

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Eric Coleridge - Arrived at 6:50 p.m.
Councillor George Hayter
Councillor Tineke Gow
Councillor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Joan Kane
Councillor Sherry Locke
Town Clerk Linda Sweet

Visitors: Gerald Hiscock, Helene Gareau,, Glen Vokey, Fire Chief, Fred Goldsworthy

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion 2008–12-58: was made by Councillor Kane to adopt the minutes of November 3, 2008, it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mayor Miller informed that we have negotiated a contract with Bayview Equipment for snow clearing.

Town Clerk informed Council that the ad for the crown land application for Dean and Denise Collins was advertised in the Packet and posted at the Post Office and the Town Office and we did not received any written objections. Council agreed to fill out the application and forward to the Collins'.

Mayor Miller informed that high speed would be brought to Trinity by the end of this year.

Committee Reports:

Town Clerk explained that the Fire Department will need a new oil tank by March 2009 and has received two price quotes from Western Petroleum to pay out the tank over 12 months interest free. One quote was for a 200 gallon steel tank with a 20 year warranty at a cost of \$1149.00 plus tax paid out over 12 months at \$112.00 per month. The other quote was for a 200 gallon fiberglass tank with a lifetime warranty at a cost of \$1848.00 plus tax paid out over 12 months \$174.02 per month. **Motion 2008-12-59:** was made by Councillor Kane to purchase the 200 gallon steel tank and pay out over 12 months, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. All in agreement, motion carried. Town Clerk was asked to check and see if the tank was placed in the basement would it extend the warranty and if so have the tank put in the basement.

Fire Chief Goldsworthy inquired if the insurance could be placed on the old van for a day to be used in this years Christmas Parade. Mayor Miller explained that the van has been taken off the

road because it was unsafe therefore he and council agreed that it cannot be used in the Parade.

Festival Committee:

Town Clerk explained that this years annual bon fire was a huge success. Mayor Miller thanked the Festival Committee and the Fire Department for a wonderful job.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Alliance for the Control of Tobacco (ACT) Re: Provincial Tobacco Reduction Strategy. Nov 5/08. - File
- b) Municipalities NL Re: Convention Guide 2008. Nov 10/08 - File
- c) Department of Transportation & Works Re: Snow Clearing. Nov 10/08 - File
- d) Department of Transportation & Works Re: Pleased to hear the town was able to negotiate some terms with a local contractor to clear snow. Nov 17/08 - File
- e) Wooden Boat Museum Re: Newsletter. Nov 17/08 - File
- f) Newfoundland Power Re: All municipalities receiving 32 sets of LED outdoor lights for municipal buildings. Nov. 25/08 - File
- h) Email from Princline Woolridge, RBC Re: Wayne Marsh is the owner of W & T Marine Repairs & Feberglassing Ltd. Nov 27/08 - A discussion took place and Council agreed that Mr. Marsh should be written to confirm who owns the property and if it is his then he is responsible for the cleanup. Mayor Miller suggested that both former shipyards will need to be cleaned up in the Spring of 2009 or the town will have to consider further action.

Outgoing Correspondence

- Application for Fire Fighting Equipment - File
- Letter to the Department of Transportation & Works advising the town has a contractor to clear snow. - File

Total invoices needing approval in Operating Acct. \$ 16,610.09

Motion 2008-12-60: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to pay the outstanding invoices in the Operating Account, it was seconded by Councillor Locke. All in agreement, motion carried.

Total Income for Operating Account \$ 10,956.65

Finances:

Status of bank account:	Operating Acct., November 28, 2008	\$79,001.82
	Capital Acct., November 28, 2008	\$7,149.11
	Molson Grant November 28, 2008	\$1,000.00
	Trinity Day Festival November 28, 2008	\$1,402.61

Motion 2008-12-61: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to accept the finances in all accounts, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. All in agreement, motion carried.

General/New Business

Mayor Miller informed Council that the Finance Committee met to review the expenses and revenues for 2009 and were able to keep the same tax structure as 2008. He explained that the Town will be operating on a \$254,210.00 for 2009, this does not include Gas Tax, the Provinces Loan repayments, the Library's finances or the Fire Department's finances. **Motion**

2008-12-62: was made by Councillor Kane to accept the operating budget of \$337,164.18, keeping the same tax structure as 2008, it was seconded by Councillor Gow. All in agreement,

motion carried.

Mayor Miller also informed Council that it was being recommended by the Finance Committee that the \$30.00 yearly household fire fee that is paid to the Town be dropped for Volunteer Fire Fighters who live outside of the municipality and Volunteer Fire Fighters within the Town reduce their taxes by \$30.00. **Motion: 2008-12-63:** was made by Councillor Hayter to drop the yearly fire fee for Volunteer Fire Fighters outside the municipality and reduce taxes by \$30.00 for Volunteer Fire Fighters within the municipality, it was seconded by Councillor Locke. All in agreement, motion carried. It was noted that doing this would hopefully entice more volunteers in the Bonaventure's to Trinity to join the Fire Department, as well as being a good gesture on behalf of the Town to show support for the Fire Department and the work they do.

Councillor Locke inquired if the town will be hosting "Light Up Christmas" this year. Council agreed to have 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$50.00 and 3rd place \$25.00. Councillor Locke to arrange for the Festival Committee to do the judging on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk to put posters out.

Town Clerk informed Council that the town has received a request from Bishop White School to make a donation towards the Yearbook 2008-09. Council agreed to give a \$25.00 donation towards the year book.

Town Clerk explained that the Fire Department and Town employees would require to have their First Aid course by February 2009. She inquired if Jill Hunt could provided the training. A discussion took place regarding Red Cross training vs St. John Ambulance training and what was recognized by WHSCC. Town Clerk to check with WHSCC to see if both were recognized and to make arrangements to have the course offered by February 2009.

Deputy Mayor Coleridge attended the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Miller explained that we had a request to have the road graded going to Mike and Sheila Bailey's. He explained that the road is in bad condition and needed some work. He suggested having Bayview Equipment do the necessary work on the road in conjunction with the work being done on Railway Road and Council agreed. Town Clerk to inform Bayview Equipment.

Mayor Miller informed Council that we needed to appoint a Commissioner for the Property Assessment Appeals. He went on to explain that maybe we should consider hiring a lawyer for 2009 as these appeals may go to the Supreme Court. Council considered this and suggested we ask Jeff Green who was last years Commissioner if he would be interested if not the Town Clerk to get some price quotes from lawyers.

Mayor Miller explained that we had a request from Albert Hiscock to purchase the firewood that is being cut on Railway Road. A discussion took place and Council decided to offer the wood to Mr. Hiscock at \$50.00 per pickup load providing he picked up the wood before this coming weekend as work on Railway Road would be starting.

Motion 2008-12-64: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Kane. All in agreement, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Mayor

Town Clerk