

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at the Court House Building, Trinity.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Ian White
Councillor Joan Kane
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet

Regrets: Councillor Doug Ballett

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Miller informed Council that at our meeting of February 07, 2011, we agreed to hold another meeting today to discuss and make some decision that could not be dealt with on February 07, 2011.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that at our last meeting we had a request from 29 West Street to extend a shed but needed further clarification. He explained that the shed will be 25 x 20 and the roof pitch will be 12 on 12 pitch or 90 degrees at the top. A discussion took place regarding the size of the shed and the intent of the shed once built. Council decided that if the shed would become something other than a shed as proposed in the original application 29 West Street would have to apply to Council for that approval due to fire regulations, etc.

Resolution 2011-02-11: was made by Councillor Kane to approve the building in principle as a shed only and give the public 30 days notice for any written objections/concerns prior to final approval, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller informed Council that we received a request for a donation from BAYNet Inc. They are considering applying for Conservation Corps funding for the summer of 2011 to hire four youth from our local area for a 'Green Team'. The youth would be responsible for a variety of activities such as, delivering a summer message of conservation and a healthy environment. It would be a public position, whereby the students would avail of every opportunity to deliver their message to the general public. They would cover topics such as the '3 R's of Responsible Consumerism', the Regional Waste Management strategy, and conservation and composting. The youth would set up booths at regional area summer festivals, host community 'Youth Days' to promote the message to youth, and develop a publicity campaign to send this message to homes in our local area. He went on to explain that the Conservation Corps will provide most of the funding and the sponsor will have to cover \$3,000.00, and Trinity Bay North municipality have committed to \$1,000.00. A discussion took place and Council agreed that if Bonavista put in \$1,000.00, and all the smaller municipalities put a share towards \$1,000.00, this would amount to \$250.00 each. **Resolution 2011-02-12:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to donate \$250.00 to BAYNet Inc. to apply for Conservation Corps funding to hire four youth for the summer of 2011, it was seconded by Councillor White. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller informed Council that at our meeting of February 07, 2011, Council was asked to

consider what the best option was for the Town Office. He explained that repairing the office to pre Igor state for \$5,000.00 was ruled out because it would not solve anything. He went on to explain that we could do the extensive work to hopefully solve the water from getting into the building at an estimated cost of \$75,000 to \$95,000 but this would not guarantee the problem would be fixed, or find land and build a new Town Office that would house the office, council chambers, library and rental space. A discussion took place and all agreed that fixing the Town Office may be spending money that may not correct the problem and will still leave us in the same predicament in the future.

Council suggested seeking waterfront property from the Province and building a new Town Office, as well as looking at purchasing private property or building next to the fire hall. A discussion took place and all agreed that waterfront property would be the best location for a new building but all agreed that they did not want the building to be over water due to the additional cost of maintenance and repair work and would like to have everything located on one floor. Mayor Miller explained that the Salt Store was on the waterfront but not completely over water and he would check on the size and style to find out if this could be a possibility for a new building. He went on to explain that we would need an engineering firm to do a cost analysis first before proceeding. Councillor White asked if we could get an independent engineering firm to keep the cost as low as possible. Town Clerk/Manager to contact Municipal Affairs and seek a list of engineering firms that they recommend and approve.

A discussion took place regarding what to do with the current building. All agreed that the building could be sold and the funding could cover the Town's 10% cost to build the new building. Council asked if the Town Clerk/Manager would seek appraisals from three Real Estate Agencies to find out what the building and land is worth.

A discussion took place regarding where the office would be located during this time frame but it was deferred until a later date.

Mayor Miller informed Council that at our meeting of February 07, 2011, Council agreed to contact our lawyer regarding the incident that happened at the 35 High Street on January 29, 2011, ask several questions regarding Council's ability/responsibility to clean up the premises and have a letter prepared on behalf of the Town stating no further fires to be set and that the damaged building be secured immediately. He explained that we received a response and a draft letter for review of Council before submitting. Council reviewed the letter and agreed to have the damaged building secured by March 15, 2011, and have a cleanup plan submitted to Council by March 31, 2011.

Mayor Miller informed Council that we received an application from Fort Point Enterprises Ltd. to apply for Crown Land formally known as Trinity Loop. A discussion took place and Mayor Miller informed Council that the lease on this property has been reverted back to Crown Land and that Fort Point Enterprises Ltd. was offered by Crown Land to pay out the outstanding lease and purchase the property. He went on to explain that this has been an ongoing process for Fort Point Enterprises Ltd. for the last several years, and assumes that with the media attention the train loop has been receiving since Igor that Crown Land does not want the responsibility and the

liability that of the property and its contents. A discussion took place regarding the intent of what the property would be used for as the application stated the land would be used for tourism.

Council all agreed that prior to anything being put on the land an application would have to go through Council for approval first. As well Council reviewed the attached survey and questioned the fact that the area where the horse back riding and buildings were are not on the survey and wondered if this was actually part of the lease or not and asked the Town Clerk/Manager to check with Crown Land to find out the exact land survey size. Another question that Council has concern's with was the back taxes owing to the Town and wanted to make sure that the Town received them when and if Fort Point Enterprises Ltd. took over the property. **Resolution 2011-02-13:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the application for Crown Land for Fort Point Enterprises Ltd. once a copy of the survey land was received from Crown Land, with the understanding to the applicant that they have to come back to Council with a detailed plan for the future use of the site once determined prior to any work taking place, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy questioned if we would be reviewing Scott Hurdles request to apply for Crown Land that was formally used by Gary Randell for Trinity Bight Trail Rides. Council agreed to wait until we received a copy of the survey from Crown Land to determine if this was part of the lease formally used by Trinity Loop or not. Deferred until land can be clarified.

Time of the next regular meeting will be March 07, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., place to be determined.

Resolution 2011-02-14: was made by Councillor Kane to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m., it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager