

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Town Office – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Lloyd Blake Roy Drake Colby Whittle
Neil Bond Donald Stewart

Also Attending: Tanya Rogers Jody Soper

Absent: Loretta Abbott Fabian Manning

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order 6:35 p.m. He then asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, as presented and circulated.

Motion #22- 050: N. Bond/C. Whittle

Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented, as circulated, with the additional items noted.

In Favour: 5 Abstained:0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Errors/Omissions: n/a

Motion #22-051: D. Stewart/R. Drake

Resolved that the Minutes of March 29, 2022 be adopted as presented, as circulated.

In Favour: 5 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Business Arising: Minutes of March 29, 2022:

- a) Capital Works: Two applications have been submitted (Little Bay Place and Bay d’Leau Drive). Because of the cost sharing ratios for the Causeway Bridge and Canada Drive, these applications are to be withdrawn.

Motion #22-052: R. Drake/D. Stewart

Resolved to withdraw the MCW applications for the Causeway Bridge (Project # AP-MCW-22335) and Canada Drive (AP-MCW-22334).

In Favour: 5 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

- b) Coast Guard: Keep on Agenda;
- c) RV Park – Expressions of Interest: No submissions received. Operations of the RV Park will continue as in previous years;
- d) 86 & 88 Main Road North: Residents in the area have been having an issue with a smell to their water. Letter to be sent to both property owners informing that the properties have to be cleaned up. Deadline for a response to be June 1, 2022;

Review of notes from meeting with Central Health on March 29, 2022: Councillor Colby Whittle was in attendance for the meeting.

Public Works/Town Superintendent Report: Public Works report attached;

1. Due to some outside workers being off work for various reasons and the amount of work to be completed around Town, agreed to re-hire labourer from last year for a few weeks;

Building Applications:

1. 22 Churchill Road: Application for extension to residence (10ft x 24ft). Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Resident of 5 Jensen’s Lane – Concern with the state of the sheds and other items on the shoreline below the landslide area. Letters to be written to the owners of the sheds, as well as others along the shoreline, asking that the areas be cleaned up.

2. Operation Smile – Requesting the Town proclaim June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES in Harbour Breton;
Motion #22-053: D. Stewart/ R. Drake
Resolved that the Town will proclaim June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES in Harbour Breton.
In Favour: 5 **Abstained: 0** **Opposed: 0** **Motion Carried.**
3. Forestry Management – In the process of developing a new five-year operating plan (2023-2027) for Forest Management District 7. Deadline to submit any concerns or issues is May 6, 2022.

The Town would like to make the following recommendations:

- Clearer description/portrayal of boundary lines on the Domestic Harvest Plan Map;
 - Penalties for illegally cutting within the Town Boundary should be enforced by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture;
 - Clearly defined rules on what people are allowed and not allowed to cut within the Municipal Boundary, who is responsible for enforcing and how to enforce.
4. Central Health – Response to the Town’s letter regarding dental services in the Coast of Bays region. Informing that Central Health has no involvement in the provision of dental services; suggested that the Town reach out to the former dentist directly. Letter to be written to the former dentist inquiring as to his intention on resuming his practice in Harbour Breton;
 5. Town Manager – Requesting salary increase and pay for attending meetings. Deferred;
 6. Administrative Assistant – Requesting vacation leave be increased to coincide with other office staff. Deferred;
 7. 1 Little Bay Place – Requesting to extend the fire hydrant located on the property to allow for an extension to lawn and retaining wall. Inform resident that the Town has applied for a water and sewer project in that area which may result in a relocation of the hydrant. Therefore, a decision cannot be made until it is determined what the water and sewer project will include;
 8. Canadian Cancer Society – Requesting a donation. Not at this time;
 9. 2 Mulberry Crescent – Requesting guardrail on Connaigre Road in the area of their residence. Due to the cost involved and the fact the residence is located within a 20 km/h zone, the Town is unable to accommodate this request;
 10. Community Sector Council – Proclamation for Volunteer week, April 24-30, 2022.
Motion #22-054: C. Whittle/D. Stewart
Resolved that the Town will proclaim April 24-20, 2022 as Volunteer Week in Harbour Breton.
In Favour: 5 **Abstained: 0** **Opposed: 0** **Motion Carried.**
 11. Councillor Orientation – Possible dates presented. Schedule for May 9th if Councillor Abbott can be available;
 12. Resident of 34 Main Road North – Requesting permission to operate a domestic sawmill from shed located on property. Since this is not a permitted use in the Municipal Plan, agreed to advertise for seven days for feedback before issuing the permit;
 13. Resident of 5 Jensen’s Lane – Concerned with the water buildup in the area of the Rocky Point Cemetery. Councillor Stewart to speak with local contractor who did work in this area to see what can be done;

14. Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation – Informing that the Town’s application for Trail Upgrades was approved in the amount of \$7500. St. Joseph’s School also received \$7500 in funding to upgrade the outdoor recreation space at the school;
15. Resident of 5 Jensen’s Lane – Informing that the Lighthouse will soon need painting and the base of the Lighthouse will need some repairs as well. Item to be added to Public Works list;
16. Resident of 10 Main Road North– Inquiring about the ownership of the land where their vehicle is parked. Inform resident that this land is considered the side of the road and cannot be owned;
17. Department of Municipal Affairs – Informing that water and sewer tax is due June 30 annually. Motion #22:010 made on January 20, 2022 to be replace with the following.

Motion #22-055: C. Whittle/R. Drake

Resolved that the tax rates for 2022 be approved. Furthermore, the deadline for all municipal taxes, including water/sewer, is June 30, 2022.

In Favour: 5

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

18. ACOA Funding – Funding available under the Rediscover Main Streets program. Guidelines to be emailed to councillors to brainstorm possible ideas.
19. Harbour Breton Lions Club – Requesting to replace the bench at Mile Pond Boardwalk in memory of deceased Lion’s member. The Lion’s Club will purchase the new bench if the Town will install it. Approved.

Economic Development Officer Report:

- Proof for Vertical Banners. Approved.;
- Navigators are booked for the festival;
- Green Crab Project – Discussion on hiring a coordinator vs. having the EDO perform the role. Town Manager to discuss with the EDO to determine if her schedule would allow for her to do this;

Finance Committee Report:

- Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022;

Liaison Reports:

1. Public Relations:
 - Mayor Blake took part in an interview with CBC regarding the doctor shortage in the Region;
2. Elliott Premises: n/a
3. Sunny Cottage: n/a
4. Recreation/Arena:
 - Letter to be sent to Hockey NL inquiring as to why the Town of Harbour Breton was not selected for an Easter tournament this year since the last one was cancelled due to COVID-19;
 - Financial report on the 2021/2022 season to be provided once the season as ended;
5. HBIC: n/a
6. Aquaculture: n/a

7. Occupational Health & Safety:

- Administrative Assistant and Town Superintendent are registered to do the OH&S committee training on April 25 and 26th;

8. Beautification Committee:

- Working on getting the “ships ribs” constructed at the Fisherman’s Memorial at the Old Hospital Site.

9. Fire Dept:

- The Fire Chief resigned from the position on April 7, 2022. The Deputy Chief will serve as Acting Fire Chief until a new Chief is put in place;
- The new Fire Truck is still not in operation as there are some issues with it. FES has been informed and will be sending someone out to assess.
- 1st Quarter Budgeted amount to be paid to the Fire Department.

Other:

1. Health Care

- Agreed to write the Provincial Government expressing our concern with the proposed amalgamation of the Provincial Health Authorities that was announced in Budget 2022;
- The Harbour Breton Ambulance has been approved to use the Routine ambulance for primary care/emergencies on weekends;
- Minister Haggie is open to having a Zoom meeting with the Town. Awaiting a response on time;
- Agreed to advertise for residents interested in forming a Health Care Advocacy Committee.
- Central Health will begin hosting virtual Town Hall meeting beginning on Monday, April 18, 2022. Up to 200 people can log on to the meetings.
- Update on meeting with Central Health on April 12 at 12:00pm. As of now, it looks like there will be one doctor at the hospital up until May 31, 2022. After that date, no plans have been put in place.

Motion for adjournment by Councillor Bond & seconded by Councillor Whittle. Adjournment at 9:20 pm.

Lloyd Blake – Mayor

Tanya Rogers – Town Manager