

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Eric Skinner
Donald Stewart
Angela Tibbo

Deputy-Mayor Eric Day
Gerald Pittman
John H. Day

Absent With Regrets:

Everett Allen

Also Present:

Clerk/Manager:
Town Superintendent
Office Clerk

Bernice Herritt
Palmer Strowbridge
Hannah Wells-Lilly

New Business:

1. Concerns expressed by the Deputy-Mayor in being approached at his place of work in that the Mayor had promised an individual a position on one of the town's projects. Mayor stated that he did not have anything to do with the interviews, nor did he ask any member to support any individuals, therefore the accusations were not true;
2. Concerns with the limited parking available at the fitness centre . Town Super to see what can be done here since there shouldn't be any parking by the side of the building;
3. Individuals that had wood left in the area of the sub-station have been notified to have it removed due to the construction for the new housing in this area;
4. Hr. Authority still having difficulty with Imperial Oil regarding the land required for a boat launch. Recommends to contact our MHA, Ms Perry to see if Government can intercede on our behalf to try and obtain this land for the town for this purpose;
5. Recommends to contact the Coaster expressing displeasure with the article recently done on the fitness center grand opening;
6. Town Super to follow up with Small Crafts & Harbours to find out if they will require signatures from area residents indicating that they have no objections to the construction of a margin wharf in the area of Harbour Drive;
7. Clerk to check out the cost of additional insurance for the usage of the fitness center;
8. Inquiry as to who is responsible for doing the books for the two positions at the fitness center. Clerk explained that since the town has signed off on both contracts, then the Town will remain responsible for the bookkeeping.
9. Mayor Skinner briefed Council on the Joint Mayors Meeting he attended in Hermitage on Monday, March 8, 2010. Next Joint Mayors Meeting to be held in Hr. Breton on April;
10. Letter to be sent to Larry Ingalls requesting a meeting to discuss long term plans for the community;

Minutes of February 24, 2010 were then presented for adoption by Mayor Eric Skinner;

Errors/Omissions: Minutes of February 24, 2010:

Page 1: (Page 3, Item # 6): replace the word 'would' to 'could';

Page 1: (Page 4, Item # 1): replace the word 'supplies' to 'assets';

Motion # 10-27:E. Day/A. Tibbo

Resolved that the Minutes February 24, 2010 be adopted as presented, as circulated, as presented.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Business Arising: Minutes of February 24, 2010:

1. Priorities list for road reconstruction and/or recapping discussed and recommendations as follows:
 - # 1 under the 90/10 : Old Hospital to Road Knob;
 - # 2 under the 90/10: Wallace Jackman's to Ralph Mullin's area;
2. Gas Tax Funds for 2010:
 - # 1 Water/Sewer upgrading and paving for Bayview Road ;
 - Will need approx. \$10-20,000 to re-do the lift station;
3. CYN Mortgage: initially taken out for 10 years (2004-2013) with an annual payment of \$12,901;

CORRESPONDENCE: ACTION/SUMMARY REPORT:

1. B. Herritt: Request leave for 5 days vacation. Request approved;
2. Canadian Red Cross: Preparedness Program.

Motion # 10-28:D. Stewart/E. Day

Resolved that the Town would donate \$500 per year for the next three years: \$1,500.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

3. COB's Vacation Guide:

Motion # 10-29:A. Tibbo/E. Day:

Resolved to purchase the ad at the cost of \$300.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

4. Fire Fighting Training Cost: Recommends to proceed with the training for the firefighters as required. Apply for the 50/50 funding and check with our MHA regarding wages for Fire Chief while attending training;
5. Kendall Engineering Ltd: Requesting approval to engage AMEC to complete the risk assessment;

Motion #10-30:D. Stewart/J. Day

Resolved that town approves the recommendation of AMEC to complete the risk assessment required for the slope stabilization.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

6. UFCW: Requesting permission for time off to attend union business on March 9-31, 2010. Request approved;

Town Super Report:

1. New water line being installed in the area of Rocky Point;
2. Waiting for Mr. Kendall's visit to discuss the matter from resident on 16 Spencer's Brook Road;
3. Sewer Cleaning Project to commence the first week in April;
4. Wind break installed to the CYN property on a trial basis. Recommends to relocate video camera;
5. Road construction to the housing development below Lodge area.

Motion # 10-31:D. Stewart/A. Tibbo

Recommends that the Town Super be given permission to proceed with the development of this road and to use his discretion as to how to proceed. Reduced price and particulars in writing from the contractor must be confirmed with Kendall Engineering prior to proceeding.

In Favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

6. Affordable Housing Project – NLHC:

Motion #10-32:E. Day/John H. Day

Resolved that the Affordable Housing Project (NLHC) be passed over to the direction and running of the Harbour Breton Investment Corporation (HBIC) and that they would be responsible for all decision making.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

6. Town Super to find out who owns the shed in area on Harbour Drive & see if it can be taken down;
7. Clerk to check minutes to find out if there was a decision made previously on the installation on double guide rails;

Mr. Strowbridge left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Building Committee Report:

Negotiating Committee Report:

1. Proposed changes # 4 dated March 10, 2010 to be reviewed by Committee;

Finance Committee Report:

LIAISON REPORTS:

Public Relations: (E. Skinner)

Fire Department: (E. Allen):

1. **Motion #10-33:D. Stewart/G.Pittman**

Resolved that the term of office for the new fire chief would be at the discretion of the Council. New chief to remain in this position until Council deems otherwise.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

2. Rose Goods has agreed to meet with the Fire Dept. on March 18, 2010;

Recreation: (E. Day):

1. Recommendations made to be re-typed and presented at the next regular meeting;

Sunny Cottage: (J. H. Day):

Beautification: (D. Stewart):

Elliott Premises Management Committee: A. Tibbo

1. **Motion # 10-33:E.Day/G. Pittman**

Resolved to approve the recommendation from the Elliott's Committee for the \$6.00 per foot for the berth fees for the 2010 season.

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

2. Recommends that the Town Super can pursue the recommendation from the Committee in asking if the boaters if they would like to pay their berth fees two years in advance so that the additional funds can be used to purchase more floating docks. (2010 & 2011);
3. Request for approval to proceed with the installation of a vending machine for confectionery items for the Elliott Premises. Request approved;

HBIC: (D. Stewart)

Other Business:

1. Councillors Don Stewart and John H. Day agreed to assist with the screening of the applications for the Economic Development's position;
2. Ad to be placed on the community channel regarding the roaming dog situation;

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Eric Day & and seconded by Councillor Angela Tibbo. Adjournment at 9:40 p.m.

Eric Skinner
Mayor

Bernice Herritt
Clerk/Manager