

A regular meeting of the Botwood Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Members present: Mayor J. Dean, presided
Deputy Mayor S. Sceviour
Councillors: D. Woolridge
R. Byrne
R. Hancock
B. Gill
H. Edison

Also present: S. Jerrett, Town Manager
A. Rowsell, Town Clerk
C. Yates, Secretary

MINUTES

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor
15-015 Hancock that Council adopt the minutes of January 14, 2015 as
circulated.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

January 24, 2015 - Attended Senior Citizens Dinner at the Seventh Day
Adventist.

January 29, 2015 - Attended the Chamber of Commerce Dinner meeting.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor
15-016 Edison that Council adopt the Healthy Eating Policy for Town
operated community events.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

HEALTHY
EATING POLICY

The Town Manager briefed Council re the ongoing development for the port
facilities. Meetings are scheduled with the Minister and developers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Councillor
15-017 Edison that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction

A/P

Journal dated January 15, 2015 to February 2, 2015 in the amount of \$64,307.27.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

MOTION - 15-018 Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sceviour that Council approve a 2.5% increase in salary for the town office staff, effective January 1, 2015, with a minimum base increase of \$910.00. Council will consider future increases to be linked to the cost of living.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

SALARY
INCREASES

MOTION - 15-019 Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sceviour that Council approve an additional week vacation for the Town Manager, to make a total of six weeks annual vacation.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

TOWN MANAGER
re additional
vacation time

Request from The Hair Team for exemption from taxes as their business has closed. The building is no longer in use and will be removed from the site as soon as possible.

THE HAIR TEAM
re taxes

MOTION - 15-020 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council inform The Hair Team the business tax will be credited, however property tax and water and sewer rates will remain as invoiced until the building is removed. At that time, taxes and rates will be prorated with a credit applied to the account.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

Request from Bonita and Ken Humphries to purchase land at the rear of their property at 76 Wireless Road.

K. HUMPHRIES re
land

MOTION - 15-021 Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sceviour that Council offer this parcel of land to Bonita and Ken Humphries for \$1500.00 plus HST, plus survey and legal fees.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

MOTION - 15-022 Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council amend Motion #14-100 dated September 10, 2014 to show Government's revised figures for Project #FES-NL 140011 purchase of fire truck. The amended motion will read as follows: that Council request approval from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs to borrow the amount of \$50,578.56 from the Bank of Montreal with a repayment schedule of seven years. This amount is the Town's 20% share of funding for the purchase of a new fire fighting vehicle valued at \$264,600.80 less HST rebate of \$11,708.00. Provincial Share - \$202,314.24
Municipal Share - 50,578.56
Total Funding - \$252,892.80
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

FIRE TRUCK re
amend motion

Councillor Byrne left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. due to a possible conflict of interest.

Letter from Seaport Accommodations 2009 Inc. referring to their previous letter dated Jan. 10, 2014. They had requested a tax break on their apartments at 40 & 42 Twomey Drive. Council's motion #14-018 approved a tax break for the duplex at 40 Twomey Drive only.

SEAPORT
ACCOMMODATIONS
re tax break

MOTION - 15-023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council give approval for a tax break on the apartment at 42 Twomey Drive. This tax break will expire after 2017, in accordance with the original agreement signed by both parties on October 24 & 25, 2013.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 6 Councillors.

Councillor Byrne returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Request from Valerie Noseworthy for a tax break re taxes and water and sewer rates charged on her property and business located at 28A Water Street.

V. NOSEWORTHY

Council agreed there is no legitimate credits as all taxes and rates charged are in accordance with the Town's Tax Structure.

PUBLIC/CAPITAL WORKS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Manager briefed Council on some implications of the Central Newfoundland Waste Management's new recycling and garbage program which will commence on March 2, 2015. He also presented some facts and figures regarding the Town's waste collection for the past three years.

WASTE
COLLECTION

Agreed discussion on this matter be reviewed and considered by Council at a special meeting. It was also agreed Mayor Dean will write the CNWM re the Town's concerns.

Department of Environment and Conservation - 2015 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop to be held March 24-26 at the Hotel Gander.

WATER
WORKSHOP

Agreed the Mayor and Town Manager would attend some sessions.

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Fire Department request for member immunization.

MOTION - 15-024 Moved by Councillor Edison, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sceviour that Council agree to cover immunization for ten members, as per the quote received from Shoppers Drug Mart to provide this service. Agreed if members have insurance coverage, Council will pay the employee portion.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

FIRE DEPT re
immunization

Basic Emergency Management Course. Blair Hogan, Regional Emergency Management Planning Officer has advised this course can be given in Botwood if twelve people will attend. There is no cost for the course and can be scheduled for June 24 & 25, 2015.

BASIC
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
COURSE

Agreed Council make arrangements to have a Basic Emergency Management Course scheduled for Botwood.

MOTION - 15-025 Moved by Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council adopt the Town of Botwood Fire Policy F-1 for Fire/Emergency Cost Recovery as presented.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

FIRE POLICY F-1

Street Lights - Twomey Drive. Council agreed to have a street light installed at the end of Twomey Drive. It was also suggested Council inquire re LED lights.

ST. LIGHT

It was noted one fire truck is still out of service.

RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Tables have been put in the stadium multi-purpose room. Chairs are needed and the floor needs to be improved.

ARENA re multi purpose room

Council will consider purchasing chairs. Agreed Council go with covering the floor with plywood and commercial tiles. This work will be done by the town staff after the stadium closes for the winter season.

FESTIVAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Bayside Blizzard meeting tomorrow night to meet with representatives and set date for the event.

RCMP Musical Ride - Mural Arts cannot handle this event. An RCMP representative would meet with Council Friday night to discuss the possibility of holding this event in Botwood.

RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

Agreed council thank the RCMP for approaching the Town, however the Town feels it is not feasible to hold such an event at this time.

Councillor Hancock informed Council the Firemen are considering constructing a skating rink on the soccer field for the Bayside Blizzard. Agreed this would be okay if the soccer field is frozen and will not be damaged.

OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

ADMINISTRATION

Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs circular re Amendment to the Municipalities Act, 1999 - Authority to sell, lease or dispose of municipal property. - Information.

The Town Manager gave Council an update on the Blue Sky operation in Botwood. They are looking for property in a neighbouring community.

BLUE SKY

Agreed the Town Manager continue to get weekly updates from Mr. Whelan concerning relocation of the Botwood group home.

The PMA Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held in Corner Brook April 15-17, 2015.
Council agreed attendance would be as the previous years.

MNL Central Regional meetings will be held at Hotel Gander March 27-28, 2015. - Information.

The Town Manager advised Council the amount of \$743.00 was offered as a cash settlement for the vehicle accident between a town vehicle and a citizen's vehicle.

PERMITS

MOTION - 15-026 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council ratify the following permits issued to February 3, 2015:

RATIFY PERMITS

- Gillian Puleo - build shed 10'x25'x12'
 - Murray Roberts - build shed 16'x24'13'
 - Shane Poole - 99 Wireless Road - to rent apartment on day to day tenancy
 - David Noseworthy - 72A Valley Road - build house
 - W. Reid Construction - quarry permit
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of letter from Department of Justice and Public Safety to Mayor Allan Hawkins, Town of Grand Falls-Windsor re policing resources. - Information.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Manager informed Council that the Woodward's boats will be tied up at the Abitibi Wharf until May or June. They have concerns re lighting on the dock and request Council consider installing some lights.
Council will make an effort to correct the problem.

PAPER SHED re lighting

The office in the Town Hall presently being rented by Atlantic Lotto Corp. has no heat and the electrician has not been able to locate the electric relay supply to correct the problem. Agreed Council rewire to have new heaters installed in the office.

TOWN HALL re
heaters

Mayor Dean referred to the proposal made by Jim Stuckless at the December 10th Council meeting. Mr. Stuckless requested Council help preserve the timbers from the old ASARCO wharf for use in various projects.

JIM STUCKLESS re
proposal


Mayor Dean will respond to Mr. Stuckless thanking him for his presentation and informing him Council will give consideration to his request.

It was agreed Council patch holes in the old federal shed facility to get rid of the birds presently nesting there.

It was noted Exploits Fabrication has a license for the removal of asbestos tiles, as located on the old Dominic Building. Agreed Council get a price for removal of the tiled siding.

It was also suggested Council contact Cooke's to have them finish up clean out of this building.

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Edison, seconded by Deputy Mayor
15-027 Sceviour the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

 Mayor  Secretary