

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

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

Members absent: Mayor J. Dean
Councillor R. Byrne

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

Guest: Staff Sgt. Les Brushette, RCMP

Staff Sgt. Les Brushette met with Council re the Grand Falls-Windsor Detachment. He made reference to the area covered, population and staffing.

RCMP

Council brought up a number of concerns and issues. It was suggested Council pursue its concern re RCMP staffing and patrols through all available avenues.

Staff Sgt. Les Brushette left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MINUTES

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council adopt the minutes of May 6, 2015 as circulated.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

Deputy Mayor Sceviour commended the Fire Department for their appreciation dinner served to Council and Kinsmen. Agreed Council send a letter thanking the Fire Dept.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Manager briefed Council re Rentech. Representatives are still in the Province proceeding with planning and development for business in Newfoundland.

RENTECH

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Central Diving and Exploits Welding are presently doing repair work on the wharf.

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Demolition of the Grand Falls Mill property has been awarded. The Town Manager has been in contact with the contractor re shipping materials through the port of Botwood. This does not seem to be a possibility.

RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Work has started on the skateboard park. Frame work for concrete pour has been put in place. Concrete will be poured Friday.

SKATEBOARD
PARK

Councillor Woolridge informed Council of the Playground/Skateboard meeting held Tuesday night. Some extra funds will be forthcoming from the Bill Roberts Softball Tournament for playground/skateboard equipment.

FESTIVAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Hancock informed Council of the FBF meeting held May 20, 2015. Things are being put in place. Extra picnic tables will be built.

Councillor Hancock and Gill attended a Boys & Girls Club meeting Monday night. They expressed great appreciation for Council's annual grant given to the club. The club has a 10' x 4' table they would like to give to Council. Agreed Council put the table in the multi-purpose room at the arena.

B&G CLUB

Councillors are invited to Memorial Academy on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. for a coffee break in appreciation for participation in the breakfast program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Councillor 15-055 Edison that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated May 7, 2015 to June 2, 2015 in the amount of \$51,762.86.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

A/P

Councillor Woolridge advised Council a six month expense report will be distributed for the July Council meeting.

MOTION - 15-056 Moved by Councillor Edison, seconded by Councillor Hancock that Council accept the recommendation from the hiring committee for five part time call-in positions with the outside works department.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

CALL-INS

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The Town Manager informed Council interviews were done for the Post Secondary Student positions. Council agreed to offer these jobs to students interviewed and as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

STUDENT JOBS

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Deputy Mayor Sceviour received a call re Council's interest in obtaining the old Provincial Building.

PROV. BLDG

Council agreed ownership of this property is not feasible for the Town.

PUBLIC/CAPITAL WORKS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Councillor Edison noted when extra workers are hired, Council should proceed with more curb construction.

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The Works Department is presently flushing water lines. Councillor Edison advised Council to consider flushing lines twice a year.

WATER LINE
FLUSHING

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Letter from Trinity United Church Cemetery Committee concerning the concrete retaining wall along the United Church Cemetery on Cemetery Road.

UNITED CHURCH
CEMETERY

The Town Manager has written a response to this letter informing the committee of Council's endeavor to have the problem corrected. The letter states that Municipal Capital Works funding has been applied for with an engineering cost estimate of \$128,863.00 of which the Town's share will be \$25,000.00 for the project. The letter also notes to date, government has not awarded the 2015 MCW funding.

Agreed this letter be forwarded to the Trinity United Church Cemetery Committee.

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Councillor Gill informed Council that FES Basic Emergency Training has

been deferred to September 17th & 18th.

Councillor Gill informed Council the new fire truck can be put in the existing fire hall with some minor renovations.

The storing of all four trucks was discussed. Council will consider options suggested.

Reference was made to the possibility of acquiring an excavator from the Duck Pond mines. The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has acquired this piece of equipment from the mine and it was also suggested Botwood may be able to borrow from them.

PERMITS

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Woolridge, seconded by Councillor Edison that Council ratify permits issued to June 3, 2015 as listed.
- See attached list.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

RATIFY PERMITS

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tammy Dalley - re speeding on Kings Ridge Road and request for speed bumps.
2. Yvonne Yates - re speeding on Wireless Road and request for speed bumps.
3. Youth Ventures re waiving fees and taxes for youth business development.
4. Exploits Valley Development Association re closing.
5. The Salvation Army, Botwood Corp. request to use stage on the Airbase. Council agreed to this request.
6. Southern Labrador/Strait of Belle Isle Community Youth Network - re Youth involvement in Municipal Planning.

Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs - re Community Sustainability Partnership.

This package contained important information which Council must work with for implementing the Community Sustainability Partnership.

NEW BUSINESS

Old Dominic Building - Town Manager will do a walk through of this property and go to tender for demolition.

DOMINIC BLDG.

Blue Sky Group Home - As of last week there is a resident in this home. The Town would have to go through a costly court procedure.

BLUE SKY

Heritage Society - They have received a JCP Project for employment of one person for this season.

Town Development Plan - Arvo will have the changes made for hearing and approval.

TOWN
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN

Mural Arts - Agreed Council has now carried out the work as offered to the Mural Arts for the Memorial Grounds Project.

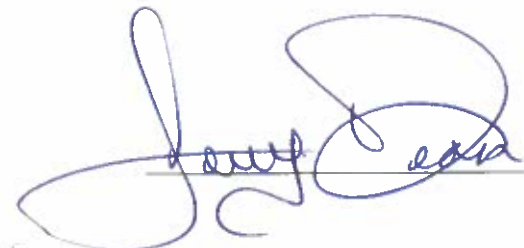
Van parked on Water Street side walk in front of the old Ultramar site. Agreed owner be written and told to remove the vehicle.

PARKED VAN

The Town Manager spoke on a HR matter within the works force. Council asked that further investigation be done.

HR MATTER
re works dept

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Edison, seconded by Councillor
15-058 Woolridge the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.



Mayor



Secretary