

Town of New-Wes-Valley

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 01st, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor:

Kenneth Hoyles

Deputy Mayor:

Michael Tiller

Councillors:

Winston Perry

Kelvin MacDonald

Barry Tucker

Dawn Stagg

Andy Best

Member Absent:

Councillor:

Lorne Welcher - work

James Cox

Also Present:

CAO:

Pamela Preston

Recording Secretary:

Elizabeth Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked if there were additions to the agenda, there were none. Mayor Hoyles asked that the Finance Committee Report and Budget Report be moved to end of the meeting, Council was in agreement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 20/530 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of Council held November 17th, 2020.

MOTION 20/531 - KELVIN MacDONALD/DAWN STAGG

Resolved to adopt minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held November 17th, 2020.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Councillor Stagg presented the Economic Development Report from meeting held November 27th, 2020.

MOTION 20/532 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved that a staff member complete the Canadian Certified Playground Inspector course at a cost of \$1,437.50 covered by the CHLF.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/533 - DAWN STAGG/MICHAEL TILLER

Resolved to allow full transparency to leave motion 20/502 as is.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

CAO referred to item (b) in New Business and noted engineering fees for the ballfield project will use up a large portion of the funding and suggested it would be more beneficial to use the funding to complete the upgrades to the museum, consensus of Council to apply for the museum upgrades.

MOTION 20/534 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to apply for the Covid-19 Stimulus Program for the maximum amount of \$150,000.00 (90/10) to be used for upgrades to Bonavista North Museum.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Stagg referred to New Business (a), local group "TOPS" requesting use of the recreation room. CAO asked will the group be able to do contact tracing if needed and follow all Covid-19 regulations, CAO also noted that Town employees have concerns about public accessing their lunch room and other areas of the building.

MOTION 20/535 - DAWN STAGG/MICHAEL TILLER

Resolved to permit local group "TOPS" use a designated area at the Town's depot with the condition all Covid-19 regulations are followed, and be able to do contact tracing if necessary. The group cannot enter the Town employee's lunch room and Town equipment area.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/536 - DAWN STAGG/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to adopt the Economic Development Committee Report from meeting held November 27th, 2020.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor MacDonald referred to SWPP revenues and expenditures attachment showing revenue of \$21,000 in 2020 he felt that this was a good job considering the year.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT - No report

CAO REPORT - CAO, Pamela Preston presented the report.

1. Physician Retention Meeting

Meeting scheduled for December 09th at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Council's topics to be discussed include the need for five (5) new doctors, nurse practitioner, and advertise for locals to consider medical school.

2. OHS Meeting

Minutes from last meeting have been submitted to Workplace NL.

3. Appeal Hearing

Hearing took place November 25th, Municipal Assessment Agency was in favour of Mr. Winsor's case.

4. Events Planning Meeting

Virtual tree lighting scheduled for December 03rd at 6:30 p.m., Christmas parade scheduled for December 13th at 1:30 p.m.

5. Meeting with Cecon

Meeting scheduled for December 02nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Mayor Hoyles, Councillors Perry, Best, MacDonald and Stagg are planning to attend.

6. Meeting with the Minister

Discussion on MCW projects, CAO informed Minister Bragg the Water Treatment Plant has been broken down into two (2) phases. Also, the connection has been made to Templeman however there are pressure issues, to correct this problem the Town needs a larger tank, CAO asked if the Town's application be given priority.

7. Letter to Town of Lumsden

The Economic Development Committee have reviewed the letter which included issues with the arena as noted in motion #s 20/498 to 20/504 from November 03rd, 2020 Council meeting. CAO presented the letter to Council.

MOTION 20/537 - MICHAEL TILLER/DAWN STAGG

Resolved to forward the letter to the Town of Lumsden.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

8. Months of Operation Policy for Seasonal Business

MOTION 20/538 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved the Finance Committee review the existing policy and make a recommendation to Council.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

9. **2005 Cube Van**

Incident with cube van, windshield was broken but not reported to the office, invoice to follow.

10. **OHS Training**

All training is now completed, CAO will be hosting orientation with the staff. Public Works Committee will be reviewing the policy and present to Council for adoption.

11. **Land for Water Treatment Plant**

Motion required to proceed with title search, legal opinion, motion will not include costs for survey or purchase of land.

MOTION 20/539 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to provide a budget up to \$2,000.00 for the title search, legal opinion on proposed land for the Water Treatment Facility.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **MOMS STOP THE HARM**(*information*)

Re: *Support for Resolution*

2. **CENTRAL NORTHEAST HEALTH FOUNDATION** (*information*)

Re: *Newsletter*

Consensus of Council to refer to Finance Committee for review.

3. **MP CHURENCE ROGERS** (*information*)

Re: *Safe Restart Agreement*

4. CANADIAN STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE (*information*)

Re: **Update on Plans for Conference**

5. CORPORAL DUANE PAUL, RCMP NWV DETACHMENT (*information*)

Re: **ATV Act Offences**

Consensus of Council to refer to Public Works Committee for review.

6. TOPS LEADER, NWV (*See motion 20/535 Economic Development Committee*)

Re: **Use of Recreation Room**

7. RED CROSS (*information*)

Re: **CRC COVID-19 Support**

Consensus of Council to refer to Economic Development Committee for review.

8. RESIDENT OF NWV (WS) (*See Finance Committee Report*)

Re: **Relinquishing Ownership**

Consensus to refer to Finance Committee Report.

9. CANADIAN COURIER (*information*)

Re: **Launch of New Delivery System**

10. RALPH TAPPER, PIPE DOWN NL (*information*)

Re: **Support Letter/Proposed Resolution for Pipe Down NL**

Consensus of Council to refer Public Works Committee for review.

11. MHA OFFICE (*information*)

Re: **Community Healthy Living Fund Deadline Extension**

12. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT (*information*)

Re: **Spring 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report now Available**

13. DEANN SPURRELL, GAX TAX ADMINISTRATION MANAGER (*information*)

Re: **COVID-19 Stimulus Program**

Consensus of Council to refer to Finance Committee for review.

14. JASON GARLAND, MNL (*information*)

Re: **BMA NL! Round 3 Announcement**

Consensus of Council to refer to Public Works Committee for review.

15. ALLYSON PITTMAN, FES (information)

Re: **FSD COVID Screening Questionnaire**

Consensus of Council to refer to the Fire Chief.

Recess: 8:05 p.m. Reconvene: 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Hoyles thanked the CAO and office staff on work well done on the budget preparation and reports, and thanked Council and Finance Committee for their input.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Councillor Best presented the Finance Committee Report from meeting held November 26th, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Tiller referred to recommendation #9 and asked Council if he was in conflict, consensus of Council he was not.

MOTION 20/540 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve payment of Accounts Payable in the amount of \$17,577.90.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/541 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to approve budget of \$2,400.00 for tax sales title searches from the 2020 budget.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/542 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to adopt the Tax Recovery Plan for year end December 31st, 2019, and Tax Receivable Summary for year end December 31st, 2019.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/543 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to write property owner for account #STURW005 advising of the Town's tax arrears process.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/544 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve the Town's Policy on the Issuance of a Not-For-Profit Grants up to \$2,000.00.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/545 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to write resident (account #BESTC004) advising of the process to follow for exemption of water tax and removal of water lines.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/546 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve two (2) account adjustments for BONNE001 \$14,47, and CAPEF013 \$81.89.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/547 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to reduce the Business Tax mil rate from 35 mils to 30 mils in the 2021 Budget year, and to do a complete review of the tax structure in the first quarter of 2021.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/548 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to not increase the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Fighters stipends in the 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee will do a full review of stipends in the first quarter of 2021.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/549 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to not increase Councillor stipends in the 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee will do a full review of stipends in the first quarter of 2021

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 20/550 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to adopt the November 26th Finance Committee Report as presented.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

2021 BUDGET REPORT -

Councillor Best presented the 2021 Budget Report to Council noting a few highlights, upgrade to the Town's public works fleet, upcoming municipal capital works projects, reduction of business tax mil rate from 35 to 30, new business tax incentive.

CAO referred to the business tax category for Car/Snowmobile Dealers and noted that there are no businesses in New-Wes-Valley that fit into that category, consensus of Council to remove the category from the tax structure.

Councillor Stagg referred to the Otterbury Manor business tax and suggested changing it to Personal Care Home, consensus of Council to make the change to Personal Care Home.

MOTION 20/551 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to adopt the 2021 Budget with revenues and expenditures of \$2,365,255.00. This approval also includes the 2021 Municipal tax rates with the following changes:

- reduce Business Tax mil rate from 35 mils to 30 mils, included in this category is Professional Services; Convenience/Gas/Liquor/Beer; General Retail; Pharmacies; Restaurants/Take-outs; and Garage/Service Stations.
- remove Car/Snowmobile Dealers Business Tax
- change Otterbury Manor Business Tax to Personal Care Home Business Tax
- remove Quarry Permit Renewal Fee

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Best thanked CAO, Acting Town Clerk for their work on the budget, he also acknowledged the Town Clerk's return to work.

CAO also thanked the Acting Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 20/552 - DAWN STAGG/MICHAEL TILLER

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 7: Mayor Hoyles Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, D. Stagg, A. Best

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

PAMELA PRESTON
CAO

KENNETH HOYLES
MAYOR