

Regular meeting of Council opened at 7:30 P.M with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams, Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Patrick Haire, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy and Clr. Kathy Tetford.

Also in attendance were Lisa Carroll, CAO, Nancy Pike, Office Assistant and Pat Hearn, Works Superintendent.

Minutes of regular meeting of January 28, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Haire and seconded by Clr. Blake

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-020*

Minutes of special meeting of February 2, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. McCarthy

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-021*

Minutes of special meeting of February 4, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. McCarthy

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-022*

Business Arising from Minutes

Baccalieu Trail SPCA - Land - to house neglected stray animals

Mayor Barnes requested that a letter be sent to SPCA advising that all Town owned lands are with the solicitor.

Public Consultation

Clr. Stone wanted Clr. McCarthy and his group to be congratulated on a job well done. Both the open house and public meeting were well attended with good public input.

Stadium

Book keeping - Town Manager to write a response to bookkeeping request and cleanliness.

Moved by Clr. Stone and seconded by Deputy mayor Williams that stadium manager, Mike Adam, be given the resources by our CAO to arrange to have a door installed in the back wall of each of the Home and Visitors boxes at the S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium as soon as possible but no later than March 6, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Williams expressed concern over cleanliness of facility. Discussion amongst councillors of ways to ensure that there is consistent upkeep of the building.

Correspondence

Gov. Of NL - Municipal

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Andy Morgan, Director of Local Governance, Dept. of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs advising of amendment to the Municipalities Act, 1999-Authorization to sell, lease or dispose of Municipal Property.

Dept. of Environment &
Conservation-Cottage Devel.

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Ms. Christa Ramsay, Environmental Scientist ,Dept. of Environment & Conservation advising that they received an application for cottage development inside the Bannerman Lake public protected water supply area requesting approval under Section 39(6) of the water Resources Act. If a reply is not received within 15 days from the date of this email, it will be assumed that the town has no concerns related to this activity.

Town Manager replied that the Town has no issues and replied to the email stating so.

Bridget Rose-Kitchen's Hill

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Bridget Rose concerning the ongoing problem of the hazardous road condition of Kitchen's Hill and requests an answer as to when something is going to be done.

Letter to be sent to Ms. Rose advising that Capitol Works funding has been applied for and approved through Municipal Affairs but the Town cannot take on this project without this funding and these projects take time. It was also suggested that Ms. Rose contact MHA Sam Slade with her concerns.

R. David Moores

Mayor Barnes tabled a copy of correspondence sent to Mayor of Happy Valley, Goose Bay from R. David Moores congratulating their council for the initiative in forming a new economic agreement with Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Discussion arose about shared services between municipalities.

Ben & Catherine Farrell-Drainage

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Ben & Catherine Farrell on Lady Lake Road concerning the drainage problem to their property during the fall/winter and spring runoff.

Mayor Barnes advised that this should be taken care of as soon as possible because it has been ongoing since 2010. CAO to send letter to residents.

Epilepsy NL-Proclamation

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Epilepsy Newfoundland & Labrador requesting The Town of Harbour Grace proclaim March 26th as Purple Day for Epilepsy NL.

Motioned by Clr. Haire to recognize March 26 as Purple Day for Epilepsy NL and seconded by Clr. Stone.

Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-024***

Cee Bees Under 12 Female

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Cee Bees Minor Hockey and Trinity Placentia Minor Hockey advising they are preparing for the Under 12 Female Division MEGA tournament being held on March 20th to 22nd. There will be twenty teams involved from all over NL and they are requesting a donation.

Deferred to Finance Committee

John Byrne-Cape Cod House

Mayor Barnes tabled an application from John Byrne requesting Council's approval to build a home on Thicket Road.

Clr. McCarthy moved to approve application subject to all Town Development Standards. Well and Septic subject to approval by Service NL. Seconded by Clr. Stone.
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-025*

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Committee Reports

Capital & Public Works Committee

Pike's Road-Drainage

Clr. Haire advised that there are plans to add a french drain but frost makes it difficult to fix this time of year. Letter to be sent to residents notifying them that the problem will be resolved this summer.

Trees on Harvey Street

Clr. Haire advised that he has people willing to groom trees. Permits are required and we would need a waiver signed by these individuals. Clr. Stone expressed concerns that trees must be groomed and not cleared completely.

Finance Committee

Well-Tossey Place

Discussion around Tossey Place Well. It is still being researched and several possible solutions are being discussed.

Budget Overview

1. Overall Budget increase of \$139,779 - increase to tax revenue due to assessments being higher.
2. Increase to sale of assets in anticipation of our upcoming land auction.
3. Salaries to council at the 2% of budget but increased expenses to allow more flexibility for training, meeting attendance, travel, etc.
4. Fire Department budget basically unchanged. Slight increase to equipment and training.
5. No significant change to Recreation Department.
6. Increase to W/S due to the fact that our infrastructure gets older and requires more attention and repair with each passing year.

Clr. Tetford motioned to adopt the budget, seconded by Clr. Haire.
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-026*

Clr. Tetford motioned to use \$280,000 of Gas Tax funds to complete paving projects, seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-027***

Clr. Tetford motioned to use \$58,000 to renovate and complete Council Office in former Scotiabank building. Discussion followed.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-028***

Clr. Tetford wondered if there are any estimates for Tossey Place. Pat Hearn may have a more cost effective solution. Clr. Stone suggested that Service Canada may have a solution through emergency funding.

Moved by Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. McCarthy that in accordance with the Municipalities Act and following direction of the Department of Municipalities staff, we amend the tax structure such that each parcel of land in Harbour Grace that is of minimum building lot size or greater, without water and/or sewer services adjacent to it shall be charged the mill rate times "the assessed value" plus "water and/or sewer" tax rate.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-029***

Moved by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Stone that each accessible (road access available all year round) parcel of land in Harbour Grace that is of minimum building lot size or greater, without water or sewer services adjacent to it be charged the greater of the mill rate on the "assessed value" or three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00).
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-030***

Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

Ross Green

Clr. McCarthy motioned that Ross Green be approved in principle to build a fishing stage subject to Mr. Green providing his plans to council for review prior to approval. Seconded by Clr. Stone.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-031***

Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee

Clr. Stone advised that there is some confusion between the Economic Development Committee and the Heritage Committee. Economic Development Committee has been notified and invited to next meeting set for Tuesday March 3, 2015.

Sam Slade had a meeting with Clr. Blake, Clr. Stone and Lisa Carroll. Received response right away. Invited us to speak with him at any time.

Jerry Dick to meet with Heritage Committee and answer questions on February 19, 2015.

Motioned by Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. McCarthy that the Swim to the Kyle Committee is seeking approval from Council to close roads (specific roads to be named at a later date) in order to have a street dance in front of new Council Building.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #15-032***

Clr. Stone advised that he spoke with Ken at Eastern Waste Management and they will make an effort to have more waste carried away. They are removing quite a bit but they will try to improve. They like to keep all residents happy. We should keep promoting their service.

Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that we have received 11 resumes for the Economic Development Officer and we may be eligible to receive an \$8.00 per hour subsidy.

Fire Dept. Liaison

Clr. Blake advised that there is a regular meeting on Monday at 8:00pm.

Stadium Liaison

Deputy Mayor Williams is concerned over the cleanliness of the building.

Civic Events Liaison

Mayor Barnes advised that the Winter Carnival has been set for March 13th - 15th. A tentative schedule has been agreed upon, once confirmed it will be added to the website.

Financial Report

Tabled.

Public Works Superintendent Report

Tabled.

CAO Report

Tabled.

Stadium Manager Report

Tabled.

Councillors Concerns

Deputy Mayor Williams expressed concern that she missed two meetings due to the fact she was not notified that the meetings were taking place. Would like a courtesy call in future.

Clr. Blake would like to start a list of emails from our residents. Mass emails could be used to notify residents of important happenings in town. Clr. Blake would also like a collective agreement for inside workers.

Clr. McCarthy motioned and Clr. Stone seconded that the Town purchase a property from Tom Mahaney to a maximum of \$5000.00. Clr. Haire left meeting at 8:40pm and returned at 8:43pm
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-033**

Clr. Haire recommended that the Town's boundary be checked to ensure that it is accurate; currently our water shed is located in Spaniard's Bay. Clr. McCarthy suggested that the government may be able to fix it. Council to have it checked out.

Clr. Haire requested that a public meeting be called on March 3rd, 2015 at 7:30pm (tentative) requesting all "Friends of the Kyle" to attend. Clr. Haire would like this advertised in the Compass and on Community Cable.

Clr. Stone asked that everyone read the CAO's report; it outlines things that we have been working on and needs to be recognized as a step forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. by motion of Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. McCarthy
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #15-34**

Next scheduled meeting of Council is February 25th, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. with Councillors meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Lisa Carroll, Town Clerk/CAO

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