

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Eric Coleridge
Councillor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Joan Kane
Councillor Tineke Gow
Town Clerk Linda Sweet

Regrets: Councillor Sherry Locke

Delegates: Water & Sewer Operator, Glen Vokey, Chris Hiscock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution 2009-04-13: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adopt the minutes of March 2, 2009, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Town Clerk informed Council that she had spoken with Francis Sweetland regarding what repairs needed to be completed at the Girl Guide Hut and if they had funding to help offset the cost of applying for a JCP project. Ms. Sweetland informed that she would have someone list the repairs that were necessary and that the Guides had some funding to help offset the cost.

Town Clerk informed Council that both building applications for David Carpenter and Martin Jamieson did not receive any written objections. Council approved both building permits. Town Clerk to write Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Jamieson informing them of the decision and the heritage guidelines they need to follow.

Fire Department:

Mayor Miller informed Council that the Fire Department had their annual election of officers and Tony Broaders was elected as Fire Chief, and Fred Goldsworthy has taken Assistant Chief.

Resolution 2009-04-14: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to accept Tony Broaders as Fire Chief, it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller read a letter of concern from the Fire Department regarding the fire hydrants not being cleared of snow consistently. Council asked Glen Vokey if he has been clearing the hydrants after each snow fall and he confirmed that they have been cleared after each snow fall and the department can gain access to the hydrants. He explained that the hydrant on Church Road gets the most snow as the highways pushes it towards the hydrant when they turn around, but he informed Council that the hydrant itself is always cleared. Mayor Miller said he would notify the Fire Department.

Town Clerk explained that the Fire Department are in need of new bunker suits and wondered if Council would consider applying for some under the 90/10 agreement. **Resolution 2009-04-15:** was made by Councillor Kane to apply for four suits under the 90/10 agreement, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller informed that a newsletter would be going out within the next week for the Fire Department.

Heritage Committee:

Deputy Mayor Coleridge declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Town Clerk informed Council that the Heritage Committee met last Thursday to review a new shed permit for 1 High Street and explained the shed met all the heritage guidelines but the committee wondered if a survey would be required as we have been requesting surveys from other applicants for new development. Council agreed that a survey must accompany any new development, therefore the permit cannot be issued without a survey. Deputy Mayor Coleridge was asked to return to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Festival Committee:

Town Clerk explained that the sliding day planned for March 21st did not go ahead due to weather conditions.

Town Clerk informed Council that the Committee will be hosting its first Polar Bear Dip on April 11th, at 2:00 p.m. on the beach front near the Court House. She explained that up to this point we have 9 participant interested and hoped things went well.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Health & Community Services Re: Applications for Student Work and Service Programs. March 04/09 - File
- b) Dept. of Government Services Re: Self imposed boil water advisory. March 06/09 - File
- c) The Alumni Association Re: 28th Annual Tribute Awards. March 10/09 - File
- d) NL Laubach Literacy Council Re: Essential Skills Training Tools for Older Adults Project. March 10/09 - File
- e) Trinity & Area Fire Dept. Re: Outcome of the Annual Election and fire hydrants not being cleared of snow. March 10/09 - File
- f) NL Broadcasting Company Re: Thanking Mayor Miller for his letter of support for OZFM's licence renewal application to the CRTC. March 12/09 - File
- g) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: PSAB Survey to be completed. March 13/09 - File
- h) Municipalities NL Re: 2009 Membership kit. March 16/09 - File
- i) Cyril Vokey Re: Household garbage. March 17/09 - Mayor Miller will check with WHSCC to check on the weight for garbage bags and write Mr. Vokey and Mr. Locke.
- j) Dept. of Environment & Conservation Re: 2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. March 18/09 - File
- k) Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation Re: Community Capital Grant for 2009-2010.

- March 18/09 - Mayor Miller and Town Clerk to apply for upgrade to Gun Hill walking trail.
- l) Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation Re: Community Recreation Development Grant Application. March 18/09 - Completed and sent.
- m) Municipalities NL Re: Memo from Graham Letto about the Cougar Helicopters Flight 491. March 18/09 - File
- n) NL Tour & Convention Magazine Re: Placing an ad in the Tour & Convention Magazine's 20th Anniversary Edition. March 18/09 - Council agreed not to advertise
- o) Dept. of Government Services Re: Boil water advisory removed. March 20/09 - File
- p) Natural Resources Canada Re: Online survey to be completed regarding anti-idling activities. March 20/09 - File
- q) Town of Lewisporte Re: Conference and Boat Show on June 18 - 21, 2009 at the Lewisport Yacht Club. March 23/09 - File
- r) Minister Whalen Re: Approval to decrease Town Council from 7 to 5. March 23/09 - File
- s) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: Annual NL Environmental Awards Program. March 24/09 - File
- t) Trinity Historical Society Re: Invitation to attend a Volunteer Week social at the BEDA Building on April 21st. March 26/09 - Councillors interest in attending should notify Sherry or Karen.
- u) Municipalities NL Re: Revised Agenda for the 2009 Municipal Symposium. March 26/09 - File
- v) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Audited 2008 Annual Expenditure Report for Gas Tax. March 26/09 - Town Clerk explained that she will drop off the TCA listing and TCA Policy Manual to the accountant tomorrow and arrange to have the audit completed as soon as possible.
- w) Dept. of Health & Community Services Re: Student Employment Program Level I, II, III applications. March 27/09 - Mayor Miller has applied for 2 students, one for the Town and one for the Library.
- x) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan workshop in Princeton on April 9. April 01/09 - Mayor Miller and the Town Clerk to attend
- y) Edwards & Associates Ltd. Re: Consulting Services - Integrated Community Sustainability Plans. April 01/09 - File
- z) Community Service Council Re: Invitation to attend Volunteer Week reception on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Port Union Factory Building. April 01/09 - Councillors interested in going should contact Edith at the Coaker Foundation.
-) Daffodil Place Re: Request for a donation. April 02/09 - Council agreed to donate \$100.00 to Daffodil Place.
-) DTTA Re: Annual Meeting on May 13th, at the Terra Nova Golf Resort. April 04/09 - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to David Carpenter regarding building approval.
- Letter to Martin Jamieson regarding building approval.
- Letter to Stephen Jeans regarding councils decision for 2 Stoneman's Lane.
- Letter to Minister Whalen regarding councils decision to reduce the number of councillors in the next election.
- Letter to Derek Ryan, Fire Chief for Catalina requesting to be put on the surplus list for their old equipment carrier.

- PSAB survey completed and sent.
- Recreation Grant completed and sent.

Total Expenses for the Operation Account \$ 24,082.28

Total Income for Operating Account \$ 41,374.28

Resolution 2009-04-16: was made by Councillor Kane to pay the outstanding invoices in the Operating Account, it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Finances:	Operation Account., April 3, 2009	\$96,284.78
	Festival Account. April 3, 2009	\$1,402.61
	Molson Grant. April 3, 2009	\$1,000.00

Resolution 2009-04-17: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to accept the finances, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

General/New Business:

Geoff Dawe requested to install a rail fence around his property. Council approved but agreed that it should be set back from the road far enough to avoid problems with snow clearing.

Mayor Miller informed Council that on March 29th, we were notified that the lift station on Water Street was full to capacity and had to have the sewer truck to empty the tank. After further investigation it was determined that the overflow line is either frozen or clogged or both. He explained that he contacted Ron Goulding with the Department of Environment and was advised that Glen could cut the line to the low water point to avoid further problems.

Mayor Miller informed that the problem will cost approximately \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 but was assured by the Department of Municipal Affairs that the Town would be reimbursed.

Council agreed to have Mayor Miller contact Hatch Mott MacDonald to discuss the study they are preparing and schedule a meeting with all departments concerned to deal with the situation.

Mayor Miller declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Deputy Mayor Coleridge read a letter from the Trinity Historical Society requesting to be exempt from property tax and water and sewer fees. Town Clerk informed Council that this would mean a large amount of money being removed from the budget and reminded Council that when preparing the budget this was not allocated for. As well she advised that other not for profit organizations would be requesting the same treatment.

Council agreed that there was no way to meet the budget if they exempted such taxes therefore the request was denied. Town Clerk to write and explain.

Resolution 2009-04018: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Time and place of the next regular meeting will be May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Centre.

Jim Miller
Mayor

Linda Sweet
Town Clerk