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

Mayor Wilbur Sparkes
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Melvin Walsh
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
Director Ron Delaney

Also present, Lillian Simmons (the Compass), Andrew Mercer, Bill Dawe and Fire Chief Clarence Russell.

Meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Bill Dawe and Mr. Andrew Mercer gave a presentation regarding ATV use in the town. They are currently taking steps to organize local ATV users with the intention of addressing local issues related to the use of ATV's within the Town of Bay Roberts.

Mayor Sparkes thanked Mr. Dawe and Mr. Mercer for their presentation and suggested that Council does encourage the establishment of an association that will help alleviate the problems of ATV misuse within our town.

Mayor Sparkes asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of April 12th, 2005, and the minutes of April 13th, 2005, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Both sets of minutes stand approved as presented.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Greenland asked Ron Delaney for his recommendation regarding the Targa Newfoundland rally.

Ron advised that there is no indication of any significant economic value coming into our town. Over the past few years we have experienced a declining volunteer base for the Targa rally which has meant an expense to the town in providing staff to look after marshaling and course set up. Also, due to complaints from residents with regard to road closures, the impact appears to be more negative than positive.

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It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that Targa officials be advised that for reasons stressed by Ron, their offer to bring the Targa rally to our town, be declined for this year.

Motion Carried.

The Cupers Cove Heritage Foundation will be invited to attend our next meeting to give a short presentation outlining their goals and ideas for event planning leading up to, during and after their upcoming 400th anniversary in 2010.

Ron Delaney advised that the Tidy Towns registration will be referred to the Tourism Committee for further consideration.

Also, regarding the offer of Canada Lime Inc. to supply lime for our playgrounds and parks, Ron advised that we don't use lime in abundance and our needs are supplied locally.

Councillor Greenland suggested that we ascertain the name and address of the true property owner of 306-308 C. B. Highway and that they be contacted regarding their future intentions for the building and request the beautification of the property.

Sample of Harassment Policy tabled from last meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh to refer the sample of Harassment Policy to the Executive Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

General Business

Two letters received from the Bay Arena Association regarding ACOA funding and provincial funding.

Copy of letter sent to the Bay Arena Association received from Minister Jack Byrne regarding upgrading to the Bay Arena.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Seymour that all three letters be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Edmund Pottle, president of the St. Mark's Men's Service Club, asking for

the use of the ballfield in Butlerville so that they can have a R.V. and trailer camp site on the weekend of the Klondyke Concert.

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It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Walsh that Mr. Pottle's request be referred to the Recreation and Special Events Departments for recommendation.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. A. D. Moores, president of Harbour International Ltd., seeking council's support for the return of the Faroese fleet to the port of Bay Roberts.

It was decided Mr. Moores be advised that council is not sufficiently informed on all the aspects relating to the Faroese fleet being denied access to the port of Bay Roberts and therefore, cannot at this time make a qualified recommendation regarding same.

Letter received from Mr. Douglas Moores, Director of Harbour International Ltd., requesting repairs be done on the guard rail east of their property.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Mr. Moores' request be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. Lisa Osmond, Project Coordinator, Trinity Conception Family Resource Centre, extending an invitation to attend their annual general meeting on Saturday, May 28th at Carbonear.

Letter received from Minister Tom Hedderson regarding the sewerage disposal system for Ascension Collegiate.

It was decided to include Minister Hedderson's letter on the agenda for the next council meeting attended by the Town Manager .

Letter received from Ms. Patricia George, teacher coordinator for Gaia, Ascension Collegiate's Environmental Group, advising of their fourth annual beach clean up of the Shearstown Estuary and requesting a donation of garbage bags and gloves, and also, garbage pick up.

It was decided to write and thank Ms. George for her interest and initiative in annually cleaning up the estuary.

Letter received from Ocean Net advising of their Community Environmental Cleanup Challenge 2005.

It was decided that a copy of Ocean Net's letter be sent to Ms. Patricia George, Ascension Collegiate.

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Letter received from Minister Ralph Goodale and Minister John Godfrey regarding the 2005 Federal Budget and the New Deal for cities and communities.

This letter to be placed on file.

Commercial application received from Ms. Flora Eddy requesting permission to operate a retail business called Classique Accessories Plus Jewelry from 284 C. B. Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given Ms. Eddy to operate a retail business at 284 C. B. Highway, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Commercial application received from Mr. William Power requesting permission to open a beauty salon called C & H Hair Studio in the building located at 114-116 C. B. Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Walsh that approval be given Mr. Power to open a beauty salon at 114-116 C. B. Highway, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Residential application received from Mr. Peter Wells seeking permission to construct a dwelling at Shearstown Road.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that approval be given to Mr. Wells to construct a dwelling at 408-410 Shearstown Road.

Motion Carried.

Residential application received from Ms. Marguerite Bussey seeking permission to construct a dwelling at Cathill Road Extension.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that approval be given to Ms. Bussey to construct a dwelling at 71 Cathill Road Extension.

Motion Carried.

Residential application received from Mr. Jason Dwyer seeking permission to construct a dwelling at

Badcock Boulevard.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given Mr. Dwyer to construct a dwelling at 13-15 Badcock Boulevard.

Motion Carried.

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Residential application received from Claude and Janice Mercer seeking permission to build a residence at Neck Road, Coley's Point.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that approval be given to Mr. & Mrs. Mercer to construct a dwelling at 36 Neck Road.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Canadian Bible Society thanking Mayor Sparkes for his letter of support.

Memo received from Mayor Oliver Rose, Chairperson for the Mayor's March on Heart Disease, inviting council to participate in their 16th Annual Mayor's March scheduled for the weeks of June 6th - 24th, 2005.

It was decided that Mayor Rose's memo be referred to Ron Delaney, Special Events Committee.

InfoNote received from NLFM advising of the Sixth Annual 2005 Municipal Leadership Forum and Third Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, June 10th - 11th at Gander.

Minutes of Joint Mayors of Conception Bay North meetings for April 19th and May 4th were tabled and then placed on file.

Minutes of Conception Bay North Joint Councils Association meeting of April 28th, 2005 were tabled and then placed on file.

Minutes of Urban Municipalities Committee of April 15th - 16th were tabled and then placed on file. Also, the next UMC meeting is scheduled for June 17th - 18th at Stephenville and Councillor Walsh is planning to attend this meeting.

Minutes of the last Mayor Steering Committee meeting of April 11th held at the RCMP building Harbour Grace, were tabled and then placed on file.

An excerpt from the Fire Fighting in Canada Magazine regarding the professional handling of the Andrews Wholesale fire by our fire department in conjunction and cooperation with surrounding area fire departments, was tabled.

Letter received from Mr. Paul Temple, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development Peimorex Communications Inc., advising of the CRTC process regarding their "All Channel Alert" proposal which is an emergency warning system for Canadians that would alert communities of impending local emergencies threatening life or property by using a television broadcast message.

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It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Mr. Temple's letter be placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Members' Advisory received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the Kyoto Protocol Climate Change Plan.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the FCM members' advisory be placed on file.

Motion Carried.

E-mail received from Ms. Deneen Spracklin, Watershed Management Specialist, Dept. of Environment and Conservation, advising of the CCME Municipal Wastewater Effluent Strategy consultation sessions scheduled for May 19th at St. John's.

Letter received from NLFM requesting a suggestion for the 2005 NLFM Convention Theme and also, requesting suggestions for education sessions.

Copy of public notice advising of the information session on the current policies and land use zoning designation for the Bay Roberts East Conservation area taking place on Thursday, May 12th at the Avalon North Wolverines Search & Rescue building.

Committee Reports

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that approval be given Ms. Goldie Marsh to operate a licensed family care home which will accommodate six children from her home at 179A Water Street, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Walsh gave a report from the Fire Department. Councillor Walsh and Fire Chief Clarence Russell attended a meeting this morning at the Confederation Building with Mr. Don Osmond, Deputy Minister of Education; Mr. Roland Butler, MHA; Mr. Fred Hollett, Fire Commissioner; and other fire department representatives from surrounding areas regarding a Regional Conception Bay North Smoke

House Training facility. The fire dept. is in the process of looking into the possibility of acquiring a Regional CBN Smoke House Training facility to be located in our area. A parcel of land belonging to Gerald O. French is available for lease near the old racetrack off the C. B. Access Road. Land use zoning and other possible issues will have to be looked into. The fire dept. associations will form a committee to develop a site plan, drawings, cost estimates, funding resources and proposals to submit to Municipal & Provincial Affairs for consideration for funding.

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Fire Chief Russell suggested that the fire dept. conduct a burn test study to determine the impact, if any, on any neighbouring properties and to get the public's response to this proposal.

Fire Chief Russell requested a meeting with the Public Works Committee regarding fire hydrants.

Director Ron Delaney gave a report regarding facility renovations. All is going as scheduled.

Ron recommended on the recreation complex that the existing club house be demolished due to excessive mold and rotting and serves no purpose within the recreation program and is becoming an eyesore.

It was recommended that Ron contact the Bay Roberts Heritage Society for their input into whether the building has any historical significance and/or merits removal or restoration.

Ron reported that he will be meeting with the community policing officer, Cst. Mark Trioreau, to discuss the youth in the Bay Roberts area.

Ron noted that the pool is ready to go, however, the filtration system in the pool is old and needs replacing which will be at a considerable cost to the town. Over the coming months a study will be compiled to gauge public interest into the construction of a new aquatic facility.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Greenland spoke about the good job the Municipal Enforcement Officer has done so far and the positive feedback received regarding this. He wanted to know who the MEO reported to and did it involve the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Walsh stated that the MEO is to report to the Town Manager, however, regarding the purchase of equipment, this will be looked into by the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Wilbur Sparkes
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk