

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.
Town of Harbour Breton

Members Present:

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| Mayor Donald Stewart | Wade Tibbo | Susan Skinner |
| Deputy-Mayor | Lloyd Jensen | Angela Tibbo |
| Eric Day | Bernie Stewart | |

Absent With Regrets:

Also Present:

Bernice Herritt, Town Clerk/Manager
Harold Brace, Town Superintendent
Palmer Strowbridge, Asst. Town Superintendent
Lori Pierce, SEP Assistant

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

1. Boat Launch: As soon as time permits, the outside workers to start the process of constructing the launch (vicinity of FPI residence –South Side Drive);
2. HBIC: Brief discussion held on the meeting with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs regarding the HBIC. It was noted that as soon as Ms Maddox returns, a Board of Directors needs to be established immediately;
3. Aqua fish: Concerns expressed in that local fish is being trucked out of the Province, which could have been processed locally. Recommends that a letter be written to Provincial & Federal Ministers of Fisheries expressing concern. Mayor to request support from the Joint Mayors on this issue;
4. SnowClearing: Complaint from residents on Canada Drive informing that since they are living below the road, a lot of snow and/or ice gets deposited on their properties, when the snowplow operator is in their area;
5. RCMP Meeting: Brief update provided on a meeting held on Wed. morning with officials from the RCMP Detachment (Nippard & Watton);

Errors/Omissions: Feb. 4, 2009:

O/S Items: Feb 4, 2009:

1. Letter to be forwarded to resident on 12 Tibbo Crescent regarding storage shed property for sale on Harbour Drive;
2. Follow up with Ms Maddox with regards to the status on the application for the CRTC;
3. Letter to be forwarded to MHA regarding the land testing required for housing development;

Motion #09-009:B. Stewart/W. Tibbo

Resolved that the Minutes of February 4, 2009 be adopted as presented, as circulated with the above noted changes.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Correspondence Action/Summary Report:

1. Dept. of Municipal Affairs: Reply to Council's correspondence regarding the formation of the HBIC, subsequently a meeting was held on Feb. 23, 2009;

2. Emergency Preparedness Plan:

Motion #09-010: S. Skinner/W. Tibbo

Whereas Section 6, subsection (1) of the Emergency Measures Act provided for the Council of a Municipality may by resolution establish a committee and adopt a plan to deal with all matters relating to emergency measures within the boundaries of the Municipality.

And Whereas, we desire to have an emergency plan for the Town of Harbour Breton. Therefore, it be resolved that on the 25th day of February 2009, we passed resolution # 09-010, which provides for the establishment of a committee to develop the town's Emergency Plan.

In favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

The following will be asked to be members of the Emergency Planning Committee & a letter to be forwarded regarding same: *Fire Dept., RCMP, Health, HRLE* & others that the committee feel should be involved. Staff was advised to proceed with this planning as soon as time permits. Chair of Committee and the Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator not appointed to be decided later.

3. Municipally Designated Heritage Structures: Motions required for the Gun Hill & Beaver Pond designations as follows:

Motion #09-011:B. Stewart/A. Tibbo

Resolved to designate Gun Hill, located directly above Road Knob, as Municipal Heritage land and the designation to include the landscape feature known locally as Gun Hill, in accordance with the Statement of Significance for the property.

In favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion #09-012:W. Tibbo/B. Stewart

Resolved to designate Beaver Pond, located along Route 360 at the entrance of the community of Harbour Breton in an area known as The Arm, as Municipal Heritage land and the designation to include the landscape feature known locally as Beaver Pond, in accordance with the Statement of Significance for the property.

In favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

4. The Coaster: Advertising in the "Profile of our People" deferred;

5. UFCW – Dump Attendant: Informing of dates available for the arbitration hearing & asking Council to reconsider the response in correspondence dated Oct. 10/08 in an effort to resolve the issue before proceeding to a costly arbitration hearing for both parties. Recommends to meet with the 3 unionized employees (Thursday, February 26, 2009) to outline Council's financial situation and the possible cut backs that may have to be put in place in order to accommodate the proposed rates by the Union, if this matter is pursued;

6. **Dept. of Municipal Affairs:** Informing that the engineering design initiative (\$725,112 - Sanitary Sewer System Replacement) & (114,695 – Sewer Cleaning & Video Inspection) has been selected for engineering design and is a prerequisite to project approval;
7. **Dept. of Municipal Affairs:** Informing that funding in the amount of \$30,850 for a hydrocarbon contamination investigation project has been approved under the 90/10 Provincial/Municipal ratio. Letter to be forwarded informing that this is totally unacceptable as this funding was previously 100% approved by the previous administration;
8. **Crown Lands:** Informing that payment for the Crown Lands has to be paid in full by 90 days. Recommends to forward a letter to MHA asking that she see if this parcel of land can be granted to the Town or if there is anything that can be done to reduce the price quoted.
9. **Spencer's Brook Road Development:** Recommends that a letter be written to the developer requesting a copy of all inspections carried out on the water and sewer line (water line pressure testing, sewer line pressure testing and the camera testing on the sewer) be received at the Town within the 2 weeks;

Town Super's Report:

1. Skidoo ramp has been completed;
2. Brush cutting project will be finished within 2 weeks;
3. Item for Joint Mayor's Meeting - Signage for the entrance to highway indicating emergency numbers;
4. Check with Kendall Engineering for an update on the proposed Replacement of Residential Water Services Project for the \$300,000;
5. Thank you ad on community channel regarding s/clearing regulations;
6. Letter to resident on 7A Harbour Drive regarding the mess left on the side of street from cutting up wood;
7. **Motion # 09-013:E. Day/W. Tibbo**

Resolved to purchase a washer for the Town Garage for the purpose of laundering soiled work clothes only.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Ms Lori Pierce left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Building Committee Report: (attached to minutes);

Palmer Strowbridge & Harold Brace left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Finance Committee Report:

1. Recommends that a meeting be held prior to the next regular meeting;

LIAISON REPORTS:

√ **Public Relations:**

√ **Fire Dept. (B. Stewart):**

√ **Recreation (S. Skinner):**

1. Recommends to try and schedule a meeting with the Recreation Commission regarding the proposed arena board issue;

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√ **Sunny Cottage** (L. Jensen):

√ **Beautification** (D. Stewart):

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

√ **Elliott Premises Management Committee**: (J. Vallis/A. Tibbo):

1. Recommends to advise Ms Maddox that as soon she returns, a meeting to be scheduled;
2. Meeting to be scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009 to discuss the ski-doo trail and boating issues;

Other Business:

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor B Stewart & seconded by Councillor E. Day . Adjournment @ 9:15 p.m.

Donald Stewart- Mayor

Bernice Herritt – Clerk/Manager