

A regular meeting of the Botwood Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Members present: Mayor S. Sceviour, presided
Councillors: B. Parsons
M. Roberts
T. White
R. Byrne

Absent: Deputy Mayor: D. Woolridge
Councillor: B. Gill

Also present: A. Rowsell, Town Clerk
Margaret Hawkins
Sherrie Anderson
Elias Anderson
Bob Norman

M. Hawkins attended the meeting to address Council concerning drainage on her property at 58 Commonwealth Drive and its condition. She briefed through the course of events which occurred regarding her property during the past several years. She requests Council look at her property again.

M. HAWKINS
re: Drainage Problem
on Her Property

M. Hawkins submitted her presentation and pictures showing existing condition of her property.

Mayor Sceviour said Council will look at the property.

M. Hawkins and family left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Byrne 19-126 that Council adopt the minutes of regular meeting held September 18, 2019 as circulated.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sceviour attended the Noia Fall Seminar held in St. John's on October 10, 2019. Some connections were made at the event for future contact.

NOIA FALL
SEMINAR

Today Mayor Sceviour met with Scott Kenny of Marathon Gold Corp. There maybe an opportunity re shipping of supplies and equipment through the Port of Botwood.

MEETING WITH
SCOTT KENNY

Mayor Sceviour noted that there is a full registration for the Oil and Gas Potential Seminar to be held in Botwood on October 24, 2019

OIL & GAS
POTENTIAL
SEMINAR

RECREATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Councillor White noted the arena opened last weekend. Rental Hours for the 2019 - 2020 Season are down. The arena will be closed on Monday if scheduling of minor hockey and curling can be arranged.

ARENA OPENING

Councillor White met with the Curling Group to discuss the league's options for the 2019 - 2020 season. The 9:00 p.m. start was brought forward with the same rate as last year. They will get back to Council concerning this time slot.

CURLING GROUP

Curling for Special Olympics was discussed with Connie Lidstone. She will talk to Joe Tremlett, Chairperson and get back to Council. If they use the arena it will be Friday morning.

CURLING FOR
SPECIAL
OLYMPICS

Splash Pad Equipment has been delivered. Council will move forward on the splash pad park in 2020.

SPLASH PAD
EQUIPMENT

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Byrne 19-127 that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated September 18 to October 15, 2019 in the amount of \$120,056.57.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

A/P
TRANSACTION
JOURNAL

Councillor Parsons informed Council the 2018 Financial Statement has been prepared and presented to the Finance Committee. Our auditor expressed positive comments regarding the town's financial position and affairs.

2018 FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

Budget expenditure shows 70% total for 3rd quarter.

Councillor Parsons gave an update on the meeting with HSL. They will be returning the old papershed building and land back to the Town of Botwood. The Town's lawyer is preparing a legal agreement for this process. The fees will be paid by the Town.

HSL RETURNING
PAPERSHED

Councillor Parsons gave an update on the meeting with Blair Lane (Killick Retirement Home). They brought Council up to date regarding their Business and noted the occupancy has dropped considerably. They were also meeting with Central Health today. They agreed to bring back a recommendation of what they expect concerning taxation for Council to consider.

KILLICK
RETIREMENT
HOME

Councillor Parsons noted tax collections for the 3rd quarter is at a total comparable to last year.

MOTION - 19-128 Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Roberts that Council approve the Tax Receivable Summary for the year ended 2018 and the Tax Recovery Plan for collection of taxes receivable, as presented to Council.
The Tax Receivable Summary and the Tax Recovery Plan will be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment in accordance with the Community Sustainability.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

TAX RECEIVABLE
SUMMARY & TAX
RECOVERY PLAN

Union Contract - To date there has been no further contact from CUPE.

MOTION - 19-129 Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Byrne that Council purchase twenty tables for the Come Home Year/Flying Boat Festival Events at a cost of approximately \$1500.00.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

TABLES FOR
COME HOME
YEAR

Council did not receive approval for use of Gas Tax Funds to replace shingles on the Town Hall Building.

REPLACE
SHINGLES ON
TOWN HALL
BUILDING

MOTION - 19-130 Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Byrne that Council approve funding from the Town's 2019 Expenditure Budget to replace shingles on the Town Hall Building.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

Town Entryway Sign. Mayor Sceviour suggested Council consider a new Town Sign as per the Town's new branding design to be placed at the entrance to Botwood prior to the 2020 events.

TOWN
ENTRYWAY SIGN

MNL's Building Asset Management in Newfoundland and Labrador Seminar - Oct. 18, 2019. This seminar is the second session, the first was held June 20, 2019, with follow-up sessions in November, December and January 2020 and is a regional economic project. Agreed Council would not participate at this time.

MNL'S BUILDING
ASSET
MANAGEMENT

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Woolridge is recovering from his surgery.

DEPUTY MAYOR
WOOLRIDGE
SURGERY

There has been no further follow-up from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs re Capital Works Projects.

Confederation Place Project. Residents should be given an update regarding this project.

CONFEDERATION
PLACE PROJECT

Reference was made to the drainage ditch near D. Arthur's property. Council had previously agreed to improve the ditch. This will be discussed by the committee.

DRAINAGE DITCH

Reference was made to brush cutting which should be done before winter. This will be discussed the Works Dept.

BRUSH CUTTING

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Fire Department would like to purchase two sea can structures for fire training at a cost of \$4000.00. Agreed the Fire Department use their annual budget for this expense.

STRUCTURES FOR
FIRE TRAINING

The Fire Department informed Councillor Roberts they would implement a plan for hydrant color code and hose threads. Agreed the Fire Dept get a cost estimate for this work and Council will consider some of the expense in the 2020 budget.

HYDRANT COLOR
CODE & HOSE
THREADS

Councillor Roberts informed Council of the events held by the Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. There was an excellent response from the Schools, Seniors and Residents.

FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Byrne noted help is required for Bonfire night. The Boys and Girls Club has been contacted concerning their help with wieners, marshmallow and hot chocolate.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Agreed Council give approval to purchase \$400.00 worth of fireworks for the bonfire event.

FIREWORKS

The Town's Christmas Social will be held December 13, 2019 at the Fire Hall.

CHRISTMAS
SOCIAL

The Santa Clause Christmas Parade will take place December 7, 2019.

CHRISTMAS
PARADE

A meeting to discuss plans for this event will be held Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A 2020 Come Home Year Meeting will be held October 28, 2019.

COME HOME
YEAR MEETING

PERMITS

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Parsons 19-131 that Council ratify permits issued to October 10, 2019.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

RATIFY PERMITS

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Royal Canadian Legion - Remembrance Day Parade and Reception.
2. Wayne Parsons re bench in parents memory. Agreed approval be given for placement of bench with plaque on Marine Drive.
3. Municipal Assessment Agency - re update.

MOTION - Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Byrne the
19-132 Council meeting adjourn at 9:07 p.m.
- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

 MAYOR  SECRETARY