

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at the Bonaventure English Harbour Development Association building.

**Members Present:** Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy  
Councillor Joan Kane  
Councillor Dawne Marlow  
Town Clerk / Manager Linda Sweet  
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

**Regrets:** Mayor Miller  
Councillor White

**Visitors:** Fire Chief Johnson, George Hayter, Mary Clarke, Wayne White

**Resolution 2015-12-78:** was made by Councillor Kane to adopt the minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

**Resolution 2015-12-79:** was made by Councillor Marlow to adopt the minutes of November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that he didn't have an update on the Canada Post and asked the Town Clerk/Manager to check with the Mayor. Councillor Kane also suggested copying Judy Foote on any correspondence regarding Canada Post.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council and the public that Ron Fougere of Fougere Menchenton Architecture will meet with Council on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., and the public at 1:00 p.m., at the Parish Hall to review the concept drawings for the new town to get some feedback and address any concerns.

#### **Heritage Committee:**

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that we have received one application from 5 Water Street to add a sun porch 9 ft x 16 ft to the existing house and the drawings have been posted on the town's website. He went on to explain that the heritage committee would meet and review the drawings prior to the next meeting.

#### **Fire Department:**

Fire Chief Johnson asked Council for approval to purchase a defibrillator. He explained that he spoke with the Fire Commissioners office and before they could purchase the defibrillator they need approval from Council. A discussion took place and Council agreed that most of the members have the necessary training to use this piece of

equipment and noted that this would only be used by trained members if ever needed. **Resolution 2015-12-80:** was made by Councillor Marlow for the Fire Department to purchase a defibrillator, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Fire Chief Johnson also informed Council that they have oxygen on the Fire Truck in case they are required to use it on the general public but also need approval from Council. A discussion took place and Council agreed that most of the members are trained to use this piece of equipment and noted that this would only be used by trained members if ever needed. **Resolution 2015-12-81:** was made by Councillor Kane for the Fire Department to use oxygen by trained members if required, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Fire Chief Johnson asked Council if they would consider installing internet at the Fire Hall. A discussion took place and Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy said he had a contact person with Eastlink and would call to see if we could get a cheaper rate for the Fire Department.

### **Incoming Correspondence**

- a) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Approval of Special Assistance Grant to install two flushing hydrants. Nov 4, 2015 - File
- b) Municipal Assessment Agency Re: 2014-15 Annual Report. Nov 9, 2015 - File
- c) Hughes & Brannan Re: Fort Point Road. Nov 17, 2015 – A discussion took place and Council agreed that this is a public right-of-way and if someone is purchasing the land beyond the road it would be the responsibility of the purchaser to upgrade the right-of-way. Town Clerk/Manager to write a letter informing Hughes & Brannan and email the letter to Council for approval prior to sending.
- d) Kids Help Phone Re: Thank you for the donation. Nov 17, 2015 - File
- e) Fort Point Lions Club Re: Donation for the Christmas Parade. Nov 23, 2015 – Council agreed to donate the same as previous years.
- f) Wooden Boat Museum Re: Request to sponsor a nutrition break at next year's heritage Conference in Trinity. Nov. 26, 2015 – A discussion took place and **Resolution 2015-12-82:** was made by Councillor Kane to sponsor a nutrition break at next year's conference, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, resolution carried.
- g) Service NL Re: Removal of BWA. Nov 26, 2015 - File
- h) Service NL Re: Partial BWA for Dock Lane only. Nov 26, 2015 -File
- i) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Capital Investment Plan for Gas Tax funding approved. Dec 1, 2015 - File
- j) NL 911 Re: Civic Addressing Information Form. Dec 1, 2015 - File

### **Outgoing Correspondence**

- NL 911 form completed and returned. - File
- Reminder letters to late taxpayers. File

Invoices for Operating Account from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, \$36,073.92

A discussion took place and **Resolution 2015-12-83:** was made by Councillor Marlow to pay the outstanding invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Income for Operating Account November 1<sup>st</sup>, to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, \$8,553.60.

**Finances:** **\$20,622.95**

**Recreation Funding** **\$4,044.36**

**Trinity Festival Funding** **\$1,871.57**

**Gas Tax 2014/15** **\$1,404.19**

A discussion took place and **Resolution 2015-12-84:** was made by Councillor Kane to accept the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

#### **New Business:**

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that the Finance Committee met to review expenses and revenues required for 2016. He went on to explain that the mil rate would be reduced to 4 mills, the business mil rate for plumbing and electrical would be reduced to 55 mills, the mil rate for convenience and gas would be reduced to 12 mills, the mil rate for restaurant, boat, art gallery would be reduced to 19 mills, the mil rate for lounges would be reduced to 11 mills, the mil rate for vacation home rentals would be reduced to 9 mills, the mil rate for B & B would be reduced to 7 mills and all other rate would remain the same as 2015. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2015-12-85:** was made by Councillor Kane to adopt the 2016 budget in the amount of \$369,405.74 as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy asked Council if we would be hosting this years Light up for Christmas. A discussion took place and Council agreed to do the same as previous years with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes of \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that the selling of the old town building and land has been placed on the agenda but he felt that we should wait until after some decision has been made on the new building before selling the old one. A discussion took place and Council agreed to wait and discuss this at the next regular meeting of Council.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that we had some complaints regarding the slippery road conditions last week. A discussion took place and Council agreed that the operator should have been out the day before and cleared the roads and maybe we would not have required salt and sand. Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy asked the Town Clerk/Manager to review the contract to find out if it stated that the contractor must clear the roads within a specific timeline and a specific amount.

Town Clerk/Manager asked Council how we are dealing with how often the roads required salt and sand. A discussion took place and Council agreed that the contractor looked after the salt and sand last season and all worked out well so they decided to leave it up to the contractor unless things changed and then we would revisit.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy extended on behalf of Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

**Resolution 2015-12-86:** was made by Councillor Marlow to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, resolution carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Bonaventure English Harbour Development Association.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager