

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Ian White
Councillor Doug Ballett
Councillor Joan Kane
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

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

Resolution 2009-11-64: was made by Councillor Kane to adopt the minutes of October 6, 2009, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mayor Miller updated Council members on the status of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) and informed that the first public meeting was held on October 13th, at the B.E.D.A. building for residents of Trinity/Goose Cove and Port Rexton/Champney's Arm and it was not well attended. He said that a link to a questionnaire that has been developed by the consultants has been placed on the Town website and encouraged everyone to complete it. He explained that the next meeting will be a joint meeting for the five communities and will take place at the Lions Club in Port Union on November 17th, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Miller updated Council regarding the wharf Rick Pippy has placed at Gott's Cove without approval from Council. He explained that Mr. Pippy went through all the proper procedures in applying for the wharf and received approval but Council did not grant the approval. Mayor Miller explained that the reason Council did not approve the application was because they did not feel that filling in the inlet of land without having all the proper documents in order would not be in the best interest of the Town. Mayor Miller asked the Town Clerk/Manager to check with Eric Carter of Crown Land's to seek further information and bring back to the next meeting.

Mayor Miller informed Council that we received a price quote from Arvo McMillan to prepare a new town plan at an approximate cost of \$27,000.00. He explained that he is seeking another quote and hopefully would have it to bring to the next meeting. The finance committee in preparing the budget for 2010 will set aside some funding for the possible completion of a new town plan and will also request the use of its next round of Gas Tax funding be set aside for this purpose.

Mayor Miller explained that we received a written request from George Hayter to become a member of the Heritage Committee and Council approved.

Councillor Ballett informed Council that the Fire Department purchased 6 of the used aluminum tanks at \$250.00 each and they can be purged after three years so they can be reused. Council agreed that the Fire Department use their general account to pay for the tanks.

Mayor Miller suggest that the Fire Chief or Assistant Chief come to the next meeting to bring an update on equipment, department issues, etc. and asked the Town Clerk/Manager to write the department to invite the Chief to the next meeting.

Fire Department:

Councillor Ballett explained that he felt the bonfire is to close to Dave Osbourne's property and maybe Council should consider hiring the loader to have it pushed back. Mayor Miller suggested that the Fire Department investigate the bonfire and if the loader was needed to contact the Town Clerk/Manager to make arrangements prior to Friday night's bonfire.

Town Clerk explained that Lockston Path Park donated \$150.00 to the Fire Department out of the recyclable monies. Mayor Miller asked the Town Clerk to write a thank you letter to the park and issue the cheque to the Fire Department.

Heritage Committee

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that we had not received any objections regarding the shed at 15 Clinch's Lane. Council agreed the shed be approved.

Festival Committee

Mayor Miller informed Council that the annual bonfire will be held on November 6th at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Training Session for PSAB - Phase Three. Oct 13/09 - Mayor Miller and the Town Clerk/Manager to attend.
- b) George Squires Re: Clean up site after annual bonfire, and concerns regarding dirt and quad use on public roads. Oct 15/09 - Mayor Miller read a letter from Mr. Squires regarding cleaning up the site after the bonfire and Council agreed to make sure the site was cleaned up. Council agreed that as for policing the public roads for dirt bikes and quad's Council has no authority or staffing in place, but in the next newsletter going out in January we will remind citizen's about using public roads for dirt bikes and quad's and the illegal use of them on public roads.
- c) George Squires Re: Slipway. Oct 15/09 - Mayor Miller read Mr. Squires letter regarding using Catalina fish plant workers to construct a slipway. Mayor Miller went on to explain that the slipway has been ongoing for a number of years but government agencies are not in favor of this type of project. However he explained that ACOA may consider an application for a slipway if we can determine it would be an economic benefit to the businesses. He explained

that he will look into filing an application.

d) Farm Credit Canada Re: Application for new fire equipment van declined. Oct 19/09 - File

e) Trinity Historical Society Re: Request to exempt not-for-profit organizations from property tax. Oct 15/09 - Mayor Miller read the letter from Sarah Dewling regarding exempting not-for-profit organizations. He explained that the Finance Committee met last week to discuss the 2010 budget and has made some adjustments to exempt all the not-for-profit organizations (Trinity Historical Society, Rising Tide Theatre, Girl Guide Hut, Lions Club, and B.E.D.A.) which will be brought to the full Council for consideration. Mayor Miller suggested Council meet on November 25th, at 3:00 p.m. to review the budget prior to the regular meeting in December as the Town is still waiting on some numbers from Municipal Affairs before a final budget can be completed..

f) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: 2009 Spring Drinking Water Quality Report. Oct 22/09 - File

g) Canada-NL Labour Market Development Agreement Re: JCP #8616914 will be taken over by the Dept. of Human Resources, Labour and Employment as of November 2, 2009. Oct 26/09 - File

h) Community Cooperation Resource Centre Re: Free Climate Change Adaptation Workshop and Focus Group. Oct 26/09 - File

i) Municipalities NL Re: Pre-Convention updates. Oct 27/09 - File

j) WHSCC Re: Base rate for 2010. Oct 27/09 - File

k) Ryan Lane, Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: ICSP update. Oct 28/09 - File

l) Heritage Foundation of NL Re: Two day workshop on Preserving Heritage Districts in Bonavista on November 20-21. Oct 30/09 - File

m) Bonavista Area Chamber of Commerce Re: Fishery Symposium at the SUF Hall in Bonavista from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 18th. Oct 30/09 - File

n) Bonavista Area Chamber of Commerce Re: Donation to help cover the cost of meals and snacks for the Fishery Symposium. Oct 30/09 - Council decided not to donate to the symposium.

o) Municipal Assessment Agency Re: Returned Assessment Notices with unknown addresses. Oct 30/09 - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to Bartlett's Electrical regarding paving the cut in the road. - Mayor Miller informed that the road has been paved.

- Letter to John Fisher regarding signage fee. - File

Invoices for Operating Account from October 5 to 30, 2009 needing approval \$ 11,532.39

Resolution 2009-11-65: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Ballett. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Income for Operating Account from October 5 to 30, 2009 \$13,652.16

Finances:	Operation Account., October 30, 2009	\$75,451.11
	Festival Account. October 30, 2009	\$3,492.84
	JCP Account October 30, 2009	\$6,042.00

Resolution 2009-11-66: was made by Councillor Kane to accept the finances as presented, it was

seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

General/New Business:

Mayor Miller suggested purchasing a new office desk for the town office. He suggested one he found in a flyer from Staples at a cost of \$375.00 plus tax. **Resolution 2009-11-67:** was made by Councillor Ballett to purchase the new office desk at a cost of \$375.00, it was seconded by Councillor White. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that we have three outstanding accounts that date back to the 1990's. These accounts have been sent to court by previous Council and letter's continue to be written but no response. She went on to explain that these people do not live in Trinity and most of the arrears are in interest which was calculated on compound interest rather than simple interest which is what municipalities have to use. She suggested Council exempt them from the books. **Resolution 2009-11-68:** was made by Councillor Kane to exempt 123 - \$478.45, 321 - \$857.61, 213 - \$181.97 totaling \$1,518.03, it was seconded by Councillor Ballett. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Councillor Ballett inquired about the work being done on the Girl Guide Hut and asked for an update. Town Clerk/Manager explained that most of the work has been completed except for the main bridge/patio which they will need some help to get started. She also explained that the weather was not cooperating to complete the painting however most of it has been now completed.

Councillor White inquired about the bandstand and asked if it could be put upright. Mayor Miller asked Glen if he could use the boom truck and put the structure upright and secure it so the building does not blow over again. Glen will look after it.

Councillor White asked if he could look into putting a proposal together or strike a committee to send to ACOA to do some work in the field/playground area. Mayor Miller suggested that Councillor White discuss his ideas with the Town Clerk/Manager and himself first in order to first determine if the ideas would be acceptable under ACOA's programs. If so an application would be developed and brought back to Council for discussion.

Councillor White suggested doing some work on the Town Office so the public does not walk right in on private matters that the Town Clerk/Manager is dealing with for the Town. Council agreed to consider this and make some recommendation for the next meeting.

Resolution 2009-11-69: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Ballett. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager