

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

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Eric Coleridge
Councillor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Joan Kane
Councillor Sherry Locke
Town Clerk Linda Sweet

Regrets: Councillor Tineke Gow

Visitors: Gerald Hiscock, Helene Gareau,, Glen Vokey

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

Resolution 2009-02-01: was made by Councillor Kane to adopt the minutes of December 2, 2008, it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mayor Miller informed Council that Mrs. Marsh has informed that they no longer own the shipyard and as far as she is concerned the Royal Bank has taken it over as they are the ones that have the property for sale. Mayor Miller explained that we will further investigate this with authorities at the Royal Bank.

Mayor Miller informed that the winners of 2008 Light Up Christmas were 1st place Wayne Marsh, 2nd place Cyril Vokey and 3rd place George Walters.

Mayor Miller informed that First Aid will be held on February 16th.

Mayor Miller informed that Jeff Green has agreed to be our Commissioner for Assessment Appeals.

Mayor Miller informed that high speed will be delayed for another week.

Fire Department:

Mayor Miller informed that a member of the Fire Department had a car accident while traveling to a fire call. He explained that the department thought their personal vehicles were covered under the town's insurance policy while on fire calls, but upon further investigation with the insurance company it was determined that they were not and their own insurance companies cover volunteer fire fighters vehicles while traveling to and from fire calls. Mayor Miller explained that we have three price quotes to repair the damages from the accident ranging in price from \$563.00 to \$1213.00 and the question is should the town cover the cost or should the

member have it covered under his insurance policy.

A discussion took place and Council agreed that this was unfortunate but felt that given the fact we paid for the towing services to have the car put back on the road and the member has insurance and the policy will cover the damages then it was agreed to let the members insurance cover the damages. Town Clerk also informed Council that a memo had gone to the Fire Department informing members what the towns insurance policy covered and informing them that Workers Compensation covered them in the event of an injury or death.

Town Clerk informed Council that the Fire Chief will be a member of the Fire Department for 30 years in April. Council agreed to have the Town Clerk and Mayor look at presenting something to the Fire Chief in April.

Mayor Miller informed Council that our application for a new carrier van is on file with the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Fire Commissioners Office but will not be considered until the next fiscal year April 1st. He went on to explain that after a conversation with the Fire Commissioners Office we should put a request in writing for a surplus van if one becomes available in case our application is not considered. **Resolution 2009-02-02** was made by Councillor Kane to write the Fire Commissioner Office with a request to have a surplus van donated to the Fire Department should on become available, it was seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy. All in agreement, carried.

Festival Committee:

Councillor Locke informed Council that she just started working on a JCP project for the Trinity Historical Society and the Town of Trinity for Come Home Year 2009 and will incorporate Trinity Festival weekend with Come Home Year week. More details will be forthcoming with regards to plans being made.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Austin Duffett, Mayor of Trinity Bay North Re: Congratulation to Mayor Miller on his recent appointment as Eastern Director with Municipalities NL. Dec. 05/08 - File
- b) Dept. of Health & Community Services Re: Drinking Water Awareness Pamphlets. Dec. 16/08 - File
- c) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Special Assistance Grants are due December 31/08. Dec. 16/08 - Completed and file
- d) Derrick R. Drodge Re: Preparation for 2008 audit. Dec. 16/08 - Town Clerk explained that all is in order and she is hoping the audit will be completed by March 31st.
- e) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Survey for Gas Tax. Dec. 18/08 - Completed and faxed.
- f) Municipal Sustainability Self-Assessment Report. Dec. 22/08 - Mayor Miller explained that the report is on file at the office for viewing.
- g) Canadian Heritage Re: Funding Application for Canada Day. Jan. 05/09 - Town Clerk to complete.
- h) Dept. of Government Services Re: Boil Water Advisory Dec. 17/08. Jan 05/09 - File
- i) Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Re: Letter of Support. Jan. 05/09 - Mayor Miller

informed that he has written a letter of support.

j) Dept. of Government Services Re: Boil Water Advisory removed Jan. 05/09. Jan. 08/09 - File

k) Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc. Re: Ban on plastic shopping bags. Jan. 08/09 - A discussion took place and all agreed that everyone should do their part and use recycled bags rather than plastic.

l) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Calculation of Interest on Overdue Tax Accounts. Jan. 13/09 - File with Municipalities Act.

m) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: 2009 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop, March 24 to 26 in Gander. Jan. 13/09 - Glen Vokey to attend.

n) Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Re: Reminder to send letter of support. Jan. 14/09 - File

o) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: 2008 Summer Drinking Water Quality Report. Jan. 14/09 - File

p) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Community Enhancement Employment Program - Build a slipway application rejected. Jan. 15/09 - Mayor Miller informed that we did not get either of the projects accepted but we did get work on the community centre and library completed under the Community Enhancement Program which was administered by the Bonaventure to English Harbour Development Association and passed along thanks for their work.

q) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Community Enhancement Employment Program - Repair Fort Point Lighthouse Keepers House application rejected. Jan. 15/09

r) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: Operator of the Year Award. Jan. 19/09 - File

s) NL Organization of Women Entrepreneurs Re: NLOWE Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Jan. 21/09 - File

t) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: Compliance with Public Sector Accounting Board Standards. Jan. 22/09 - Town Clerk is in the process of working on this material.

u) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: 2008 Financial Statements & 2009 Budget. Jan. 22/09 - Town Clerk explained that the 2008 Financial Statements will be completed long before the deadline and the 2009 Budget was sent in December 2008.

v) Discovery Regional Development Board Re: "Creating Stronger Communities" 2009 Municipal Symposium, Clarenville, on February 25 and 26. Jan. 26/09 - Mayor Miller will be attending.

w) Heritage NL Re: February 16th is Heritage Day. Jan. 28/09 - Mayor Miller signed the Heritage Day Proclamation 2009.

x) Cruise NL Re: 2009 Schedule and membership fees. Jan. 29/09 - File

y) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: 1st quarter of MOG for 2009, \$1,901.00. Jan. 29/09 - Deposited

z) Dept. of Environment and Conservation Re: Operator Education, Training and Certification Programs and a list of books that should be purchased. - Mayor Miller suggested Glen look at the books that he needed to complete his training and have the Town Clerk order them.

Outgoing Correspondence

- All 2009 Tax Invoices sent

- Letter to Wayne Marsh regarding ownership of W & T Marine Shipyard.

- Letter to Minister Whalen regarding the Town's commitment to its share of the 90/10 agreement for the Fire Departments new cube van.

- Letter to Minister Whalen regarding funding under the 90/10 agreement in having research on various options for sewage disposal alternatives for the Town.

Invoices needing approval for the Operating Account from December 2, 2008, to January 30, 2009, \$40,930.04. Resolution 2009-02-03: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to pay the outstanding invoice in the Operating Account, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, carried.

Total Income for the Operating Account from December 2, 2008 to January 30, 2009
\$ 35,081.59.

Finances:	Operation Account. Jan 30, 2009	\$73,626.89
	Capital Account.	Complete
	Festival Account. Jan. 30, 2009	\$1,402.61
	Molson Grant. Jan 30, 2009	\$1,000.00

Resolution 2009-02-04: was made by Councillor Kane to accept the finances, it was seconded by Councillor Locke. All in agreement, carried.

General/New Business:

Mayor Miller read a letter of resignation from Councillor Hayter. Council agreed to accept the resignation and asked the Town Clerk to send a letter thanking him for his services to the Town.

Mayor Miller asked Council if we would hold a by-election or wait until the next election which will be in September. Council agreed to wait for the election in September and operate until that time with six Councillors.

Town Clerk explained that the snow clearing contractor cannot clear the road to the Generator House due to a fence being placed around the Coleridge's sawmill. She explained that this road has to be cleared in case an emergency occurs and the generator has to be moved to operate the other lift stations.

Deputy Mayor Coleridge explained that the fence was put up because the snow was being pushed into the sawmill doors.

Councillor Goldsworthy expressed concern that this fence was erected without approval from Council and should be removed immediately.

Council agreed that the fence has to be removed in order for the snow to be cleared and asked Deputy Mayor Coleridge to have it removed and speak with the contractor to find a solution acceptable to both parties.

Resolution 2009-02-05: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, carried.

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

Mayor

Town Clerk