

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.
Town of Harbour Breton**

Members Present:

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| Mayor Donald Stewart | Wade Tibbo |
| Deputy-Mayor Lloyd Jensen | Angela Tibbo |
| Eric Day | Bernie Stewart (7:30 p.m.) |

Absent With Regrets: Susan Skinner

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, Mayor Stewart asked for a 2 minute silence for the victims of the recent Cougar tragedy.

The following new business was addressed:

1. Deputy-Mayor Jensen thanked Council & Staff for the flowers and cards sent to his aunt's funeral;
2. Recommends that in light of the recent Cougar tragedy, a letter to be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Transportation requesting that an additional station be set up closest to the oil fields (St. John's area) in addition to the unit in Gander. (cc MNL, Premier, MHA, MP, & Dept. National Defense);
3. Concerns expressed once again from resident on 79 Canada Drive in relation to the fact that his vehicle is being splashed continuously by the town's equipment. Check out to see what can be done;

Errors/Omissions: Feb. 25, 2009:

Page 1, Item 2: This should read that the 'preliminary' work to be started & not the actual board of directors be put in place;

Page 3, Item 7: Replace the word 'administration' with "Minister Dave Denine";

O/S Items: Feb 25, 2009:

1. Recommends that Council and the Hr. Authority pull their files on the "Imperial Oil" and check out the liability issue in relation to the use of their property for the purpose of a boat launch;
2. Recommends that a follow up letter be sent to Minister Diane Whalen regarding the recent meeting held in St. John's ;
3. Recommends that a letter be sent Ms Linda Chafe (UFCW) requesting that she come in to meet with Council and 'new' employee to discuss the 'dump attendant classification';

Motion #09-016:A. Tibbo/E. Day

Resolved that the Minutes of February 25, 2009 be adopted as presented, as circulated with the above noted changes.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Correspondence Action/Summary Report:

1. Devon Estates Ltd: Acknowledging receipt of the subsurface investigation report;
2. Meeting: Meeting scheduled for Mon, March 23, 2009 with Tom Kendall & Bruce Mcgrath to discuss the hydro carbon situation;
3. B. Herritt: Leave request (April 9 -17, 2009). Recommends approval;
4. H. Brace: Leave request (April 8 – 17, 2009). Recommends approval;
5. Coaster: Ad for the 2009 Vacation Guide.

Motion #09-017:E. Day/W. Tibbo

Resolved that Council would take out a full page ad in the amount of \$500.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Recommends to include the Sunny Cottage, Elliott Management Committee & the Coffee Shop in the advertising & ask that they give a donation towards the advertising cost;

6. Clean Up: Suggested that for this year, Council to consider asking volunteers to assist with the clean up prior to Tidy Town's Competition, etc.
7. 2009 Municipal Symposium: April 30 – May 3, 2009. Mayor may be interested in attending & if so, maybe able to obtain some financial assistance from the Fisheries Committee;
8. Resident on 5 Keepings Point: Request for a financial contribution towards the cost of participating and travel to attend the Miss Teen Achievement Pageant. Town unable to provide a donation as it is not our policy;
9. Memorial University: Requesting that the town consider nominating a graduate whom has contributed in significant ways to his/her profession or community. Agreed to forward a nomination for the "Award for Outstanding Community Service";
10. Business on 57 South Side Drive: Request for a reduction in the 2009 business & water rates. Acknowledge receipt of letter and request further information;
11. Marine Atlantic: Reply to our correspondence regarding the commercial terms under which fresh fish product is carried aboard the ferries & and in particular, the fees charged;
12. 2009 Civic Holiday: Before a decision is made, check with the Recreation to find out if they will be organizing the "Red Head Rocks" festival this year first;
13. Town Of Hermitage/Sandyville: Requesting support in their endeavors in obtaining a dialysis equipment for the hospital in Hr. Breton. Agreed to forward a letter of support;
14. COBC: Tourism Packaging Workshop at St. Alban's on March 30th; Recommends to ask Mr. Wells and the 2 coffee shop attendants to attend with Ms Maddox;
15. Credit Consulting Services: Offering their service at the collection rate of 13%. Not interested at this time;
16. **Motion #09-018:W. Tibbo/E. Day**
Resolved that the Town agrees to grant a 10% rebate on property taxes for privately owned Municipally Designated Heritage Structure commencing in 2009.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Town Super's Report:

1. Tom is presently working on the 90/10 Replacement of water/sewer services;
2. Several problems with the 5-ton truck;
3. Follow up with Mr. Hynes regarding the monthly rodent control at the landfill;
4. Check with official from the Dept. of Mun. Affairs in relation to what can be done with property on Hearn's Point Road;

Building Committee Report: (attached to minutes);

Mr. Strowbridge, Mr. Brace & Ms Pierce left the meeting at 8:45 p.m after the adoption of the Building Committee Report.

Finance Committee Report:

1. Minutes of March 12, 2009 were presented by Councillor E. Day;
2. **Motion #09-020: W. Tibbo/E. Day**
Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton would adopt the 'no idling of vehicles policy' effective immediately.
In favour: 6 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Ad to be placed on the community channel to this effect!

3. Concerns expressed with respect to the following:
 - Current bank balance;
 - The anticipated cost for the Recreation's 2008 audit & that it should probably be included with the Town's bill. Wait to see what charge will be for 2008 and reason why they are billed separately;
 - Connaigre Arena's financial report presented & reviewed;

LIAISON REPORTS:

√ **Public Relations:**

√ **Fire Dept. (B. Stewart):**

1. Letter to be sent regarding the Emergency Preparedness Plan and what will be required from the Fire Dept;

√ **Recreation (S. Skinner):**

√ **Sunny Cottage (L. Jensen):**

√ **Beautification (D. Stewart):**

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

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

1. Update provided by Councillor A. Tibbo on meeting held. Notes to form part of minutes;

Other Business:

1. Lions Club asking that the Town consider some type of fundraiser for the Daffodil Place. Suggests that an item be purchased & tickets sold at Town Office;

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Bernie Stewart & seconded by Councillor Eric Day. Adjournment @ 10:30 p.m.

Donald Stewart- Mayor

Bernice Herritt – Clerk/Manager

