

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
6:30 p.m - Town Office

Attendance: Mayor Eric Skinner
Deputy-Mayor Eric Day

Councillors: Everett Allen, Donald Stewart, John H. Day,
Gerald Pittman & Angela Tibbo

Also: Palmer Strowbridge & Bernice Herritt

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of February 8, 2012 were presented for adoption by Mayor Skinner.

Errors/Omissions - February 8, 2012: n/a

Motion #12-020:E.Day/E. Allen

Resolved that the Minutes of February 8, 2012 be adopted as presented, as circulated.

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

o **Business Arising - Minutes of February 8, 2012:**

1. Brief update provided on the meeting held in Gander on Feb. 13, 2012 with the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the recent rockslide in the 'down harbour' area. Minister assured the town that once the budget is announced in April, this would be a priority, however, it will probably be considered under a 90/10 cost shared basis;

2. Update provided on the meeting with the Minister of Fisheries on Feb. 13, 2012 regarding the matter of whole fish being trucked out of the Province. Will be checking into the matter;

3. Discussion on the temporary measure cost provided by Kendall Engineering for the Rock Stabilization Engineering Design Initiative & the temporary traffic diversions. Discussion also on the visit to town by Todd Reccord on Janod Group of Companies;

Motion # 12-021:E. Allen/E. Day

Resolved not to proceed with the temporary measures as outlined by Kendall Engineering Ltd. as discussed for the down harbour area and the visit by Mr. Reccord to be cancelled.

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the 'rockslide' issue as follows:

Recommends that the town employees be given permission to try and claw down a small section of the area in question, once weather permits by using a fire hose and equipment rental (1 day) from local contractor.

○ **Correspondence:**

1. **Harbour Yes:** Request for a donation of \$500 to support the Harbour Yes Program.

Motion #12-022:D.Stewart/G. Pittman

Resolved that the town would donate \$500 for the Harbour Yes Program

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

2. **Dept. of Municipal Affairs:** Acknowledgement of request to expropriate land;
3. **Dale Kirby:** School busing petition (conduct a review of school bus transportation policies);
4. **ACOA:** Funds recently approved from a previous claim for the COBCF;
Motion #12-023:D. Stewart/A. Tibbo
Resolved that a piece of equipment be purchased for the Fitness Center from these funds and balance to be put into the Emergency Fund.
In Favour: 6 **Opposed: 1** **Motion Carried.**
5. **Volunteer Week – April 15-21, 2012:** Recommends to have a Essay Contest for Grade 6 & 7 (Volunteerism In Our Community) & apply for funding under the CSC;

Town Superintendent & Building Committee Report attached to Minutes. Town Super left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

- **Finance Committee Report:** Schedule a meeting for next week;

○ **LIAISON REPORTS:**

° **Public Relations:**

1. Mayor informed that he did an interview with MNL President on CrossTalk on Feb. 21, 2012;

° **Fire Dept:**

1. Dept. has agreed to host the HHW Collection under the MMSB Program;
2. Will be proceeding with the insurance coverage as discussed;
3. Telethon will be held on March 25, 2012;
4. Six applications received for the positions of 'new' firefighter;
5. Ongoing training being held;
6. In process of getting the compressor repaired;
7. Congratulations to Deputy-Chief Gerald for all help with the fundraising efforts;

° **Elliott Premises Management Committee:**

1. Computers at the Elliott Premises are to be brought to the Town Office for storage;
2. Expression of interest from the Harbour Authority to purchase the Elliott Premises Waterfront & Docks;

3. Locks for the former 'café' to be changed as soon as time permits;
4. Expressions of interest for the 'upstairs' on hold at present time;

°Arena & Recreation Commission:

1. Recommends to have the town's part-time office worker attend meetings of the Recreation, take minutes and subsequently type them. Proper minute taking procedure will have to be followed . This to be put in place until the Commission's secretary is properly trained and accurate minutes are being recorded;
2. Meeting to be held on Sat. , Feb. 25th at 1:00 p.m .with Council and all Recreation members to hold nominations for the Executive positions;

°Sunny Cottage Corporation: No report at this time;

°Beautification Committee:

1. Sat., Feb. 25, 2012 (Most Improved Properties & Festival of Light Awards to be presented;

°HBIC Representative: No report at this time;

Other Business (Round Table):

1. Minutes of S.A.Y. (CYN) meeting held on Feb. 15, 2012 presented by Councillor J. Day and are available for Council's review;
2. Property for sale in the down harbour area;

Motion #12- 027 :E.Day/E. Allen

Resolved to offer the amount of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the property located on 111 Main Road North in lieu of taxes.

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

3. Concerns expressed with the liability issue for volunteers. Councillor Allen agreed to bring to Fire Dept's attention;
4. Condition of the recent pavement on Harbour Drive is still an ongoing matter;
5. Concerns with the weight of the trucks travelling throughout the town, and in particular, the bridge. Suggests to get someone from the Dept. come in to do an weight assessment on the bridge;
6. Condition of the road on Route 360 & agreed to forward a letter to MHA regarding same;
7. Suggests to uses the town's salt shed to store the new fire rescue vehicle and to purchase a tarp like covering for the salt pin;
8. Observation noted on the response time for snowclearing equipment being called out;
9. Town's website to be updated;
10. Session held in Grand Falls on Feb. 17, 2012 was attended by D. Wells regarding the heritage lighthouses;
11. Concerns expressed from individual resident of the number of vehicles that town has purchased and cost to taxpayers;
12. Woodcutting in the areas of Witch Hazel Hill & Barasway were discussed. Agreed that Town Super to remove the wood already cut in the Witch Hazel Hill area;

With no further business, motion for adjournment made by Councillor D. Stewart & seconded by Councillor E. Allen. Adjournment at 9:55 p.m.

