

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, March 2, 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
Councillor Sherry Locke
Town Clerk Linda Sweet

Delegates: Gerald Hiscock, Helene Gareau, Albert Hiscock, Stephen & Sharon Jeans, Fire Chief, Fred Goldsworthy, Water & Sewer Operator, Glen Vokey.

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

Resolution 2009-03-06: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adopt the minutes of February 2, 2009, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Water & Sewer Operator:

Glen Vokey explained that the chlorine pump is broken and needed to be taken to St. John's to see if it could be repaired. Council agreed to have Glen take the pump in for repairs and get a price quote on a new pump.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Fred Goldsworthy informed Council that the Department will be holding their annual election of officers at their regular Thursday night meeting. He also thanked Council for the great job on the new floor that was installed under the Trouty Plant Workers project.

Festival Committee:

Councillor Locke informed Council that the committee has a sliding day planned for March 21st and announcements would be made regarding time, place, alternate date, etc.

Heritage Committee:

Mayor Miller informed all that the Eastern Regional Appeal Board has made its recommendation on the hearing regarding a decision Council made to allow 2 Stoneman's Lane a building lot. The Board stated that Council made its motion based on the fact that a house once stood on the property and one could go back, but under *Section 108* of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act* it would have had to have been replaced within 6 months of being removed.

Mayor Miller declared that motion 2008-07-34 that was made by Deputy Mayor Coleridge to

allow 2 Stoneman's Lane to become a building lot and seconded by Councillor Gow null and void, however under *Section 42* of the *Town's Development Regulations* 2 Stoneman's Lane can become a building lot because the property was purchased before the Town had any regulations in place.

Mayor Miller informed the Jean's they could submit a detailed development and plot plan but to keep in mind that the setback and guideline requirements under the Town Plan would have to be met as well as all other heritage regulations. The plans would then proceed through the regular channels of being reviewed by the Heritage Committee who would make a recommendation to Council. If the plans are approved by Council a 30 day probationary period would be kept whereby adjoining property owners would be notified of the development as well as a general notice to the public informing them of the development in case there are any objections.

Deputy Mayor Coleridge informed Council that the Heritage Committee met and reviewed the development for David & Catherine Carpenter at 14 Clinch's Lane and are recommending as it meets all the Town Plan requirements. **Resolution 2009-03-07:** was made by Deputy Mayor Coleridge to approve in principle the development as presented at 14 Clinch's Lane providing the public has 30 days to address any concerns in writing and if none are received by the next meeting than the development can proceed, it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Deputy Mayor Coleridge informed Council that the Heritage Committee met and reviewed the development for Martin and Janine Jamieson at 2 Fleet Street and are recommending as it meets all the Town Plan requirements. **Resolution 2009-03-08:** was made by Deputy Mayor Coleridge to approve in principle the development as presented at 2 Fleet Street providing the public has 30 days to address any concerns in writing and if none are received by the next meeting than the development can proceed, it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, carried.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Gas Tax Grant first installment of year 3 allocation. Feb 03/09 - File
- b) Destination St. John's Re: Launch of the members section of Destination St. John's website. Feb 03/09 - Councillor Gow will update the information.
- c) NL Association of Municipal Administrators Re: 37th Annual Convention and Exhibition in Corner Brook on April 23-25, 2009. Feb 03/09 - Town Clerk to attend
- d) Canadian Heritage Re: File Number for Canada Day Grant. Feb 13/09 - File
- e) Dept. of Health & Community Services Re: Launch of the "Ageless Campaign" to promote positive images of aging and the seniors of distinction awards program. Feb 13/09 - File
- f) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: 2009 Budget approved as submitted. Feb 17/09 - File
- g) Dept. of Environment & Conservation Re: Confirmation of registration for the Clean & Safe Drinking Water Workshop. Feb 17/09 - File
- h) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Gas Tax Grant second installment of year 3 allocation. Feb 23/09 - File
- i) Hatch Mott MacDonald Re: 2009 Municipal Infrastructure Program. Feb 23/09 - File

- j) Canadian Red Cross Re: 3rd Atlantic Conference on Disaster Management in St. John's on April 29 & 30. Feb 24/09 - File
- k) Fred Best, Municipal Assessment Agency Re: Meeting with Council. Feb 26/09 - Council will review at the next meeting.
- l) Bernard Skehen Re: Donation. Feb 27/09 - **Resolution 2009-03-09:** was made by Councillor Kane to give a \$25.00 donation, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to George Hayter thanking him for time served on Council.
- Letter to the Fire Commissioners office.

Total Invoices Needing Approval **\$22,470.52**

Resolution 2009-03-10: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to pay the outstanding invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Locke. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Total Income for Operating Account **\$35,578.84**

Finances:	Operation Account. Feb. 27, 2009	\$88,928.07
	Festival Account. Feb. 27, 2009	\$1,402.61
	Molson Grant. Feb 27, 2009	\$1,000.00

Resolution 2009-03-11: was made by Councillor Kane to accept the finance as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

General/New Business:

Town Clerk informed Council that Francis Sweetland has requested some help from the Town in doing some necessary work on the Girl Guide Hut. Council discussed this and asked the Town Clerk to contact Mrs. Sweetland and find out exactly what they would require and how much funding they had to contribute then maybe the Town could apply for and administer a JCP project to do the necessary work.

Town Clerk also informed that Mrs. Sweetland has requested to have the snow cleared for the road to the Girl Guide Hut as they will be having a sleep over during March. Council discussed and agreed that this is a private driveway and Mrs. Sweetland would have to contact a private contractor to do the work.

Mayor Miller suggested that Council ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs for a reduction in Council members from seven to five before the next election. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2009-03-12:** was made by Councillor Kane to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting a reduction in the number of Councillors from seven to five before the next election, it was seconded by Councillor Locke. Councillor Goldsworthy was against, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller discussed the snow clearing for Trinity and read the contract that was made

between the Town and Bayview Equipment. He explained that the contract did not stipulate which road would be cleared first other than the Fire Department and a cut around Trinity to keep the lift stations cleared. He then opened the floor to address concerns from the public.

Gerald and Albert Hiscock had concerns that they were sometimes last to be cleared and did not feel that this was proper. Gerald Hiscock also explained that with the amount of money the snow clearing contract is costing they expected to have better service. He went on to explain that all across Canada the roads are cleared after 2 inches of snow has fallen and in Trinity the roads are not getting anywhere near that service. He also explained that we have an ambulance service on High Street and the roads are not being cleared in a timely manner.

Councillor Goldsworthy informed Council that Darren Hunt who drives the ambulance came into the Town Office and sent along thanks to the operator and contractor for doing such a good job in keeping the roads open. He went on to explain that he has not heard any complaints only compliments on the timely manner the roads are open and how the operator has been keeping them open during the snow storm.

Mayor Miller and Council felt that the roads were being cleared in a timely manner but if any changes occurred they would contact the contractor.

Gerald Hiscock voiced his opinion on Council's decision to reduce the number of Councillors from seven to five. He felt Council and certain people in the community had personal agendas to keep people from being on the Trinity council. He went on to explain that this should have been brought to the public before any decisions were made and asked the Town Clerk to find out if he could appeal Council's decision.

Mayor Miller informed Mr. Hiscock that this decision was not made with personal agendas in mind rather on stats. He went on to explain that over the last four years we have had six by-elections and could have had another one if Council decided to fill Councillor Hayters position. He also explained that we have a significant decrease in the voters list over the past four years. With such a high turn over rate and a decrease in population Council felt that the town could operate just as good with five councillors as seven and this was the reasoning behind their request to the Minister.

Mayor Miller informed Mr. Hiscock that Council has made its decision and he should put his concerns in writing to the Town and forward them to the Minister.

Town Clerk informed Council that the Tangible Capital Asst Policy Manual was included in the packages and asked for approval if all was in order. **Resolution 2009-03-13:** was made by Councillor Kane to accept the TCA Policy Manual as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Resolution 2009-03-14: was made by Councillor Kane to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Time and place of the next regular meeting will be April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mayor

Town Clerk