaching fire prevention to students.

Roadside Brush Deputy Mayor Williams noted that there are a lot of overgrown trees on the road sides. PW Superintendent to look into clearing the brush.

Councillors' Concerns

- Quads/ATV's Mayor Barnes advised that four quads have been stolen from the Harbour Grace area in the last week. There have been concerns over quads/atv's driving on the ball fields at night.
- Walkers Safety Clr. Blake was pleased to see residents enjoying the weather and walking but is concerned about resident's safety while walking at night. Clr. Blake asked to have a notice put on the Town's social media reminding people to dress in light colours and/or wear reflective clothing while walking at night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Tetford.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-176***

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is October 28, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. with Councillors meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Lisa Carroll, Town Clerk/CAO

DATE:

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