

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, February 04, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Eric Coleridge
Councillor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Sherry Locke
Councillor George Hayter
Town Clerk Linda Sweet

Regrets: Councillor Joan Kane
Councillor Tineke Gow

Delegates: Fire Chief, Fred Goldsworthy

Visitors: Helene Gareau, Gerald Hiscock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2008-02-01: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adopt the minutes of December 10, 2007, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, motion carried.

Meeting Called to Order.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mayor Miller explained that he made some inquires and the Town will receive a new digital colorimeter in the near future.

Town Clerk explained that we need a Commissioner in order to schedule the review hearings before March 15th. Mayor Miller informed that he would do some inquires and bring back some suggestions to Council within the next week.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Fred Goldsworthy explained that the inside work on the Cube Van was nearly completed, and they would be working on the outside lighting soon. Mr. Goldsworthy also informed Council that they have another member away working and that leaves the department with nine members.

Town Clerk explained that the cell phone contract is up on March 17th, and she checked out putting a land-line at the department with call forwarding. The one time cost of installing the phone will be \$108.00, and the monthly charge is \$57.00 plus tax. As well, she checked out the cost to keep one cell phone. The cost will be \$28.95 plus tax per month. Mr. Goldsworthy explained that the only use the cell phone gets is when they get to a fire they inform the RCMP and usually one of the members has a phone. He explained that the department would rather

have a land-line with call forwarding and get rid of the cell phones. Council agreed that when the cell phone contract ends the Town Clerk would have a land-line placed at the department.

Special Events Committee:

Councillor Locke informed that the winners for "Light Up Christmas" were, 1st place Tony Broaders, 2nd place Wayne Marsh, and 3rd place Phoebe Hurdle.

Councillor Locke informed Council that we received a grant from Molson's for \$1000.00 to place some type of structure at the playground to store things and use at the festival weekend for a band stand, etc. Council agreed for Councillor Locke to gather more information on the cost, etc. and bring back to a regular meeting.

Town Clerk explained that we still have a \$880.00 recreation grant that was applied for and received in 2007 to do some paving for skateboarding, street hockey and in the winter flood for skating. She went on to explain that the Town now owns the land by the fire department, and wondered if we could move forward with plans to do the necessary work. Council agreed for the Town Clerk to bring back more specific information and some price quotes.

Correspondence Received

- a) Hatch Mott MacDonald Re: Tender bid results from West Street. Dec. 06/07 - File
- b) Hatch Mott MacDonald Re: Plans for Sewage Pumping Overflow Pipe. Dec. 07/07 - File
- c) Dept. of Government Services Re: Self Imposed Boil Water Advisory issued December 2, 2007. Dec. 12/07 - File
- d) Kids Help Phone Re: Donation. Dec. 18/07 - Council agreed to give a \$25.00 donation.
- e) Minister of Environment and Conservation Re: Permit to Construct Water & Sewer system for West Street. Dec. 19/07 - File
- f) Minister of Environment and Conservation Re: Permit to Construct Sewage Pumping Station Overflow Pipe. Dec. 19/07 - File
- g) Rita Malone, Assistant Deputy Minister Re: High Speed Internet proposal. Dec. 20/07 - Mayor Miller explained that our proposal got denied but he has requested a review of the process and expects to get some answers within the next few days.
- h) Jim Tee, Recreation and Sport Division Re: 2007/08 Community Capital Grant Program request denied. Dec. 20/07 - File
- i) Minister Dave Denine Re: Christmas greeting to Mayor and Councillors. Dec. 20/07 - File
- j) Sol Modesto, Municipal Finance Division Re: Installment for the first half of the Year 2 of the Gas Tax Grant in the amount of \$4,186.46. Dec. 21/07 - Deposited
- k) Urquhart MacDonald & Associates Re: Assisting Municipalities with equipment leasing. Jan. 11/08 - Mayor Miller asked that this be kept on file for future use.
- l) Municipalities NL Re: Newsletter - Tidy Towns deadline for registration. Jan 12/08 - Town Clerk inquired about the town entering the Tidy Towns competition. After some discussion as to whether or not the town was ready, Council agreed for the Town Clerk to register before the deadline.
- m) Cruise NL Re: AGM will be held February 14th, at 2 p.m, Albatross Hotel, Gander. Jan. 14/08 - File
- n) Dept. of Lands Branch Crown Lands Registry Re: Title document for land surrounding the Fire Dept. Jan. 14/08 - Photocopy for the town files and bring the original to the bank.
- o) (NLOWE) NL Organization of Women Entrepreneurs Re: 2008 Annual Conference & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards April 23-24, at the Fairmont NL in St. John's. Jan. 14/08 - File
- p) Dept. of Government Services Re: Removal of the Boil Water Advisory. Jan. 15/08 - File

q) Discovery Regional Development Board Re: 2008 Municipal Symposium in Clarenville on February 20 -21. Jan. 17/08 - Mayor Miller will check his schedule and if time permits he will attend.

r) Chris O'Dea Re: Request to remove Improvement Tax. Jan 17/08 - Mayor Miller explained that Mr. O'Dea objected to paying the improvement tax of \$120.00 on vacant land that he had serviced when the water and sewer was going through in 2005. Mayor Miller explained that eight residents had this service done while the contractor's were laying the pipes for water and sewer and they are being charged a yearly tax of \$120.00, while other residents who own vacant property that did not have this service completed are not paying the Improvement Tax.

Gerald Hiscock asked if he could explain the intentions of the previous council and was given permission. He explained that the fee of \$120.00 was set by previous Council but was intended for all vacant land that was capable of connecting to the system, not just the ones that had land serviced at their own cost. He explained that he felt this was unfair and was not the intention of the previous Council to penalize the people who had the service put at their own cost in order to save the Town road tear-up in the future, while vacant property owners were not charged the same fee.

Mayor Miller went on to explain that the **Municipalities Act** states under **Section 130** "A council of a municipality served by a water system, sewage system or a water and sewage system shall impose upon the owner of real property located inside or outside the municipality that is connected or is capable of being serviced by that system, a tax, to be known as the water and sewage tax".

Mayor Miller put forth three suggestions to Council; one was to remove the \$120.00 improvement tax, another was to charge every vacant lot that is capable of connecting the \$120.00 improvement tax, or charge every vacant lot that is capable of connecting to the water/water & sewer the full amount of \$300.00 for water or \$360.00 for water and sewer. After a serious discussion **Motion 2008-02-02:** was made by Councillor Locke to charge all vacant land that is capable of connecting to water/water & sewer an improvement tax of \$120.00, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Councillor Goldsworthy and Deputy Mayor Coleridge were against, motion carried.

s) Ron Goulding, Dept. of Environment & Conservation Re: DRAFT permit to operate a wastewater collection system. Jan. 21/08 - File

t) Canadian Heritage Re: 2008 Funding Application. Jan 21/08 - Town Clerk to apply.

u) Stephen Jeans Re: Request to construct a fence at 2 Stoneman's Lane. Jan. 24/08 - Approved.

v) Dept. of Environment & Conservation Re: 2008 Clean & Safe Drinking Water Workshop March 11 - 13, in Gander. Jan 24/08 - Council agreed that the Town Water & Sewer operator attend.

w) Eastern School District Re: Strategic Planning Roundtable Session, Feb. 12th, at 7 - 9 p.m., Clarenville High School. Jan. 25/08 - Councillor Locke may attend on behalf of the Parents Support Group at Bishop White.

x) Graham Letto, Municipalities NL Re: Designated elected official to act as communications liaison with Municipalities NL. Jan.25/08 - Mayor Miller to be the liaison for the town.

y) NLAMA Re: Administrators Annual Conference April 17-19, in Gander. Jan 25/08 - Town Clerk explained that she could not attend due to previous commitments

z) Len and Roberta Black Re: Parking a motor home on their property for 3 to 5 weeks this summer. Jan. 29/08 - Council had no objections providing proper sanitation disposal was used.

//) Municipal Assessment Agency Re: Summary of appeals to be scheduled for Assessment Review. Feb. 01/08 - Mayor Miller will make recommendation for the commissioner.

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to George Squires regarding tax fee for 2006 to be forwarded to 2007 tax fee denied.
- Letter to Rita Malone, Assistant Deputy Minister, regarding high speed internet.
- Letter to Ivan Pickett, Dept. of Municipal Affairs regarding Emergency Funding to house the generator.
- Letters and invoices for 2008 taxes.

Invoices For Operating Account from December 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008

Total invoices needing approval in Operating Acct. \$41,801.76

Income for Operating Account from December 1st, 2007 to February 1st, 2008

Total Income for Operating Account \$27,946.68

Invoices for the Capital Account West Street

Total Invoices for West Street \$16,792.84

Income for the Capital Account West Street \$9,255.24

Finances:

Status of bank account:	Operating Acct. February 01, 2008	\$55,917.17
	Recreation Grant February 01, 2008	\$1,880.00
	Capital Acct. February 01, 2008	\$4,255.24
	Trinity Day Festival February 1, 2008	\$3,902.07

Motion 2008-02-03: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to pay the outstanding invoices in the Operating Account and accept the finances as presented, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Coleridge. All in agreement, motion carried.

General/New Business:

Request from NL Tour & Convention Magazine to place an ad in the 2008 magazine. Council reviewed and decided not to place the ad.

Trinity Mercantile requested Council's permission to operate a two bedroom efficiency suite, to be rented on a daily, weekly or monthly basis in the space below the general store/café/restaurant and requested permission to sell beer and wine by the glass with meals at the restaurant. Council approved in principle providing all necessary approvals were granted from the Department of Government Services, Fire Commissioner's Office, and the Newfoundland Liquor Licensing Board. Town Clerk to inform.

Clyde Rose requested to have his shed permit extended and have the obstruction to the public right of way cleaned up. Council asked the Town Clerk to get a drawing of the shed with the measurements and materials to be used before a permit could be granted. Council then discussed the public right of way and decided that this was something between Mr. Rose and whomever was blocking the land. Town Clerk to inform.

Motion 2008-02-04: was made by Councillor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Locke. All in agreement, motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, Trinity.

Mayor

Town Clerk