



Council Meeting Minutes March 25th, 2021

Members Present: Melissa Fitzgerald, Mayor Marie McDonald, Councillor
Linda Moyles, Councillor Peter Burrige, Councillor
Marilyn Dawe, Councillor Michael LaDuke, Councillor

Also Present: Shelly Burrage, Town Clerk/Manager Zachary Mayo, Superintendent of Works

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion #2021-020 _____ **M.**

LaDuke/M. McDonald

Resolved to adopt the agenda. All in favour, motion carried.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Adoption of Minutes

Motion #2021-021 _____ **M.**

McDonald/M. Dawe

Resolved that the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 25th, 2021 be adopted.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING

Housekeeping

- The leak on the Main Road by the Long Bridge has been repaired.
- There is 14 ½ feet of water in the tank.
- The agitator tripped the breaker but is now working again.
- Ground is being screened this week.
- Harbour Road and Brook Road needs ground.
- The pumps are pumping 70 gallons a minute.
- The generator is working at the pump house.
- The old pipes by the garage were supposed to be taken by Welcon. They will be placed in the pit.
- The metal boxes for the lift station will be placed in the building by the playground.

Plow

There was a problem with the town truck. The chassis on the truck cracked due to the strain on the front end of the truck with the weight and angle of the plow. The chassis has been repaired. Council decided against purchasing a new plow for the truck and rescinded **Motion #2021-012** **L.**

Moyles/M. Dawe

Motion #2021-022 _____ **P.**

Burrige/ L. Moyles

Resolved to rescind **Motion #2021-012** stating that Council was going to purchase a new plow from East Coat Hydraulics for \$6900.00, tax included with the old plow traded in.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Council resolved to purchase a used snow blade for the backhoe from Toromont Cat to a maximum price of \$7000.00.

Motion #2021-023 _____ **L.**

Moyles/M. Dawe

Resolved to purchase a used snow blade for the backhoe from Toromont Cat to a maximum price of \$7000.00.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Zachary left the meeting at 7:15pm.

81B Harbour Road

Justin Hewitt, Stewart McKelvey is reviewing the file for Council.

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COVID-19-Stimulus Program

There has been no funding received from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for this project yet. Council asked that the letters be sent out for bids with a 2-week deadline so the project can start when the funding is released.

NEW BUSINESS

MNL Symposium/2020 AGM

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador will be holding their Symposium and 2020 Annual General Meeting virtually from May 6-8th, 2021. Councillors will inform the town clerk/manager if they intend to attend so they can be registered.

Beautification

Councillor LaDuke informed Council about a beautification project that was on going in the previous town that he lived in. Properties are awarded points based on certain criteria and property owners can opt out of the program if they wish. Council agreed that it would be a good idea and asked that a notice be placed in the town crier about the project and for anyone interested in being a part of the group to contact Councillor LaDuke.

Development

Council discussed ways to bring more development to the town. One idea would be the development of a campground on the Main Road. This is not allowed under the current town plan, but the area can be rezoned.

Policy - Memorial Donations

Council discussed the issue of what to give to Councillors and Staff if someone in their family passes away. Council decided that they would review it on a case by case basis.

FINANCE

Revised 2021 Budget

Council reviewed a revised 2021 budget. This was done to make allowances for the loan that the town will need to pay for their portion of the COVID - 19 Stimulus Program. The money was found in the SCF - Valve Project loan. The payments for the loan will start in April as opposed to January and the payment amount is lower than stated in the original 2021 budget.

Motion #2021-024

M.

Dawe/M. McDonald

Resolved to adopt the revised 2021 Municipal Budget as presented to Council.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Gas Tax Statement - 2020

A draft of the Gas Tax Financial Statements for 2020 has been received from MNP. Council resolved to approve the statements.

Motion #2021-025

M.

LaDuke/P. Burrige

Resolved to approve the Gas Tax Statements as prepared by MNP.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Payables

The town clerk/manager circulated a breakdown of the current payables along with the bank balances. There is presently, approximately \$58,469.66 in the chequing account. There is a total of \$6,641.47 in outstanding invoices that are being presented for payment.

Motion #2021-026

L.

Moyles/M. McDonald

Resolved to pay all outstanding invoices.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Cash Report

A copy of the cash report for February was given to Council for review.

Check Register

A copy of the check register for February was given to Council for approval. Councillor Dawe asked about why there were different amounts for cleaning services and why there was an extra check in February. There are different amounts as some weeks, the cleaner pays a portion on their taxes and the extra check was due to one in January clearing the bank account late.

Motion #2021-027

M. LaDuke/L. Moyles

Resolved to approve the check register for February.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

VISA

A copy of the VISA statement for February/March was given to Council for review.

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COMMITTEES

Heritage New Perlican - New Member

Heritage New Perlican asked Council to appoint Ivy Piercey to a 2-year term on the Heritage New Perlican Committee as per the Town's Heritage Regulations. Council approved Mrs. Piercey to serve on Heritage New Perlican for a 2-year term.

Motion #2021-028

M.

McDonald/L. Moyles

Resolved to appoint Ivy Piercey to a 2-year term to the Heritage New Perlican Committee as per the Town's Heritage Regulations.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Correspondence

RCL - Support

The Royal Canadian Legion asked if Council was interested in sponsoring an ad in their Veteran's Service Recognition Book. Council decided not to sponsor an ad at this time.

Tina Neary - Support

A letter was received from Tina Neary asking for Council to vote for her for the Avalon Director at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Motion #2021-029

L.

Moyles

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Favour: 6; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

Date

