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The Sixty-Third meeting of the Fourteenth Town Council was held in the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Deputy Mayor Glenn Littlejohn
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Perry Bowering
Councillor Melvin Walsh
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe

Also present, Lillian Simmons (the Compass), Robert Giannou and Don Peckham (Targa Officials).

Meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m.

Additions to Agenda

Councillor Concerns - Councillor Seymour re: Park Bench damage in Shearstown and Tractor Trailer use of Country Road.

D. M. Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of March 8th, 2005, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

Business Arising from Minutes

D. M. Littlejohn asked the Town Manager to check with the Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs as to whether or not there will be any reductions to the Municipal Operating Grant for this year.

Town Manager advised that clean up has started at 65-67 Water Street.

Town Manager advised that the RCMP have not yet provided the names of the individuals who had done damage to the Community Gardens fence.

Councillor Walsh advised that information regarding the position of the Municipal Enforcement Officer will be tabled later in the meeting.

General Business

Mr. Robert Giannou, President, Targa Newfoundland and Mr. Don Peckham gave a presentation from Targa Newfoundland which outlined the success of the 3rd Annual Targa race and what's expected for this year. Mr. Giannou presented a standard resolution to be signed and requested permission to bring back this event to our town on Monday, September 12th, 2005.

D. M. Littlejohn thanked Messrs Giannou and Peckham for their presentation and their request will be taken under consideration.

Mayor Wilbur Sparkes took the chair at 7:55 p.m.

Town Manager tabled a report regarding the Country Road Pasture. The Dept. of Agriculture advises that all community pastures are for commercial animals ie. cows and sheep. Any recreational animals requested to be placed in a pasture would be at the discretion of the pasture operator.

Letter received from Mr. Donald E. Anthony, Roebothan, McKay, Marshall Law Firm, regarding the Jones land at Bay Roberts East and requesting he be informed of any public hearings or calls for submissions which relates to possible amendments to the Town Plan for Bay Roberts East.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Brown that Mr. Anthony's letter be forwarded to Mr. Leonard Butler, Planning Consultant.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Patrick Farrell, Riverside Excavating Ltd., advising that a pressure test and leak test on the water and sewer lines at Marina Place will be performed by Mr. Calvin Noseworthy on March 22nd, 2005.

After some discussion, it was agreed that if all Municipal Development Regulations and any required work is completed prior to the next regular meeting of Council, the Town Manager may issue building permits for Marina Place. If the work is not completed by the next regular meeting, Council will at that time take into consideration the acceptance of a Surety Bond.

Letter received from Karen and Wayne Attwood requesting a permit to operate the franchise, Academy for Mathematics & Science.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval in principle be given, subject to the pending location being in an acceptable zoning area, and subject to all other Municipal Development Regulations.

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Residential Building Application for Marina Place received from Mr. Lloyd Barrett.

It was decided that Mr. Barrett's application will be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.

Residential Building Application for 36 North Side Road, Shearstown, received from Mr. Edward L. Hodder.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that approval be given Mr. Hodder to build a residence at 36 North Side Road, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations.
Motion Carried.

Residential Building Application for 13-15 Rocky Pond Road, Bay Roberts, received from Mr. George Cheeseman.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and Councillor Bowering that approval be given Mr. Cheeseman to build a residence at 13-15 Rocky Pond Road, subject to all Municipal Development regulations.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Minister John Ottenheimer, Dept. of Health and Community Services, thanking Council for their support regarding the smoke-free legislation.

Letter received from NLFM announcing that Municipal Awareness Day 2005 will be on Monday, May 9th, 2005.

It was suggested that school children be invited to attend and/or participate in a mock council meeting which could take place on Monday, May 9th.

InfoNote received from NLFM advising of an upcoming Avalon Director's meeting scheduled for April 13th at the Mount Pearl City Hall.

Notice received from FCM advising of an early bird special registration for the FCM's 68th Annual Conference & Municipal Expo, June 3rd - 6th, 2005.

It was decided that any councillor wishing to attend must let Ed or Shirley know by Tuesday, March 29th.

Letter received from Mr. James Knight, Chief Executive Officer, FCM, thanking Council for renewing their membership with FCM for 2005-2006.

D. M. Littlejohn presented the minutes of the Joint Mayors of Conception Bay North Stakeholder's meeting of Tuesday, March 15th.

Councillor Seymour presented the minutes of the Joint Councils of Conception Bay North meeting of Thursday, March 3rd.

Letter received from Mr. Garry Bendell regarding his possible purchase of a Chipper/Shredder which mulches branches/trees.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Mr. Bendell's proposal be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Motion Carried.

Minutes of the Stewardship Association of Municipalities fall meeting at Stephenville Crossing on October 2nd, 2004, was tabled.

Committee Reports

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the payables for January - February 2005 be approved and that questions relating to the payables be deferred until the next regular meeting of Council.

Motion Carried.

D. M. Littlejohn advised that the next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be April 4th.

Councillor Greenland advised that a meeting took place with Bay Roberts Seafoods regarding the smoker relocation which seems to be working out well. Also, as to the rebuilding of a cold storage building at 65-67 Water Street, a recommendation will not be made regarding this request until Mr. Russell submits detailed drawings of his proposal.

Councillor Greenland advised that a meeting took place with Harbour International Limited regarding the town's water supply for this year and their cooperation in conserving same.

Councillor Bowering spoke on the behalf of the Special Events Committee. The Town has won the 2004/2005 National Award for the Winterlights Celebrations in the 5,001 - 10,000 population category.

Councillor Walsh advised that a meeting of the 50+ Club will be held on April 6th for the election of officers.

D. M. Littlejohn suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department on the success of their Annual Fireman's Ball.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Seymour spoke on the damage to a park bench in Shearstown. It was suggested that the RCMP be made aware of this and the parents of the individual who caused this damage be asked to pay for the cost of repairs.

Councillor Bowering spoke on the damage to the train caboose behind the Avalon North Wolverines building and the measures being taken regarding same.

Councillor Seymour spoke on the tractor trailer use of Country Road.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that a "No Tractor Trailers Allowed" sign be placed at the entrance to Country Road off the C. B. Access Road.
Motion Carried.

D. M. Littlejohn advised that Mr. Leonard Butler, Planning Consultant, will be arranging meetings with landowners, Bay Roberts Heritage Society, and a public meeting for other interested parties. A report regarding Council's options will be submitted by the end of April.

Councillor Bowering excused himself from the Council Chambers due to conflict of interest.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and that we go to a privileged meeting.
Motion Carried.

Privileged meeting commenced at 9:15 p.m.

Councillor Walsh gave an update on the progress taken regarding the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer. Out of the twelve resumes received, five have been chosen for the interview process. An interview team will be set up which will include RCMP member, Sgt. Randy Mercer, the Town Manager, Councillor Walsh and Councillor Greenland. Sgt. Mercer will conduct the interview then the Town Manager, Councillor Walsh and Councillor Greenland will evaluate the candidates from #1 choice to #5 choice. A recommendation for #1 choice will be brought back to Council at the next regular meeting.

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It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Wilbur Sparkes
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk