



# Town of New-Wes-Valley

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## MINUTES

### MEETING OF COUNCIL VIA TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday April 07<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Members Participating:</b>	<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Kenneth Hoyles</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor:</b>	<b>Michael Tiller</b>
	<b>Councillors:</b>	<b>Winston Perry</b>
		<b>Kelvin MacDonald</b>
		<b>Barry Tucker</b>
		<b>Lorenzo Welcher</b>
		<b>Dawn Stagg</b>
		<b>Andy Best</b>
		<b>James Cox (joined at 6:37 p.m.)</b>
<b>Also Participating :</b>	<b>CAO:</b>	<b>Pamela Preston</b>
	<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Hall</b>

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Councillor MacDonald - Food Bank

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION 20/145 - KELVIN MACDONALD/BARRY TUCKER**

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition by Councillor MacDonald, Food Bank.

**In Favour 8: Mayor Hoyles                      Opposed 0:                      Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Tiller**

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

### MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cox joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting of Council held March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

### **MOTION 20/146 - KELVIN MacDONALD/ANDY BEST**

Resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Best noted error on page 3 of March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 minutes; Deputy Mayor Hoyles should be Deputy Mayor Tiller, correction noted.

Special meeting of Council held March 05<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **MOTION 20/147 - BARRY TUCKER/JAMES COX**

Resolved to adopt the minutes of Special Meeting of Council for the purpose of Connect Watermain to Newtown ICCP #17-GI-20-00065 held on March 05<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

Regular meeting of Council held March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 via Teleconference

### **MOTION 20/148 - KELVIN MacDONALD/DAWN STAGG**

Resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council via teleconference on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT-MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020** (omitting items 1,3,11,12,13)

*Councillor Best presented the report*

### **MOTION 20/149 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to purchase advertising space in the Royal Canadian Legion's Military Service Recognition book at \$255.00 business card, ad is to represent war veterans and include the "Town of New-Wes-Valley" in the ad.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/150 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve notice of closure for BEVER001 and remove the 2020 business tax.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/151 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to approve notice of closure for WELCH007 as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and adjust the 2020 business tax accordingly.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/152 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve 2020 property tax exemption for S.U..001 as per Churches, Service Groups and Non-profit Organizations Policy subject to payment of outstanding interest.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/153 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to approve 2020 property tax exemption for GRACE001 as per Churches, Service Groups and Non-profit Organizations Policy.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/154 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve 2020 property tax exemption for TEMPL001 as per Churches, Service Groups and Non-profit Organizations Policy.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/155 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved not to approve request from TUFFW001 for exemption of Garbage Collection Fee and re-evaluation of water tax; and to inform customer of Town policies for exemptions.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/156 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER**

Resolved to estimate Rogers Cable Inc's 2019 gross revenue at \$150,000.00 and issue the Utility and Cable Companies 2020 invoice at a rate of 2.5% of gross revenue.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Stagg conflict of interest for the following item.

**MOTION 20/157 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to exempt the 2019 and 2020 Fishing Enterprise taxes and to inform the account holder they must notify the Town when/if the fishing licence is in use, and when the licence is returned to DFO.

**In Favour 8:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/158 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve account adjustments in the amount of \$4,147.22; and new assessment adjustments in the amount of \$1,451.00

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/159 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to adopt the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Finance Committee Report excluding items 1, 3, 11, 12, 13.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT-APRIL 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** *Councillor Best presented the report*

**MOTION 20/160 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$22,011.79.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/161 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved not to donate to Easter Seals Newfoundland and Labrador.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/162 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to approve 2020 property tax exemption for LION.001 as per Churches, Service Groups and Non-profit Organizations Policy.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/163 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to estimate Rogers Cable Inc's 2018 gross revenue at \$150,000.00 and issue invoice at the rate of 2.5%.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/164 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to not charge water/sewer rates for businesses that are confirmed to be closed effective the date the Town receives notification. A lock box will be issued at cost to the owner.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/165 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to approve the COVID-19 tax relief program as follows; the Town will not charge interest on all residential municipal taxes and Garbage Collection Fees for the months of March 01-August 31, 2020; the Town will not charge interest on all commercial municipal taxes and business tax for the months of March 01-August 31, 2020.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/166 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to postpone sponsoring a kid for Pearson Academy's Kids Eat Smart Program until school reopens.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/167 - ANDY BEST/MICHAEL TILLER**

Resolved to send Business Property Tax, Business Water/Sewer Tax, and Business Tax arrears notice reminders, but to hold off on final/cut off notices.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/168 - ANDY BEST/JAMES COX**

Resolved to adopt the April 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Finance Committee Report as presented.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT - NO REPORT**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT-March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Councillor Stagg presented the report*

Councillor Stagg noted that there are Central Health items in the report which have been postponed and reminded Council she is an employee of Central Health, there were no objections from Council.

Councillors MacDonald and Perry asked Council if they are in conflict for the following motion, there was a consensus of Council they are not.

**MOTION 20/169 - DAWN STAGG/JAMES COX**

Resolved to allow Cape Freels Development Association to use land next to Beothic Arena for 18 hole mini-golf course.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/170 - DAWN STAGG/MICHAEL TILLER**

Resolved to approve a \$7,000.00 budget for the Canada Day event to come from the Event Planning budget.

**Discussions/comments**

The CAO informed Council nothing has been booked to date but need Council's approval in the event COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted, she noted that expenditures will have to be monitored closely.

**Mayor Hoyles asked for a vote**

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/171 - DAWN STAGG/JAMES COX**

Resolved to purchase 500 reusable bags at a cost of \$1,075.25 to come from the Economic Development Marketing Strategy Budget, for the purpose of Central Health's Health Summit, and supply on hand at the Town Hall.

**Discussions/comments**

It was noted the Health Summit is postponed so should not order.

Councillors Stagg and Cox withdrew the motion, item is deferred to June, 2020.

**Mayor Hoyles asked for a vote**

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/172 - DAWN STAGG/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to defer purchase of tea bags for Volunteer Appreciation event until June, 2020.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 20/173 - DAWN STAGG/JAMES COX**

Resolved to adopt the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Economic Development Committee Report.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT**

1. Circular From Municipal Affairs and Environment (**motion required**):

Memo from Minister Bragg on individuals, groups within communities organizing and participating in parades, the Department is requesting that all fire departments, police, and the public refrain from holding parades; and asking all local governments to support this request and to help discourage such gatherings within your respective communities.

**MOTION 20/174 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER**

Resolved to support the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment's request not to participate in parades and discourage such gatherings.

**In Favour 9:** Mayor Hoyles                      **Opposed 0:**                      **Abstaining 0:**  
Deputy Mayor Tiller

**Councillors:** W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. CFDA (**motion required**):

Councillors MacDonald and Perry asked Council if they are in conflict, consensus of Council they are not.

Email received from Tina Barbour regarding land for future development, project for the Advanced Community Learning Centre.

**MOTION 20/175 - BARRY TUCKER/JAMES COX**

Resolved to write Minister Bragg requesting approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment not to go through public auction to transfer Town owned land at *Loop Highway* to Cape Freels Development Association (CFDA) for purpose of an Advanced Community Learning Centre, the economic benefits for the project will be included in the request. If request is denied the land in question will remain with the Town of New-Wes-Valley, any future CFDA requests that are project specific will have to go through the same process.

**In Favour 9: Mayor Hoyles                      Opposed 0:                      Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Tiller**

**Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Project #17-SCF-19-00126-Newtown Bridge (**motion required**):

**MOTION 20/176 - MICHAEL TILLER/WINSTON PERRY**

Resolved to accept tender submitted by GMK Equipment Rentals Ltd. in the amount of \$343,761.45, all costs in excess of this amount will be 100% responsibility of the Town of New-Wes-Valley.

**In Favour 9: Mayor Hoyles                      Opposed 0:                      Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Tiller**

**Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. COVID-19 Tax Relief for residents and businesses:

See motion 20/165, approval for tax relief.

5. NWVFD:

Amount due to the Town is \$5,665.88. Refer to April 02<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee Report.

CAO noted the Fire Department is requesting rebates, do we do it on a case by case basis or will Council make a motion for all rebates.

Consensus of Council there will be no rebates at this time, upon receipt of Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment's approval of SAGs for washer and Jaws of Life the Finance Committee will do a review of costs and make a recommendation to Council.

6. RCMP:

CAO spoke with RCMP discussions on limited resources at the detachment, RCMP will make representation at community events, drugs in the area, hospital issues, grading of the department.



**CORRESPONDENCE** - March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

1. PMA - information  
RE: 2020 Service Award
2. PMA - information  
RE: TownSuite EDGE Conference
3. SAM - information  
RE: SAM Conservation Fund Scholarship
4. IBEC - information  
RE: The Shore & Steven Perry Podcast
5. RENEE COLLINS, THE SHORE TOURISM - information  
RE: Meetings
6. TARA KELLY, FES - information  
RE: Information related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak
7. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1 - information  
RE: Contacts for Seniors Organizations
8. THE SHORE TOURISM - information  
RE: Minutes from February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting
9. MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT - information  
RE: Year-end claims for Municipal Infrastructure Programs - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020
10. CHAMBER GENERAL - information  
RE: Shipping Container Regulation - Town of Gander
11. CHAMBER GENERAL - information  
RE: Accessory Building Regulation - Town of Gander
12. CENTRAL HEALTH - information  
RE: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes - February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
13. BADGER'S QUAY LIONS CLUB - Motion to refer to Finance Committee  
RE: Donation Request (should be Exemption Request)

**Correspondence tabled at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting**

14. EASTER SEALS - Motion to refer to Finance Committee  
RE: Donation Request

**Correspondence tabled at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Councillor Perry - Rogers Cable***

Councillor Perry noted that residents calling Rogers are told they are not accepting any more customers, also residents were told that Rogers Cable is not in this area.

Community channel is no longer available.

Councillor Cox informed Council Rogers Cable can be reached at 651-2652 Gander office, contact is Roger Robinson.

**MOTION 20/177 - WINSTON PERRY/KELVIN MacDONALD**

Resolved to write Rogers Cable to request a meeting.

**In Favour 9: Mayor Hoyles                      Opposed 0:                      Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Tiller**

**Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Councillor MacDonald - Food Bank***

Councillor MacDonald asked what is happening with the food bank at this time, is there something the Town can do.

Mayor Hoyles will contact Majors Bob and Cassie Kean for information and report back to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 20/178 - KELVIN MacDONALD/DAWN STAGG**

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

**In Favour 9: Mayor Hoyles                      Opposed 0:                      Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Tiller**

**Councillors: W. Perry, K. MacDonald, B. Tucker, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**