

Town of New-Wes-Valley

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor:

Kenneth Hoyles

Councillors:

Winston Perry

Kelvin MacDonald

Barry Tucker

Lorenzo Welcher

Andy Best

Member Absent:

Deputy Mayor:

Michael Tiller (work)

Councillors:

James Cox (sick)

Dawn Stagg

Also Present:

CAO:

Pamela Preston (via telephone)

Recording Secretary:

Christina Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyles called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and noted a motion was required to appoint Christina Sullivan as recording secretary for the meeting.

MOTION 21/077 - ANDY BEST/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to appoint Christina Sullivan as recording secretary for the meeting.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor then asked if there were additions to the agenda:

1. Road Salting - Councillor Best

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 21/078 - KELVIN MACDONALD/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to adopt the agenda with the addition of Road Salting (Councillor Best).

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of Council held February 2nd, 2021.

MOTION 21/079 - KELVIN MACDONALD/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to adopt minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held February 02nd, 2021.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT - Councillor Best noted that there was no meeting but the committee reviewed accounts payable.

MOTION 21/080 - ANDY BEST/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to pay Beothic Arena off-season invoices up to \$20,000.00 subject to monthly financial reports and requests. Any requests beyond \$20,000.00 will go to Council for approval.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/081 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MACDONALD

Resolved to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$71,304.11.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/082 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MACDONALD

Resolved to accept presentation by Councillor Best on behalf of Finance and Administration Committee.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS and PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT - Deputy Mayor Tiller was absent so Councillor Tucker presented the report from meeting held February 9th, 2021.

MOTION 21/083 - BARRY TUCKER/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to adopt the Public Works and Protective Services Committee Report from meeting held February 9th, 2021 as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Welcher wanted to note that the Fire Department members who choose to have the COVID-19 vaccination will be getting it on this coming Friday, March 19th, 2021.

RECREATION, TOURISM and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - No members of the Committee were in attendance to present the report.

MOTION 21/084 - WINSTON PERRY/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to table the report until the next meeting of Council when it could be properly presented and discussed.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - no meeting.

CAO REPORT - CAO, Pamela Preston presented the report.

1. 542 Main Street -

CAO notified Council this item was referred to the Town's Insurance Adjuster for review. A site visit was completed by the adjuster on 02/09/21. No further correspondence has been received to date.

2. Asset Management Application -

CAO noted the application is now submitted, the turnaround time for a decision is 4-6 months.

3. 2017 Dodge 5500 -

CAO advised Council that at the last meeting Council was informed that the 2017 Dodge 5500 had to be towed to St. Johns for repairs to the steering shaft. It was confirmed this item was not covered under warranty. The cost of the repairs \$1946.42.

4. OHS Quarterly Meeting -

Meeting took place and minutes are sent to Workplace NL. CAO confirmed all departments are submitting the required reports monthly.

5. Proposed Evacuation Routes For Emergency Plan -

CAO provided an update.

MOTION 21/085 - LORENZO WELCHER/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to refer to Public Works and Protective Services Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Correspondence Moving Forward -**

CAO to provide update.

Consensus of Council that moving forward only items that required a motion of Council would be added to the Correspondence List. Information items will be emailed to Council as the office receives them. Should anyone wish to further discuss either of the information items they can then be added to new business at the beginning of the meeting.

7. **Beothic Arena -**

Closure Update/ Temporary Position Update

8. **CNWM -**

MOU - To be sent to all of Council for review and to be decided at the next regular meeting of Council.

9. **Letter of Support-**

Universal Broadband Fund
Gander Airport

10. **Upcoming Audit -**

Scheduled for the last week of March.

11. **2 Premier Drive -**

CAO noted site visit was completed flush is now turned off. The flush will be extended to the land wash during the spring.

12. **Accounting Clerk Position -**

Posting is now closed. The interview process is now complete 13+ candidates were interviewed. CAO will make a recommendation over the coming weeks for Council to review.

13. **Xplornet -**

CAO provided update on correspondence received from Xplornet.

Consensus of Council for CAO and Office Staff to get necessary information together and when ready to be presented to set up a meeting for Municipal Policies, Planning and Development Committee.

14. **FCC Agrispirit Fund -**

MOTION 21/086 - LORENZO WELCHER/ANDY BEST

Resolved to apply for the FCC AgriSpirit Fund in the amount of \$21,102.50 to install heat pumps at the Wesleyville and Newtown Fire Halls."

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

CAO noted that there were a number of items that needed to be addressed in a Special Meeting of Council. Once she can return from working at home the meeting will be scheduled as she would like to be in attendance in person, not via telephone.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Feb.16/21 Correspondence:

1. CDFA

Re: *Projects Update - Item Complete. Refer to RTEDC Minutes, February 11, 2021*

2. THE HUNT FAMILY

Re: *Noah Hunt 6th Annual Fishing Derby Donation Request - Item complete. Refer to CAO Report, February 2, 2021*

3. ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Re: *Property Tax Exemption - Item Complete. Refer to FAC Minutes, February 01, 2021*

4. CFDA

Re: *Equipment Donation to Beothic Arena - refer to RTEDC Minutes, February 11, 2021*

5. CHAMBER GENERAL (information)

Re: *Petition for Mainland Connectivity at Gander Airport*

6. CHAMBER GENERAL (Information)

Re: *Review of the Gander River Protected Area Plan*

7. SERVICE NL (information)

Re: *Bacteriological Analysis Report - February 1st, 2021*

8. EDISON GOODYEAR, REGIONAL MANAGER, DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS (information)

Re: *2021 Budget*

9. BUSINESS OF NWV (TE/BB)

Re: *Tax Reduction*

MOTION 21/087 - BARRY TUCKER/KELVIN MACDONALD

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. BUSINESS OF NWV (KK)

Re: *Business Closure*

MOTION 21/088 - WINSTON PERRY/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

11. RESIDENT OF NWV (CH)

Re: *Not Property Owner 27-31 East Drive, Newtown*

MOTION 21/089 - LORENZO WELCHER/WINSTON PERRY

Resolved to refer to Municipal Policies, Planning and Development Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. TOWN OF GANDER

Re: *Support Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau & Request to Sign Petition*

MOTION 21/090 - WINSTON PERRY/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to issue letter of support.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

13. XYLEM CANADA COMPANY (*Information*)

Re: *Internal Reorganization*

14. RESIDENT OF NWV (DH)

Re: *Notice of Arrears/Payment Plan* .

MOTION 21/091 - WINSTON PERRY/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mar. 2/21 Correspondence:

1. GOVERNMENT OF NL, WATER SERVICES (*information*)

Re: *ACWWA 2021 Course Schedule*

2. LYMPHEDEMA ASSOCIATION OF NL (*information*)

Re: *World Lymphedema Day 2021*

3. EARTH DAY MUNICIPALITIES CAMPAIGN (*information*)

Re: *Earth Day 2021*

4. MARK DUGGAN, BELL ALIANT (*information*)

Re: *Universal Broadband Fund -Support Letter (Completed)*

5. COREY HALLETT, XPLORNET (*information*)

Re: *Universal Broadband Fund - Support Letter (Completed)*

6. CHAMBER GENERAL

Re: *We are Gander Campaign*

MOTION 21/092 - LORENZO WELCHER/KELVIN MACDONALD

Resolved to sign the petition.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE (information)

Re: **Year End Claims For Infrastructure Programs - March 31, 2021**

8. CANADIAN HERITAGE (information)

Re: **Approval Letter, Celebrate Canada**

9. DEANN SPURRELL, GAS TAX ADMINISTRATION

Re: **2020 Ultimate Recipient Audited Annual Expenditure Report for Gas Tax**

MOTION 21/093 - BARRY TUCKER/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee to complete before the deadline.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. CHAMBER GENERAL (information)

Re: **Request to Lift Regulations of Alert Level 5 For Areas Outside of Metro St. John's**

11. SERVICE NL (information)

Re: **Acknowledgment of Receipt of Plans for Interior Renovations, 126 Loop Highway**

12. GANDER & AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (information)

Re: **61st Annual AGM (Virtual)**

13. CHAMBER GENERAL (information)

Re: **Chamber Board Nominations Open**

14. CHAMBER GENERAL (information)

Re: **Public Advisory: Update on COVID-19 Assistance Programs**

15. CRAIG HALL (information)

Re: **Property at 27-31 East Drive, Newtown**

16. RESIDENTS OF NWV (information)

Re: **Feedback on Ward System Changes for 2021 Municipal Election**

Mar. 16/21 Correspondence:

1. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (information)

Re: Prime Minister's Awards, Deadline Extended

2. TAKE CHARGE NL

Re: Take Charge of Your Town Challenge Deadline Extension

MOTION 21/094 - LORENZO WELCHER/ANDY BEST

Resolved to refer to Recreation, Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Re: 21st Veterans Service Recognition Book Ad

MOTION 21/095 - ANDY BEST/KELVIN MACDONALD

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. JASON ROBERTS, CENTRAL DIRECTOR, MAA (information)

Re: Update on MAA

5. OIPC (information)

Re: Invitation to APSIM 2021

6. GOVERNMENT OF NL, MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION (information)

Re: Updates to Municipal Water, Sewer and Roads Master Construction Specifications

7. GOVERNMENT OF NL, MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION (information)

Re: Reminder of Procurement Record Requirements under Public Procurement Act, 2018

8. RESIDENT OF NWV (CS)

Re: *Business Closed*

MOTION 21/096 - LORENZO WELCHER/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to refer to Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. MNL (information)

Re: *2020 AGM/Municipal Symposium Rescheduled to MAY 2021 Online*

10. DALE JARVIS, HERITAGE NL (information)

Re: *Baccalieu Trail Thriving Regions: Researcher Updates & Community Conversation*

11. NL TOURISM

Re: *Tourism Establishment Licence - Accommodations has been Extended*

MOTION 21/097 - BARRY TUCKER/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to refer to Recreation, Tourism and Economic Development Committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. CHAMBER GENERAL (information)

Re: *Invitation to Participate in Chamber's "Did you Know" Campaign*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Road Salting.

Councillor Best has received several calls from residents with the concern of how the snow clearing and salting of roads is being done. Residents are claiming to have seen several instances of roads being salted and shortly thereafter the plow going over the same road and removing the salt that was just laid. This concern has also been brought to the attention of other Councillors.

Discussion ensued on this, among other snow complaints. Council discussed how to best address these problems and explored the options of what can be done to correct the problems.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 21/098 - KELVIN MACDONALD/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 6: Mayor Hoyles

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**PAMELA PRESTON
CAO**

**KENNETH HOYLES
MAYOR**