

**Regular Meeting
Wed, April 30, 2008
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.
Town of Harbour Breton**

Members Present:

Mayor Donald Stewart
Deputy-Mayor Lloyd Jensen
Angela Tibbo

Eric Day
Bernie Stewart
Wade Tibbo

Absent With Regrets: Susan Skinner

Also Present:

Harold Brace, Town Superintendent
Bernice Herritt, Clerk/Manager

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed Ms Trena Snook, Chairperson of the Recreation Commission. Ms Snook stated that one of the main reasons she had requested to meet with Council was the alleged comments made by the 'Town Council' since the new Commission took over in that the Town Council had stated that the new Commission had gone 'flat' and that the new members were too busy. She did indicate that to date, a lot of work has gone into the Commission *'behind the scenes'* and from the list of initiatives outlined, (attached) this was certainly the indication. She did stress the fact again, that they have been quite busy since taking over.

Several of the initiatives outlined will begin in June as June is *Recreation Month*. Mayor Stewart thanked Ms Snook for providing an update on the current initiatives of the Commission and stated that based on the discussion held, all indications point to the fact that they seem to be on the right track and there seems to be a very positive approach being taken. Mayor advised her that at any time they have any questions or concerns, to feel free to contact the Town Office or any councillor. It was also noted that in future, if the Commission want to have any event listings placed on the town's website to email to Town Office and it would then be forwarded to our programmer.

Ms Snook left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Before the minutes were presented for adoption, the following new business was addressed as follows:

- The EDO be asked to attend the next regular meeting to provide an update on her activities/initiatives to date;
- Discussion and concerns regarding the sawdust in the area of Moonlight Valley & garbage/plastic in the vicinity of the waste disposal site. It was noted that the dump attendant has been notified to clean up around the dump area & the town's Clean Up Period will start May 3rd ;
- Concerns expressed in relation to carcasses being deposited in the landwash area. Mr. Brace to check out and if this is the case, the necessary letters to be sent out;
- A brief update was provided on the status of the plant by the Mayor & Councillor E. Day;
- Check to find out how to pledge online for the 'Relay For Life';
- Mayor's March has been scheduled for June 27, 2008;
- Notification to be forwarded to the Recreation informing that the town is considering using the hospitality room as the accommodations for the band;
- Wheel chair ramp required for the Sunny Cottage's Tea Room. Mr. Brace to follow up with Mr. Wells regarding the materials needed;
- Press Release circulated regarding the Community Capacity Building Forum scheduled for May 24th;

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- Community Youth Network requesting some financial assistance with their proposed plan to replace the siding on their storage shed. Recommends to inform that the Town is unable to provide any financial situation at this time, however, may be able to provide equipment if required;
- Brief update provided by Mayor Stewart on the last Joint Mayors Meeting held on April 24th. Several topics discussed included the highway conditions, e.i. program, emergency response plans, gas tax, policing, & psab implementation;

Minutes of April 16, 2008 were then presented for adoption by Mayor Stewart.

Errors/Omissions: Minutes of April 16, 2008:

- Page 1, Outstanding Items, the word 'executive' to be deleted;
- Page 3, Come Home Year Report, add 'Newfoundland's Walking Town';
- Page 4, Signage for RV Parking, change to read: Anyone interested in parking their recreational vehicles on the town's property to make space available for campers, trailers, etc. for the Come Home Year, can do so at their own risk!

O/S Items: Minutes of April 16, 2008:

- Recommends that the wage rate for part-time staff to remain as is at the present time;
- To date, no reply from the RCMP regarding correspondence forwarded;
- Committee to meet on May 7th to do the review of the non-unionized agreement and the probationary period;
- Recommends to forward a copy of the Collective Agreement to the town's lawyer for an interpretation on one of the sections;
- Petroleum Pricing Office automotive fuel costs were reviewed and it was noted that in Central NL, the price per litre is 3 cents lower than the Connaigre Peninsula;

Motion # 08-046;L.Jensen/A. Tibbo

Resolved that the Minutes of April 16, 2008 be adopted as presented, as circulated with the above noted changes.

In favour: 7

Opposing: 0

Motion Carried.

Correspondence Action/Summary Report:

1. Miawpukek First Nation: Invitation for Mayor to attend the re-opening of the A&E Center on May 9th. Mayor unable to attend, the EDO be asked to attend;
2. Enterprise 3205 Class: Advertising in their recipe book at the cost of \$30. Recommends to purchase an ad;
3. Municipalities NL: Asking municipalities to proclaim May 14th as 'municipal awareness day' ;
4. L. Rose: Vacation leave request from June 9th – 23rd; Recommends approval;
5. Office of the Citizens' Representative: Session to be held in Hr. Breton on May 15th;
6. O/S Taxes: Recommends that contact be made with the individual as per discussion;
7. Local Business: Request to be considered for an exemption from taxes due to seasonal operations. Recommends that this request be referred to the Finance Committee;
8. Seasonal Tax Rates: Suggests that for 2009, a seasonal tax rate to be considered;
9. DFO, Hr. Breton: Clerk to follow up with email received from local DFO office to find out whether or not there was an error in the contents of the email;
10. Municipal Affairs: News release regarding the improved cost shared ratios to benefit municipalities: 90/10 for populations less than 3,000 for all types of infrastructure;
11. H. W. Lilly: Asking that consideration be given to her for the vacant position at the office;

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12. Baine Johnston: Proposal as per discussions for coverage for security/first aid for Come Home Year. Recommends to find out what the cost would be for a 2 week period for 30 people;
13. Invitation & Guest List: 50th Anniversary Celebrations: Review of the invitation layout and guest list completed;

Town Super's Report:

1. Dept. of Health was contacted regarding the release of water quality testing results;
2. Sign in the area of the 'landslide monument' has been relocated and repaired;
3. Concerns with garbage and/or plastic in area of grocery store. Recommends to forward letter to individual business;
4. Tom Kendall will be in town during the first week of May to discuss the development of the lodge subdivision and the road reconstruction requirements;
5. It was noted that Hydro are presently looking at an alternative location for the 'reclosure station' that is presently located in the area of the proposed lodge sub-division;
6. Discussion on the condition of parking lot in the area of North Hill Road. A lot of items and debris left unattended. Letters to be sent to individuals informing that all items must be removed immediately and dumping over the side of this area is NOT permitted;
7. Sale quote for the supply of power sweep type brooms deferred at this time;
8. Effective Mon., May 5th, town will be hiring 2 individuals to start cleaning up the town;
9. Recommends that a letter be sent to individual business regarding the numerous cigarette butts being visible along the town's roads;

Building Committee Report: (Attached to Minutes);

Finance Committee Report: (Attached to Minutes);

LIAISON REPORTS:

■ **Public Relations:**

■ **Fire Dept. (B. Stewart):**

■ **Recreation (S. Skinner):**

■ **Sunny Cottage (L. Jensen):**

- It was noted that the Corporation will have to wait to hear back from the town's request to the Dept. of Tourism for funding regarding the staffing for the Cottage for this season;

■ **Beautification (D. Stewart):**

- Mayor to follow up with Mr. Wells regarding the funding program available for fishing sheds;
- Discussion on a park bench for the 'down harbour' area;

■ **Economic Development (E. Day/D. Stewart/W. Tibbo):**

- The topographical maps have been received;

■ **Come Home Year (A. Tibbo):**

- Next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2008;
- Recommends to ask Mr. Langdon to attend the next meeting for discussion on the activities for the arena for this summer;

■ **Elliott Premises Management (J. Vallis/W. Tibbo):**

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Angela Tibbo & seconded by Councillor Eric Day. Adjournment @ 10:10 p.m.

Donald Stewart- Mayor

Bernice Herritt – Clerk/Manager

