

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

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

Delegate: Ed Burry

Visitors: Tony Huys, Karen Huys, Judy Dupuis, Scott Goldsworthy, George Hayter, Helene Gareau, Michele DuRand, Rick Peddle

Motion 2018-09-54: was made by Councillor Marlow to adopt the minutes of August 6th, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kane. All in agreement, motion carried.

Water & Sewer

Glen Vokey informed Council that Xylem was out today and they have the lift station pumps replaced and a new pump that fits two lift stations in storage.

Heritage Committee

Mayor Miller informed Council that himself and members of the Heritage Committee met with the client of 10 Water Street on September 1st and asked for some changes to the plans that were suggested by the committee. These changes included reducing the height by 1 meter, and moving the setback from the property line back 11.2 meters, adding a symmetrical window to the front face and adding a small window to the side right elevation in alignment with the other windows and 8" base trim for the cape cod clapboard siding, and the clients have agreed to these changes. A discussion and **Motion 2018-09-55:** was made by Deputy Mayor Kane to approve a building permit for 10 Water Street, it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, motion carried.

Mayor Miller informed Council that Aiden Duff has submitted his name to be on the Heritage Committee and went on to say he would be a great addition as he is a retired heritage carpenter. A discussion took place and **Motion 2018-09-56:** was made by Councillor Marlow to accept Aiden Duff as a member of the Heritage Committee, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. All in agreement, motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment Re: Fall Training. Aug 08/18 - File
- b) Service NL Re: Dock Marina proposed patio alterations. Aug 09/18 - File
- c) Service NL Re: Final approval for septic at 11 Railway Road. Aug 09/18 - File

- d) Ed Burry Re: Tourist Establishment Act and AirB&B's. Aug 24/18 – To be discussed under new business.
- e) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Fire Services Division Re; Fire Prevention Week. Sept. 06/18 - File
- f) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: 2019 Municipal Budget Form. Sept. 06/18 – Town Clerk/Manager to start working on the 2019 budget.

Outgoing Correspondence.

-Letter of approval to build an extension 16 x 9 at 17 Main Road.

Invoices for Operating Account from August 2nd, to September 6th, 2018 \$35,956.18. A discussion took place and **Motion 2018-09-57:** was made by Councillor Marlow to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. All in agreement, resolution carried.

Income for Operating Account August 6th to September 6th, 2018, \$29,791.78

Finances:

Operating Account	\$149,375.29
Recreation Account	\$4,142.75
Trinity Festival Account 2017	\$2,391.67

A discussion took place and **Motion 2018-09-58:** was made by Deputy Mayor Kane to accept the finances as presented it was seconded by Councillor Marlow. All in agreement, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Miller informed Council that the By-Election will be held on September 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Marlow informed Council that the Fort to Forge 10k Run/Walk will be September 16th and so far we have 24 participants and all the arrangements have been taken care of.

Mayor Miller informed Council that Fall clean up will be on September 25th, and notices will be distributed notifying residents.

Mayor Miller a letter from Ed Burry regarding concerns he has about Airbnb's not having to follow the same regulations as other tourist establishments. He also read a letter that Mr. Burry received from Carmela Murphy, ADM, Tourism Culture stating "The rapid growth in peer-to-peer accommodation services such as Airbnb, VRBO.com and HomeAway is increasing the number of unlicensed accommodations operating in the province under the Tourist Establishments Act. The Department of Tourism, Culture Industry and Innovation (TCII) has the highest regard for licensed accommodation operators. We are raising awareness of the need to be licensed and following up on

inquires regarding the requirement for accommodation operators to obtain a minimum one star Canada Select rating to obtain a Tourist Establishment Licence.”

“The solution to the growth in the shared economy is not simply one of enforcement or increased regulation. We are reviewing the current legislation to determine if amendments are realistic or if a repeal of the current Act will be most appropriate.”

Mayor Miller went on to say his understanding of Airbnb’s were that the current legislation has no requirement for them to be licensed unless they want to obtain a Tourist Establishment Licence and until a review of the legislation and changes were made they were exempt.

Mr. Burry expressed his concerns that Airbnb’s were operating without having to follow any proper approvals including Service NL Fire and Safety.

A discussion took place and Mayor Miller agreed to have the Town Clerk/Manager check with Service NL to seek further clarification and will ask the Fire Department to inspect all accommodations and businesses that are open to the public as this was an action item that was identified in the report to the Fire Department and the Town by Tony Rose, Fire Protection Officer, Fire and Emergency Services.

Councillor Marlow declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Miller informed Council that 3 Hewitt’s Lane has requested to build a porch to the existing house which was included in the monthly package. A discussion took place and **Motion 2018-09-59:** was made by Deputy Mayor Kane to approve the porch extension as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. All in agreement, motion carried.

Motion 2018-09-60: was made by Deputy Mayor Kane to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Toope. All in agreement, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 1st, at the Bonaventure English Harbour Development Association.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager