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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT TOWN HALL, WESLEYVILLE
Tuesday, December 05th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:	Mayor: Deputy Mayor:	Kenneth Hoyles Michael Tiller
	Councillors:	Steven Perry Kelvin MacDonald Lorne Welcher Dawn Stagg Andy Best Jim Cox
Member Absent:	Councillor:	Terry Gill
Also Present:	CAO/Town Clerk: Recording Secretary:	Pam Preston Elizabeth Hall
Delegates:	Business Community:	Gordon Carter (Spokesperson), Christopher Carter - Carter Agencies, Carter's Dairy & Convenience, Otterbury Manor Sharon Gill - Shopper's Drug Mart Tracey Abbott - Kittiwake Funeral Home Anne Howell - Rick's Service Centre

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed the Business Community. Gordon Carter (spokesperson) asked Council if they could make their presentation later in the evening, Council agreed and proceeded with the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 17/397 - ANDY BEST / DAWN STAGG

Resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on November 07th, 2017.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 17/398 - MICHAEL TILLER / LORNE WELCHER

Resolved to adopt the minutes of Special Meeting of Council (MCW, Swearing in Ceremony) held on November 28th, 2017.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS (2) - Reports moved to end of meeting.

STADIUM COMMITTEE REPORT - CAO informed Council of the following:

- Town's share for Arena operations for October 11-December 31, 2017 is \$1,103.47.
- Operating account has been opened with the Town's of Greenspond, Lumsden and New-Wes-Valley having signing authority with the arena Manager.
- Financial update will be available within a couple of weeks.

MOTION 17/399 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to pay the Town's share of operational cost for Beothic Arena in the amount of \$1,103.47.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

CAO-TOWN CLERK'S REPORT - CAO presented a report.

Item #1 - Water Treatment Feasibility Study

MOTION 17/400 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve the amendment for the Water Treatment Feasibility Study project to extend the completion date. All work on the project must be concluded and final invoices submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment by December 31st, 2018.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5 - Quote for Sterling Truck annual inspection

MOTION 17/401 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to proceed with annual inspection for the 2007 Sterling truck at C. H. Parsons and Sons at a cost of \$4,642.15.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6 - Cape Freels Development Association

MOTION 17/402 - DAWN STAGG / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve payment of the Cape Freels Development invoice in the amount of \$3,933.00 for outside staff mandatory safety training.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Items #7, 8 and 13 moved to end of meeting.

Item #9 - Donation Request - S.U.F. Kids Christmas Party

MOTION 17/403 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve donation of \$50.00 to the S.U.F. for Kids Christmas Party, same as in previous years.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10 - Pick-up of Ice Control Materials safety certification requirements

MOTION 17/404 - MICHAEL TILLER / ANDY BEST

Resolved to sign the Occupational Health and Safety Policy Statement-Pickup of Ice Control Materials from the Department of Transportation and Works Depot verifying information contained in the Town of New-Wes-Valley's SSSP is correct and up to date.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #11 - Christmas Parade

Mayor Hoyles and Councillors Best and Perry volunteered.

CAO informed Council the office staff contacted Mike Windsor P.C. candidate and Churence Rogers Liberal candidate for the upcoming federal by-election to invite them to meet with Council, Mr. Rogers is not available as he will be out of town; Mr. Windsor is available to meet with Council on Thursday afternoon, December 07th at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT - No meeting

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT - Deputy Mayor Tiller presented the Economic Development Report from meeting held November 14th, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Tiller asked that the last paragraph of 4c, page 2 be removed as he did not make the statement.

MOTION 17/405 - MICHAEL TILLER / ANDY BEST

Resolved to adopt the Economic Development Committee Report from meeting held November 14th, 2017 (excluding the last paragraph in section 4 c on page 2), and all other recommendations within.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SERVICE NL

Re: *Bacteriological Analysis Report - November 06th*

All satisfactory

2. CENTRAL LANDS OFFICE

Re: *Crown Lands Referral Application No. 152534*

MOTION 17/406 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve Crown Lands application #152534 pending all Government departmental approvals.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

3. CENTRAL LANDS OFFICE

Re: *Crown Lands Referral Application No. 152533*

MOTION 17/407 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve Crown Lands application #152533 pending all Government departmental approvals.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

4. CENTRAL LANDS OFFICE

Re: *Crown Lands Referral Application No. 152595*

MOTION 17/408 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to approve Crown Lands application #152595 pending all Government departmental approvals.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

5. SEAN MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO-M.A.A.

Re: *Fees reduced for 2018*

Effective January 01st, 2018 assessment fee reduced by \$1.00 to \$27.00 per assessment.

6. ABIGAIL SNOOK, HISTORIC SITES ASSOCIATION

Re: *Manning Awards for Excellence*

Information available at Town office

7. PAT WOODFORD, COUNCILLOR AT GANDER

Re: *Central Director for M.A.A.*

Request for support.

8. DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Re: *Removing of Service Requirements*

Consensus of Council to refer to the Public Works Committee

9. CAROLINE SWAN, ADVENTURE CENTRAL NL

Re: *Important Tourism Meeting*

Meeting was held at Gambo November 28th

10. Central Regional Service Board (CRSB)

Re: *CRSB 2018 Budget*

Information available at Town office

11. DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & ENVIRONMENT

Re: *Capital Investment Plan Approval*

Project #170-2016-5766 Campground Upgrade revised approval amount is \$61,813.00.

Mayor Hoyles asked if there are any items for new business.

Councillor Perry - Internet
- Conserve resources

Mayor Hoyles - Brookfield Hospital and Bonnews Lodge issues

NEW BUSINESS

1. Internet, Councillor Perry asked if the Town has been in contact with companies on the issues with the Town's internet.

The CAO advised Councillor Perry to meet with the Economic Development Committee for information.

2. Conserve resources, Councillor Perry had some suggestions on how the Town could be more proactive when it comes to maintenance prevention.

The CAO informed Councillor Perry this will be referred back to the Public Works Committee.

3. Issues at Brookfield Hospital and Bonnews Lodge, Mayor Hoyles informed Council that he has been approached by employees asking for the Town's help regarding no maintenance personnel on the evening shift, and problem with the alarm system, Mayor Hoyles stated that these are serious issues and need to be dealt with.

MOTION 17/409 - MICHAEL TILLER / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to request a meeting with the Regional Director for Central Health to discuss issues at Brookfield Hospital and Bonnews Lodge.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Recess: 7:38 p.m. Reconvene: 7:43 p.m.

DELEGATION

Mayor Hoyles gave a brief overview of Council's future plans for land development, water/sewer, recreation however in order to do these things the Town must find revenue, the only source is through taxes. The Town has absorbed the costs for residential and commercial garbage collection since the transfer to Central Newfoundland Waste Management five years ago while other municipalities charged residential garbage collection fees and ceased commercial garbage collection. Mayor Hoyles then asked the CAO to provide more information to the delegation.

The CAO provided some information on the budget process; staff and Council did a thorough and extensive review of all expenditures and revenues for the 2018 budget it was determined that the biggest expense is garbage collection at a cost of over \$300,000.00 per year, she noted that other municipalities comparable to New-Wes-Valley do not offer commercial garbage collection and charge a residential garbage collection fee. She also noted that the Town is following the advice of the Town's auditor to reduce expenses, and collect back taxes; to reduce expenses Council decided to reduce the largest expense by eliminating commercial garbage collection and introduce a residential collection fee; the office staff have implemented an aggressive approach on collection of back taxes and have seen a huge improvement in that area.

Gordon Carter addressed Council with their issues regarding commercial garbage collection, he informed Council that the business community met and were outraged with the letter they received from Council. Mr. Carter informed Council that they have done some research on business taxes charged by other municipalities and found that New-Wes-Valley rates are much higher.

Tracey Abbott asked Council to reconsider their decision and asked if there are other options that can be looked at, she stated that they are pleased with the current structure and would like to see it continue.

The CAO noted that other municipalities may use other methods for business taxes such as taxes based on a percentage of gross revenue, or charging a mil rate based on assessed value of property as per the Municipal Assessment Agency's assessment roll. The CAO invited the business community to meet with her on an individual basis to discuss assessments and their tax structure.

Deputy Mayor Tiller suggested that the business community as a group go to tender for commercial garbage collection.

Mr. Carter stated that the business community feel they are paying more than their fair share and they are not going to pay for a service they will no longer have and will deduct their expense for garbage collection from their business taxes.

Ms. Abbott asked Council what the plans are going forward, what can they expect.

Mayor Hoyles replied by saying Council will take their concerns into consideration and if we need to meet again they will be notified. He thanked the delegation for attending tonight's meeting and the Town appreciates the business community and do not want to hurt any one business.

Delegation exited at 8:53 p.m.

Recess: 8:55 p.m. Reconvene: 8:59 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Councillor Best presented the Finance Committee Report from meeting held November 14th, 2017.

MOTION 17/410 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to adopt the Finance Committee Report from meeting held November 14th, 2017; and approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$63,046.93 and all other recommendations within.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Councillor Best presented a report from the special meeting (2018 budget) of the Finance Committee held December 04th, 2017.

Council did a review of the 2018 budget submission and tax schedule.

MOTION 17/411 - STEVEN PERRY / MICHAEL TILLER

Resolved to change the permit fee for a fence from \$100.00 to \$10.00.

In Favour 2: Deputy Mayor Tiller **Opposed 6:** Mayor Hoyles **Abstaining 0:**
Councillors: S. Perry **Councillors:** K. MacDonald, L. Welcher
MOTION FAILED **D. Stagg, A. Best, J. Cox**

Councillor Dawn Stagg exited the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Councillor Welcher and Deputy Mayor Tiller declared conflict on the recommendation to increase firefighter stipends and exited the meeting.

MOTION 17/412 - ANDY BEST / STEVEN PERRY

Resolved approve the increase to the firefighter stipends by \$1,250.00 in the 2018 Budget.

In Favour 5: Mayor Hoyles **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Welcher and Deputy Mayor Tiller returned to the meeting.

MOTION 17/413 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to adopt the 2018 Budget (excluding the increase to the firefighter's stipends) with revenues and expenditures of \$2,301,366.00; the 2018 Tax Schedule; the interest on overdue account policy; and Seniors policy. Also to do a review of Business taxes in 2018.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles **Opposed 1:** S. Perry **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Perry noted that he could not vote in favour to adopt the 2018 Budget as there was too much information for him to make an informed decision.

Mayor Hoyles thanked the CAO, staff and Finance Committee for their work on completing the 2018 budget.

CAO-TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (continued)

Item #7 - Stipends, motion required

MOTION 17/414 - MICHAEL TILLER / LORNE WELCHER

Resolved to pay Councillor and Fire Chief stipends.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8 - Christmas Incentive

MOTION 17/415 - ANDY BEST / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to process the Christmas incentives as in the previous year.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Item #13 - Winter Damage Policy

MOTION 17/416 - ANDY BEST / MICHAEL TILLER

Resolved to refer the Winter Damage Policy to the Public Works Committee for review.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 17/417 - MICHAEL TILLER / KELVIN MacDONALD

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Councillors: S. Perry, K. MacDonald, L. Welcher, A. Best, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.