

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Donald Stewart	Angela Tibbo
Eric Day	Eric Skinner

Also Present:

Bernice Herritt, Clerk/Manager
Palmer Strowbridge, Town Superintendent
Lori Pierce, SEP Assistant
Miranda Maddox/Bussey, EDO
Hannah Wells/Lilly, Office Clerk

Clerk/Manger, Bernice Herritt called the meeting to order and congratulated the newly elected Councillors. Then the swearing in of the newly elected/acclamated councillors as per Municipal Election held on September 29, 2009 was held as follows:

Eric Skinner	Oath of Office taken	Sworn (Mayor)
Eric Day	Oath of Office taken	Councillor
Donald Stewart	Oath of Office taken	Councillor
Angela Tibbo	Oath of Office taken	Councillor

After the swearing in of the new Mayor and Councillors, the following left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. (Miranda Maddox-Bussey & Lori Pierce);

As per Section 18 (1) of the Municipalities Act, the election of Deputy-Mayor must be elected at the first meeting following the General Election. However, the Clerk/Manager stated that in her opinion, this position should be postponed until there was a full complement of Council.

Councillor Eric Day indicated that he was interested in this position. Since there was no other councillors interested, Councillor Donald Stewart nominated Councillor Eric Day for the position of Deputy-Mayor. Nomination was seconded by Councillor Angela Tibbo. No further nominations tabled. Nomination of Deputy-Mayor was accepted by Councillor Eric Day.

The meeting was then called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Eric Skinner.

Before the minutes of September 23, 2009 were presented for adoption by Mayor Stewart, the following 'new' business was addressed:

1. Clerk to check with the Town of Bonavista and/or MNL on the procedure to follow with respect to the issuance of a T4 for Councillor remuneration;
2. It was noted that the contractor will be in town shortly to repair the pavement torn up during the water project;
3. Clerk to check with the Dept. for clarification on the rules of residency as it relates to voting and/or payment of taxes;

4. Councillor Don Stewart provided an update on the Waste Management Coordinator's position for the Joint Mayors. Position has been selected and will be stationed out of Harbour Breton;
5. Councillor Don Stewart informed that effective November 1, 2009, Service Canada will be passing all employment programs over to the Province under the Labour Market Partnership Agreement;
6. Job Creation Partnership Employment Program (Top Up) approved for 8 labourers & 2 lead hands to start on Oct. 19, 2009;
7. Update provided by Councillor Don Stewart on property located on 23 Elliott Drive;

Errors/Omissions: Minutes of September 23, 2009:

Page 1, Item # 1: Add: that the Clerk to inform the Committee.....

Page 2, First Bullet: Change the word 'three' to read 'all';

Page 2, Delete the word "to" in the motion # 09-070;

Motion # 09-073:E.Day/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Minutes of September 23, 2009 be adopted as presented, as circulated, as presented.

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

O/S Items: Minutes of September 23, 2009: n/a

Correspondence Action/Summary Report:

1. Nomination Day to fill three(3) vacant seats:

Motion # 09-074:D.Stewart/E. Day

Resolved that one day to be held for nominations to fill the three(3) vacant seats.

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

2. Advance Poll:

Motion #09-075:D.Stewart/A. Tibbo

Resolved that there will not be an advance poll for the upcoming by-election, if required.

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

3. Coalition of Concerned Citizens of NL: Informing of a meeting to be held to discuss the downgrading of lab & x-ray services at Lewisporte & Flower's Cove clinics & changes to the other 38 sites located throughout the Province. Recommends not to send anyone to this meeting, but forward a letter of support;
4. **Motion #09-076:E. Day/A. Tibbo**
Resolved to declare October 19-25, 2009 as Waste Reduction Week in Canada 2009.

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

5. Resident on 46 Bay d' Leau Drive: Request for permission to operate a tax service in the community. Request approved;
6. 6 Spencer's Brook Road: Requesting that Council consider not approving request to operate a taxi service. Acknowledge letter;
7. Griffin & Baker: Copies of the sheriff's certificates for property on 14 Elliott Drive. Agreed to request two additional certificates for this property;
8. Bay d' Verde: Information received as per our request;
9. MNL: Confirmation of hotel accommodations for the AGM in Gander on Nov. 4-7, 2009. Councillors Day & Stewart to advise clerk once they have decided to attend;
10. TRIO: Supplement insurance coverage for firefighters (*'firefighting or emergency service activities'*);
11. Fire & Emergency Services: Agreed to request that fire fighting training (minimum standard – Orientation Level' which is mandatory for all firefighters be held in Hr. Breton;
12. Concerned citizen: Requesting that Council check out the property on 14 South Side Drive. Town Super to check out this matter;
13. UFCW Canada Local 1252: Informing that they wish to amend the Collective Agreement. Acknowledge and advise that as soon as we have a full complement of Councillors, arrangements will be made to start the negotiations;
14. MAA: Call for nominations for the Central Director. No one interested;
15. 2010 Property Tax Assessments: Concerns expressed that the assessed values have gone up from 2009. Once the budget preparations are started, this increase to be looked at;
16. M. Maddox-Bussey: Copy of the recently filed applications that she has been working on;

1. **Town Super Report**: (Attached)

Building Committee Report: (Attached)

→ **Town Superintendent left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

Finance Committee Report:

1. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.;

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Public Relations**:
- **Fire Department**
- **Recreation**
- 1. Agreed to start advertising for the new Commission (2 year term). Thank you to be sent to all Recreation Commission members for their past service;
- **Sunny Cottage**
- **Beautification (D. Stewart)**:
- **Economic Development**

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

1. Meeting will be held some time in October;

- **HBIC:**

1. It was noted that to date, four individuals have submitted their applications for consideration to this Corporation. Suggested that these four individuals should set a date for a meeting;

Other Business:

- 1.

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Eric Day & and seconded by Councillor Donald Stewart. Adjournment at 9:35 p.m.

Eric Skinner
Mayor

Bernice Herritt
Clerk/Manager