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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL, ORIENTATION, and NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR HELD AT TOWN HALL, WESLEYVILLE Friday, September 29th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Mayor: Councillors:	<i>Kenneth Hoyles</i> <i>Kelvin MacDonald</i> <i>Terry Gill</i> <i>Lorne Welcher</i> <i>Michael Tiller</i> <i>Andy Best</i> <i>Jim Cox</i>
Absent:	Councillor:	<i>Dawn Stagg (out of town)</i>
Also Present:	CAO - Town Clerk: Recording Secretary: EDO/Clerk II:	<i>Pam Preston</i> <i>Elizabeth Hall</i> <i>Lorraine Hunt</i>

CALL TO ORDER

CAO called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everybody and proceeded with the swearing in of the new Council.

SWEARING IN CEROMONY

Mayor and Councillors sworn in:

Kenneth Hoyles, Mayor (CAO presented Mayor Hoyles with chain of office)

Michael Tiller

Terry Gill

Lorenzo (Lorne) Welcher

Kelvin MacDonald

James (Jim) Cox

Andy Best

The CAO noted that Dawn Stagg was unable to attend today's meeting but will be sworn in next week.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Today I am humbled and honored that you have elected me to be your mayor of this great town. Thanks to all those residents who voted for me and their confidence in me to lead this team into the next four years.

Let me say a big congratulations to all who put their names forward for councillors and my two opponents for mayor. For those who were unsuccessful, my sincere thanks. But the biggest winners are the residents for choosing such a great group of councillors to represent them at the council table.

My thanks to those who worked at the polling station today and our CAO Pam Preston for her role as returning officer. I will be meeting with our CAO as soon as possible to plan where we go from here; putting a deputy Mayor in place; selecting committees; and plans for our first council meeting.

The bi-election for the Newtown/Templeman ward will take place and the successful candidate will become a part of our team as soon as possible.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to working together with this team of councillors, our staff and all employees. We have lots to do over this term of office and it starts today.

Together steering a new course.

CAO'S MESSAGE

Good Morning, for those that do not know me my name is Pam Preston CAO for the Town of New-Wes-Valley. I am very pleased and honored to be a part of such a great community and to represent such a great team of employees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Mayor and Council for the hard work, dedication over the past 4 years. I commend each of you for volunteering numerous hours and to extend my congratulations on the achievements of your economic initiatives.

To our New Mayor Kenneth Hoyles & our new team of Councillors - Congratulations and I truly believe we have a bright future ahead and our community will grow leaps in bounds under your leadership.

On behalf of myself and my team, we are committed to the success of this town and will support each of you to better serve the residents of New-Wes-Valley .

NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Hoyles asked for nominations. Councillor Kelvin MacDonald nominated Councillor Michael Tiller for Deputy Mayor, Councillor Terry Gill seconded. Councillor Tiller accepted the nomination. Councillor Tiller was affirmed as Deputy Mayor.

FORMING OF COMMITTEES

As the CAO noted Dawn Stagg could not attend today's meeting due to a prior commitment, Council agreed to postpone forming the Committees until the next regular meeting of Council.

Mayor Hoyles thanked family members present for attending today's meeting and informed them that after the break Council will be proceeding with the remainder of the meeting and they are welcome to stay.

Recess: 9:20 a.m.

Reconvene: 9:43 a.m.

ORIENTATION - CAO

CAO proceeded with the orientation presentation (slide show) which included the following topics:

- Councillor and Council Roles and Responsibilities
- Mayor and Deputy Mayor Duties
- Council and Employees
- Municipal Library (located on the Town's website)
 - Rules of Procedure
 - Municipalities Act NL 1999
 - Municipal Plan and Regulations (not adopted)
 - Snow Clearing/ Roads/Water & Sewer Regulations
 - 2016 Budget Submission
 - 2017 Tax Schedule
 - Job Descriptions
 - Town Emergency Plan (emailed)
 - Fire Department Regulations

The slide show also included information and overview of the Town's operation from a financial perspective including:

- 2016 Financial Statement
- Organizational Chart
- Council, Management and Staff
- Investments
- Loans
- Gas Tax
- Update on Town's fleet
- Cecon projects
- Capital Works
- South West Pond Park
- 2018 Priorities

CAO noted that the last slide for the 2018 priorities is left blank for Council to discuss and decide their priorities.

Councillor Best asked to be excused to return to work, he exited the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Mayor Hoyles asked Council if there were any changes to meeting time and/or nights.

There was a consensus of Council to continue with 6:30 p.m. start time and meetings to remain on Tuesday nights. Consensus of Council that committees will be appointed at the next regular meeting, date for first meet was set for October 10th, 2017, committees will meet the following week and report back to Council on October 24th, 2017.

The CAO noted to Council that presently staff do a call-out to communicate meetings and/or events this is very time consuming, she asked if there was an alternate form of communication the could work. Some discussion followed, Council agreed to use the Town's website; and set up a group Facebook page to communicate date and time of meetings and/or events

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 17/342 - TERRY GILL / JIM COX

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

Councillors: K. MacDonald, T. Gill, L. Welcher, J. Cox

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

PAM PRESTON
CAO-TOWN CLERK

GRANT BURRY
MAYOR