

Council Meeting Minutes November 16th, 2023

Members Present: Rodney Critch, Mayor Ivy Piercey, Deputy Mayor
 Peter Burridge, Councillor Susan Critch, Councillor
 Rick French, Councillor Derek Martin, Councillor
 Felix St. George, Councillor

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion #2023-115

S. Critch/P. Burridge

Resolved to adopt the agenda.
Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion #2023-116

I. Piercey/R. French

Resolved that the minutes of the regular Council meeting that was held on October 26th, 2023, be adopted.
Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; Carried

BSINESS ARISING

Housekeeping

- The bus shelter will be patched for the winter with a new one built next spring.
- The heater has not been repaired in the chlorine room.
- There was no final inspection done on the chlorine system when it was installed. Randy Tucker will be contacted to see if a meeting can be set up with him, Paul Chafe, Council and Maintenance Staff to discuss the system. The issue of why the system is 6% and not 12% will also be discussed.
- The chlorinators are set on 40 and will stay on this setting.
- Hoses have to be replaced on the blue truck. The backhoe winter tires have been installed.

Water Line Break

There was a major water line break in the brook under the Long Bridge. A new valve has been installed on one side of the bridge and a fire hose is ran to a hydrant on the other side. Perma frost pipe has been purchased to install a new water line that will be attached to the bridge. The town is waiting for permission from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to attach the pipe to the bridge.

Lift Station – Funding

Council reviewed the terms of the loan for the lift station. They resolved to borrow from CIBC, \$8,560.00 for Project # 169-2022-7640, Lift Station Upgrade for a term of 5 years, amortization period of 5 years. Rate will be prime plus 1.500%. The purpose of this loan is to make upgrades to the lift station that was installed in the 1980's and needs new pumps, panel and to be brought up to code. The town has been approved by Canada Community Building Fund to receive funds for this project and they are borrowing against future payments.

Motion #2023-117

R. French/D. Martin

Resolved that the Town of New Perican borrow from CIBC, \$8,560.00 for Project # 169-2022-7640, Lift Station Upgrade for a term of 5 years, amortization period of 5 years. Rate will be prime plus 1.500%. The purpose of this loan is to make upgrades to the lift station that was installed in the 1980's and needs new pumps, panel and to be brought up to code. The town has been approved by Canada Community Building Fund to receive funds for this project and they are borrowing against future payments.

Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; Carried

BUSINESS ARISING (CONT.)**Lift Station – Funding (Cont.)**

The terms for the loan for the GST portion was also reviewed. They resolved to borrow from CIBC, \$12,721.00 for the GST portion of Project # 169-2022-7640, Lift Station Upgrade for a term of 6 months, amortization period of 6 months. Rate will be prime plus 1.500%. The purpose of this loan is to make upgrades to the lift station that was installed in the 1980's and needs new pumps, panel and to be brought up to code.

Motion #2023-118**I. Piercey/ S. Critch**

Resolved that the Town of New Perlican borrow from CIBC, \$12,721.00 for the GST portion of Project # 169-2022-7640, Lift Station Upgrade for a term of 6 months, amortization period of 6 months. Rate will be prime plus 1.500%. The purpose of this loan is to make upgrades to the lift station that was installed in the 1980's and needs new pumps, panel and to be brought up to code.

Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; Carried

When approval was sent in previously to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, the town was told that the term had to be to the end of March 31st, 2024. Stephen Hiller, account manager with CIBC stated that the town can pay the loan off in full at any time as it is an open-ended loan. Also, the payments would be too high for the town to make if that is the term on the loan. This will be explained to the department when the request to borrow is submitted.

Letter – Main Road

Maintenance staff spoke with Tony Blanchard about snow clearing the lane behind his house. Mr. Blanchard was told that trees would have to be removed for sight lines and for room to push the snow. Council asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Blanchard and asking if he agrees with the tree removal.

Time Sheets

Council reviewed time sheets up to November 15th, 2023.

Sammy left the meeting @ 8:00pm.**Municipal Plan – Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Sandy Hounsell has submitted his report for the Municipal Plan along with an invoice. Council deferred this to the next meeting so they can review the report.

12-16 Tory Road

A registered letter, which has been picked up at the post office was sent with a deadline of December 5th, 2023.

Clean Up of Properties

The Joint Mayor's Association of Trinity – Bay de Verde is sending a letter to Minister Steve Crocker asking for help in getting properties cleaned up.

Garbage Collection

Council reviewed a breakdown of the costs of the garbage collection for 2024.

NEW BUSINESS**Bulk Garbage – Missed Properties**

An email was received from Eastern Regional Service Board regarding the properties that the bulk garbage was not collected. The items were not picked up because it was not curbside in an acceptable manner and/or there were unacceptable items. Letters will be sent to the property owners asking them to clean up the garbage and the information about bulk garbage will be included.

Community Nuisance/Vandalism

Discussion took place about the problems that the town has been experiencing with vandalism and children knocking on people's windows. The possibility of getting the RCMP to come and speak to the kids was one possibility and having the Commissionaires patrol the town was another.

Letter – Scott's Hill -Property

Meeting declared privileged at 8:30pm.

Meeting re-opened at 8:35.

There were no motions made during the privileged meeting.

Unencumbered Lands Proposal

Council reviewed information from Tract Consulting about an Unencumbered Lands Study. They decided not to take part.

FINANCE

Budget 2024

The first budget meeting will take place on December 5th @ 10:00am and the second December 7th @ 10:00am.

Payables

Council resolved to pay the invoices as presented.

Motion #2023-119

S. Critch/D. Martin

Resolved to pay all outstanding invoices.

Favour:7; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

Cash Report

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

Check Register

A copy of the check register for October was given to Council for approval.

Motion #2023-120

I. Piercey/P. Burrige

Resolved to approve the check register for September.

Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE

- MRON-Invitation – File
- Municipal Assessment Agency – Update – File
- RCMP – Wish Tree - File

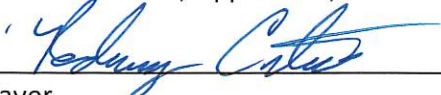
Next Meeting – December 14th, 2023 @ 10:00am

Motion #2023-121

S. Critch/D. Martin

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

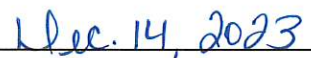
Favour: 7; Opposed: 0; **Carried**



Mayor



Town Clerk/Manager



Date