

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Mayor Donald Stewart
Deputy-Mayor Lloyd Jensen
Eric Day
Angela Tibbo

Wade Tibbo
Susan Skinner
Bernie Stewart

Absent With Regrets:

Also Present:

Bernice Herritt, Clerk/Manager
Palmer Strowbridge, Town Superintendent
Lori Pierce, SEP Assistant

Mrs. Miranda Maddox/Bussey attended the meeting at 6:30 pm to brief Council on the conditional approval recently received for funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 through the Affordable Housing Initiative for the development of ten (10) affordable housing units at the Town's Sub-division. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Maddox-Bussey left the meeting at 6:40 p.m. It is hoped to have this project up and running by Spring 2010. Mrs. Bussey left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Stewart then called the meeting to order. Before the minutes were presented for adoption, the following new business was addressed;

1. Council informs that they would like to have the Five Year Strategic Plan to be released to the public in September;
2. It was noted that the two main priorities for Council at the present time are the (HBIC & the Five Year Strategic Plan);
3. It was noted that all areas of paving that were torn up during the Water Gravity Project have since been repaired;
4. Town Super informs that he is hoping to have the Water-Main Cleaning Project started in September 2009;
5. Concerns expressed with the growing number of fire pits now in the town. It was noted that this concern should be brought to the Fire Dept's attention;
6. Mayor informed that him and Councillor Angela Tibbo did attend the first meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee & the welcome function held for the late Ted Russell's daughters;

Minutes of July 22, August 4, & August 5, 2009 were presented for adoption by Mayor Stewart.

Errors/Omissions: July 22, 2009:

1. Page 1, Item #1: This should read: "does not want the town's employees using the town's equipment on their personal property";

O/S Items: July 22, 2009:

1. Mrs. Maddox-Bussey to follow up with regards to the transcripts from the Fishermen's Broadcast;

2. Meeting to discuss the hydro billings for the Café has not been held yet;
3. Request from Business on 57 Hr. Drive:

Motion #09-055:W. Tibbo/S. Skinner

**Resolved that the Town agrees to propose the following option to the business located at 57 Hr. Drive as per discussion held:
The amount of \$15,000 to be paid on or before Dec. 31, 2009 with the option to carry the balance of \$5,000 over to the next year, without penalty.**

In favour: 4

Opposed: 3

Motion Carried.

4. Results of the Mediation Meeting held in GFW on July 17, 2009 (Dump Attendant Classification):

Motion #09-056:A. Tibbo/S. Skinner

Resolved that the wage rate increase for the dump attendant position's as per Mediation Meeting held in GFW on July 17, 2009 would be \$1.00 per hour from Jan. 1 – June 30, 2009 & from July 1, 2009 an additional \$1.00 per hour. Total new wage rate for the dump attendant position is now \$12.00/hr.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

5. It was noted that the outstanding items left at the RV Park have been taken care of;
6. Mrs. Maddox-Bussey is still working on the application for the community channel and now waiting on a price;

Motion #09-057:W.Tibbo/E.Day

Resolved that the Minutes of July 22nd , August 4th , & August 5, 2009 be adopted as presented, as circulated, with the above noted changes.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Correspondence Action/Summary Report:

- **Fire & Emergency Services:** Informing that effective August 1, 2009, all current firefighters must meet the minimum standards, orientation level within 2 years, which is August 1, 2011. All "*new*" firefighters joining after August 1, 2009 must meet the minimum standards, orientation Level within 6 months of their start date. Once all firefighters meets the minimum standards, Council then has to provide the Dept. with a resolution informing that our Fire Dept. Is compliant.

- Recommends to request to attend the next meeting of the fire dept to discuss this new requirement and the fact that 2 senior fire fighters are finished in December of this year;
- Kendall Engineering: Informing that Council should consider purchasing or expropriating a parcel of land on Hr.Drive for the purpose of widening the road to a proper width as part of the project. Building Committee advised to meet with the individual to discuss further;
- Water Resources Management Division: Copy of the 2009 Winter Drinking Water Quality Report. It was noted that the THM concentration was 152.5 & 166.3. Copy forwarded to Kendall Engineering;
- Council of the Conne River Micmacs: Requesting that each member contribute \$250 annually to be used to continue to market and advertise the communities in the region. Recommends to view the video prior to committing the annual fee of \$250;
- Dept. Of Tourism, Culture & Recreation: Informing of a Community Capital Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase exercise & fitness equipment for the new "Coast of Bays Cardio Fitness Centre";
- Concerned Citizens: Two letters received requesting that a speed bump be installed in two areas throughout the town. Acknowledge receipt of letters informing that Council may consider the possibility of moving the speed bumps already installed to other areas of town;
- Municipal Designations:

09-058:A. Tibbo/L.Jensen

Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton designates Newman's Flagpole Rock, located at 9 Newman's Lookout, Harbour Breton, NL, as Municipal Heritage Land the designation to include the rock outcrop known as Newman's Flagpole Rock and a five metre buffer zone extending out from the base of the rock in all directions, in accordance with the Statement of Significance for the property.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

09-059: A. Tibbo/L. Jensen

Resolved to designate St. Bartholomew's Memorial Stone, located in the eastern corner of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church churchyard on Church Hill Road, Harbour Breton, NL, as a Municipal Heritage Structure and the designation to include the structure and a buffer zone of three metres extending in all directions from the base of the monument, in accordance with the Statement of Significance for the property.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

G. Drake: Vacation request (August 10-14, 2009. Request approved;

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09-060: E. Day/B. Stewart

Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton would borrow the amount of \$69,303 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Project #22637 (Sanitary Sewer System).

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

09-061: E. Day/B. Stewart

Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton would borrow the amount of \$10,962 from the Canadian Imperial bank of Commerce, Project 309053.

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

S. Casey: Application for employment with the town. Acknowledge.

Cooke Aquaculture: Acknowledging receipt of our correspondence dated June 5, 2009. Copy for the EDO to follow up;

Ms Tracey Perry, MHA: Agreed to forward a letter expressing concerns in relation to the fact that fish being trucked out of our community (HOG);

Mrs. Maddox/Bussey: EDO be asked to check out the new funding program available through the Dept. of Municipal Affairs for individuals that may not obtain enough hours to qualify for e.i.;

1. Town Super Report:

1. The 2 speed bumps purchased has been installed (Spencer's Brook Road and area of King Academy School);
2. Phase I of the Launch & Retrieval Program completed;
3. Town Super informs that a resident on 6 Tibbo Crescent has his shed constructed over a water line, which now needs to be repaired due to a leak. Recommends to attach letter that was given to the previous owner regarding this water line;
4. Recommends to inform area residents on Tibbo Crescent that Council will be bringing the water stop to the property line and individuals will be responsible for payment of installation from the curb stop to their house;
5. Town Super informs that the dump truck has since been repaired;

Building Committee Report: (Attached)

Town Superintendent, Palmer Strowbridge left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Report:

1. Minutes of June 30th & July 21st, 2009 were presented for adoption by Councillor Angela Tibbo;

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2. Motion #09-059:W. Tibbo/B.Stewart

Resolved to purchase air conditioning units for the Board Room and main office.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

3. New business tax rate to be discussed for the 2020 budget for 2 new businesses just started;
4. To date, \$1,400 received for park fees;
5. Since Mr. Brace has officially retired, Mr. Strowbridge's salary will now automatically move to the new rate as town superintendent;

Motion #09-060:B.Stewart/E.Day

Resolved that the minutes of June 30th & July 21st be adopted as presented, as circulated.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Public Relations:**
 - **Fire Department (B. Stewart)**
 - **Recreation (S. Skinner):**
 1. Reports indicate that the Red Head Rocks Event was a success & a profit was realized;
 2. Present Commission's 2 year term of office will expire in September 2009. Recommends to ask if they would consider staying on until after the September Municipal Election;
 3. List of 10 names presented for the new Arena Board were reviewed & accepted by Council. Councillor B. Stewart has volunteered to head up this Committee and call the first meeting. Rules need to be put in place. Clerk to check to see if there were any rules and/or regulations used for the past 'arena board'. Recommends that R. Jensen & J. George be asked to attend the first meeting as well and that the report they prepared be used as a guide for this new board;
 - **Sunny Cottage (L. Jensen):**
 - **Beautification (D. Stewart):**
 - **Economic Development (E. Day/D. Stewart/W.Tibbo):**
 - **Elliott Premises Management Committee (J. Vallis/A. Tibbo)**
- **** Councillor Eric Day left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

Other Business:

1. Next regular meeting: September 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.;

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Angela Tibbo & and seconded by Councillor Bernie Stewart. Adjournment at 9:50 p.m.

Donald Stewart – Mayor

Bernice Herritt – Clerk/Manager