

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bonaventure English Harbour Development Association building.

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

Delegate: Fire Chief Reg Johnson, George Hayter, Chris Hiscock

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

Resolution 2011-10-80: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adopt the minutes of September 6, 2011, it was seconded by Councillor White. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Mayor Miller opened the only snow clearing tender from Bayview Equipment. The tender was as follows for 2011 to 2013, \$24,966.00 for the first year and \$27,996.00 for the second year plus HST. **Resolution 2011-10-81:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to accept the snow clearing tender as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Ballett. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller informed Council that a letter went out to Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter regarding Council's decision on the public path at the end of Clinch's Lane. He explained that the Carpenter's had visited with him regarding the wording on the sign that was stated in the letter and asked if it could be changed from ACCESS TO PEDESTRIAN PATH AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES to NO ENTRY PRIVATE DRIVEWAY PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PUBLIC PATH ONLY. A discussion took place and Council agreed that both signs had the same meaning therefore they agreed to order the sign of the Carpenter's request.

Committee Reports

Fire Chief Johnson informed Council that the Fire Department would like to bring back the Fireman's Ball for next years 35 anniversary and have someone cater to the event. Council was in agreement with the idea and would review it during the budget process.

Fire Chief Johnson informed Council that with the proceeds from this years festival the department has raised \$15,000.00 to go towards a new 5 ton cab and chassis that can be turned into an equipment carrier. A discussion took place and Council felt that given the fact that the department has raised this much money the Province should cost share under the 90/10 agreement to purchase the 5 ton cab and chassis. **Resolution 2011-10-82:** was made by Councillor Ballett to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting approval through the

Fire Protection Vehicles/Fire Protection Infrastructure Program of the Department of Municipal Affairs on a 90/10 cost share ratio for a new 5 ton Cab and Chassis to build an Equipment Carrier Vehicle for the Trinity and Area Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Fire Chief Johnson informed Council that the department has several members that need air brake training and asked if Council would bring a trainer in to put off the course. Town Clerk/Manager to contact an instructor and find out the cost and bring back to the next meeting.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Re: Approval of \$2,500.00 for a Seniors Community Recreation Grant. Sept. 7, 2011 - Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that when Fran James returns from holidays we will be holding some seniors exercise programs.
- b) Dept. of Health and Community Services Re: Approval of \$10,000.00 for a Age-Friendly Grant. Sept. 7, 2011 - Mayor Miller informed Council that the first meeting was held at the Port Rexton Recreation building with a group of invited representatives from various committees to determine where and what is needed to make our communities Age-Friendly.
- c) Fire and Emergency Services Re: Training School. Sept. 12, 2011 - File
- d) Wooden Boat Museum Re: Notice of Annual General Meeting. Sept. 14, 2011 - Mayor Miller thanked everyone who helped out during the Wooden Boat conference and said it was very successful.
- e) James & Carol Whitlock Re: Sewer pipe being disconnected close to the shoreline. Sept. 26, 2011 - Mayor Miller read a letter concerning the outfall pipe being let go close to the shoreline. Mayor Miller went on to explain that this was brought to Glen Vokey's attention the week before and after further investigation it was determined that the pipe is let go at the elbow just past the cut closest to shore that was fused back together by SeaForce Diving. **Resolution 2011-10-83:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to apply to the Department of Municipal Affairs for a Special Assistance Grant to have the pipe put back together as soon as possible, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.
- f) Carol Whitlock Re: Business Tax and closing business. Sept. 26, 2011 - Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Water Street Studio will not be open for business next year therefore does not want to be charged a business tax. Town Clerk/Manager explained that the studio is only open on occasion and does not operate and make money like other businesses and is requesting to be exempt from business tax. A discussion took place and Council agreed that this would be unfair to other businesses therefore the request to be exempt from business tax was denied.
- g) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Proposed 2012/2013 Municipal Capital Works Program. Sept. 26, 2011 - File
- f) Eastern Health Re: Proclamation of October 1st - 7th, 2011 as World Breastfeeding Week. Sept. 26, 2011 - Mayor Miller signed the Proclamation.
- g) Bonavista Fire Dept. Re: Invitation to attend a memorial service in honour of departed firefighters on October 23rd, 2:30 p.m. at the United Church in Bonavista. Sept. 26, 2011 - Fire Chief Johnson has the request.
- h) Neil Tucker Re: Letter of support for the Sealers Memorial in Elliston project. Sept 28, 2011 - Send letter of support.
- i) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Training and Professional Development Opportunities for 2011. Sept. 29, 2011 - File

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k) Kids Help Phone Re: Request for a donation. Sept. 29, 2011 - Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that the donation sent last year has not been cashed. Request for a donation denied and the Town Clerk/Manager to write and inform them that last years cheque has not been cashed.

l) Eastern Health Re: invitation to attend Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital 25th Anniversary ceremony on October 21 at 3:00 in the Hospital Cafeteria. Sept. 29, 2011 - File

m) Eric Coleridge Re: A request to have the road next to the former Town Office plowed. A discussion took place and Council agreed that this is a private driveway and private driveways are not the town's responsibility therefore the request was denied.

Outgoing Correspondence

-Letter to 1 Bugden's Lane with approval to remove the old house but preserve the new addition to modify as a storage shed and remove and fill in the old well. - File

-Letter to 26 Water Street with approval to repair the sea wall. - File

- Letter to 1 Fleet Street with approval in principle to build an addition to existing home. - File

- MOU signed and returned to the Discovery Regional Development Board. - File

- Letter to Bayview Equipment regarding parking equipment in front of other citizens property. - File

- Letter to Fort Point Lions Club with approval to build an extension to the existing building. - File

- Letter to 8 Main Road with approval to build a shed. - File

- Letter to 14 Clinch's Lane regrading the upkeep of the Public Path. - File

Invoices for Operating Account from September 5, to 30, 2011, \$19,681.14

Resolution 2011-10-84: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to pay the outstanding invoices in the operating account except CBCL \$4,999.97 until we receive the first draft of our Town Plan, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Finances: Operation Account **\$118,243.67**

Trinity Festival Account September 1, 2011 **\$2,335.37**

Compost Bin 30.00

Trinity Festival Account from last year to be used for recreation September 30, 2011 **\$2,365.37**

Recreation Grant **\$1,000.00**

Age Friendly Grant **\$10,000.00**

Seniors Recreation Grant **\$2,500.00**

Community Recreation Grant **\$2,990.22**

Invoice

Bartlett's Electrical (Supplies for Bench's) \$89.56

Community Recreation Grant **\$2,900.66**

Profit from Trinity Festival 2011 **\$10,058.79**

Resolution 2011-10-85: was made by Councillor Ballett to accept the finances as presented and cut a cheque for the Fire Department from the profit of the Trinity Festival in the amount of \$10,058.79, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

General/New Business:

Mayor Miller read a letter that was sent on the Town's behalf from our lawyer to SMP Ventures, Bill Maybee regarding the actions that have been taken to clean up the site and the actions that have neglected to happen as promised. He also read a response letter from SMP Ventures, Bill Maybee stating the hull and building closest to Pat Ryan's would be removed by June 1, 2012.

A discussion took place and Council asked the contractor for SMP Ventures Chris Hiscock why the building and hull could not be removed this year. Mr. Hiscock's response was it has been an extremely bad fall with heavy rains and high winds that it has not been safe to start tearing down the building only to have another storm and have debris being scattered everywhere. He went on to explain that he will be returning to work with the Department of Works, Services and Transportation within a couple of weeks and the time is not there to remove and clean up the site until spring.

Councillor White asked Mr. Hiscock for a committed time-frame as to when the building and hull would be removed and Mr. Hiscock said weather permitting the cleanup would start May 1, 2012 and assured Council that the building and hull were stable for the winter.

Council agreed to have our lawyer write SMP Ventures, Bill Maybee with the deadline of June 1, 2012 to have the site cleaned up.

Mayor Miller informed Council that we have received a conditional approval for land on the waterfront from the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation for a new Town Building. He explained that we will require Fisheries and Oceans and Environment's approval as well. He asked Council what their thoughts were on moving forward with a new Town building and the response was to have Mayor Miller move forward with seeking the approvals required and if necessary another meeting would be called for final approval before the Capital Works funding deadline of November 4, 2011.

Mayor Miller asked if the Fire Department would be hosting this years annual bonfire. Councillor Ballett has concerns regarding what was dumped (siding, shingles, felt, etc.) for the bonfire and if we should be burning it or have it brought to the dump.

Mayor Miller explained that every year we go through the same thing whereby people dump shingles, siding, sofa's, etc.) we have no way of controlling it other than to cancel the bonfire. A discussion took place and it was agreed to hold the bonfire on November 5th, and have the site cleaned up and any remaining debris removed to the dump and a load of gravel put over the site. Councillor Ballett was not in agreement with burning what was left at the site.

Town Clerk/Manager asked Council if we could meet sometime during the day to complete the Regional Government workbooks that are due October 31st. Council could not come to a date that was convenient for everyone therefore Mayor Miller suggested everyone complete their own workbooks and have them returned to the Town Office by October 28th.

Mayor Miller informed Council that Hurricane Ophelia had caused damage to Fort Point Road and Cemetery Road. He explained that the Department of Municipal Affairs had one of their engineers out on October 5th, to review the damages and they have responded that Igor funding will take care of these two roads but they may not get completed until, spring 2012.

Council agreed to wait and have these roads done by Igor funding but have some fill put on both roads for a temporary fix.

Mayor Miller also informed Council that Ophelia has washed out the town drain that run's through the property behind the Village Inn area. He explained that a temporary fix has been put over the hole but it would need to be fixed/replaced. He went on to explain that to date no emergency funding has been announced for Ophelia but we could apply to Capital Works to have the problem fixed unless Ophelia funding becomes available. **Resolution 2011-10-86:** was made by Councillor Kane to have Hatch Mott MacDonald do the necessary engineering work and submit an application to Capital Works to have the ditch work replaced, it was seconded by Councillor Ballett. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Next regular meeting of Council will be November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bonaventure English Harbour Development Association building.

Resolution 2011-10-87: was made by Councillor Ballett at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

