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The Sixtieth meeting of the Fourteenth Town Council was held in the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Mayor Wilbur Sparkes
Deputy Mayor Glenn Littlejohn
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Perry Bowering
Councillor Dennis Brown
Councillor Melvin Walsh
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
Director Ron Delaney

Meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Also present, Lillian Simmons, Denise Pike, Betty Jerrett, Robert Dale, Shirley Badcock, Susan Mercer, Tony and Marie Noseworthy.

Mayor Sparkes asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of January 25th, 2005, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Page 1 - Correction to state that the Gaia proposal is referred to the Public Works Committee and Finance Committee for further consideration.

Minutes stand approved as presented with corrections.

General Business

Letter received from X regarding an application from Atlantic Seafoods Ltd.

A meeting will be arranged between X and the Public Works Committee.

Letter received from Coley's Point Cold Storage requesting the installation of town water and sewer services at 88 South Road, Coley's Point.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given only for the installation of town water and sewer services at 88 South Road, subject to the mandatory installation of water meters on both lines.

Motion Carried.

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Letter received from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 32, requesting assistance in fixing a problem with their sewer line.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the request of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 32, be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Amalgamated Academy requesting financial support to their Scholarship Program at the annual Awards Night to be held April 14th, 2005.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the perpetual donation of \$125.00 be given.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 32, thanking Council for financial support during the annual Poppy Drive.

Letter received from Mr. Gary Kennell advising that he will be seeking support for his bid to become a candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Bowering that Mr. Kennell's letter be placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Information notes received from NLFM advising of the WHSCC Employer Incentive Program and the Conservation Corps NL upcoming 2005 Green Team season.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by D. M. Littlejohn that the information regarding the upcoming 2005 Green Team season be referred to the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Recreation for further investigation.

Motion Carried.

Minutes of the Urban Municipalities Committee were presented.

Discussion ensued regarding a presentation of Mr. Robert Smart, Deputy Minister, Dept. of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, which covered monies being injected into capital works programs.

It was decided that this will be referred to the Public Works Committee for further investigation.

Also, Deputy Minister Smart talked about the reduction of the municipal operating grant and suggested that the existing system for determining the rate would not change for 2006.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Brown that a letter be written to Deputy Minister Smart advising that Council do not agree with the existing method and would like to see it changed before further reductions are made.

Motion Carried.

D. M. Littlejohn noted that Deputy Minister Smart advised that there is no intention of clawing back the fuel tax rebate at the Provincial Government level.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that a letter be written the Minister of Health requesting consideration be given to a complete smoking ban in all public places.

Motion Carried.

Member's Advisory received from FCM advising that Government is taking a major step toward the New Deal which is about governments working together to serve Canadians better.

The 2004 Financial Report of the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Dept. was presented.

Letter received from Operation Manager, Hawboldt Newfoundland Ltd., regarding a telephone conversation with the Town Manager.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that this letter be referred to the Executive Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Walsh presented the job description and criteria for the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Walsh advised of a meeting between himself, the Town Manager and Staff Sgt. Bishop and Sgt. Simmonds of the RCMP regarding the Municipal Enforcement Officer acting as liaison with the RCMP to enforce provincial and town regulations when necessary, and also, RCMP security clearance be part of the required criteria.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by D. M. Littlejohn that the job description and criteria for the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer be accepted.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the job posting for the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer be developed and advertised for a two (2) week period in the Compass.

Due to conflict of interest, Mayor Sparkes left the Chair.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m. with D. M. Littlejohn in the Chair.

Letter received from X advising that he supports the petition pertaining to properties at Bay Roberts East.

Councillor Greenland took the Chair.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the town start the process to amend the town plan and regulations recognizing the concerns of the general public over land issues in Bay Roberts East.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the town appoint a planning consultant to oversee the process to amend the town plan.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Sparkes took the Chair at 7:20 p.m.

Committee Reports

D. M. Littlejohn noted that the next Finance Committee meeting will take place prior to the next regular meeting of Council.

D. M. Littlejohn gave a report from the Recreation Committee.

Two new members have joined: Mr. Norman Littlejohn, Coley's Point and Ms. Paula Earle, Shearstown.

D. M. Littlejohn and Ron Delaney met with the Honourable Paul Shelley, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation. Topics covered: the Town has applied for government capital funding for the Recreation Complex (\$250,000.00); Travel Guide & being listed as an official Visitors Information Centre; Minister Shelley is invited to the opening of our Visitor's Pavilion; how the Department can help the Klondyke Concert continue to grow; applying to ACOA for funding for the expansion and upgrading of the existing Klondyke Concert facility; and, tracking tourists to establish an accurate account of monies spent in our area.

The Recreation Committee will be hosting an event during our annual Winter Carnival. Also, six pieces of playground equipment have been purchased at a cost of less than \$10,000.00. Ian Flynn met with 60 skateboarders regarding what is needed for a skateboard park and 5 pieces of equipment have been ordered. The skateboard park must comply with CSA Standards and a Use At Our Own Risk sign must be posted.

Councillor Greenland gave a report from the Public Works Committee.

Re: The Town Manager has been asked to obtain a plot plan and number of parking spaces outlining the parking available at the former Smallwood & Harvey Law Office building from the applicants who wish to operate a lounge at those premises.

Re: An application was received from X for a subdivision proposal at Badcock's Road, Shearstown. This will be looked into in the early spring.

Re: Request by X - No action will be taken until more information is received.

Re: Bay Roberts Lions Club request for snow clearing - will be considered under special circumstances and left at the discretion of the Town Manager.

Re: Atlantic Treasure Seafoods - a meeting will be arranged between the committee and the owners considering their application to rebuild cold storage facilities.

Re: Replacement of pilings along Water Street west of Cable Building will be looked into and a recommendation will be forthcoming in the near future covering costs.

Re: The decision made by Council at a previous meeting still stands regarding the land of X.

Re: Council will look at areas that can be provided with curbing and sidewalks.

Re: Gaia proposal - Council will fully support their initiative, however, the financial commitment of being a sponsor will depend on the amount of funding required and the percentage that the Federal/Provincial Governments will cost share.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the Public Works Committee's recommendation regarding the Gaia proposal be accepted.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Greenland mentioned the concerns raised by X re: Traffic lights, ATV's and paint ball activity. The ATV concern is being addressed in conjunction with the RCMP, traffic lights at Powell's Supermarket and Water Street are operating on a sensor system and this will be highly advertised by signage and local newspaper to inform the public of the type of system in place, and, paint ball activity on private property must be addressed by the property owner through direct contact with the RCMP.

Councillor Bowering gave a report from the Special Events Committee.

The committee passed a motion to halt donating tickets to community groups. The motion states that the Bay Roberts Special Events Committee will no longer grant complimentary tickets for the purposes of community and charitable organization fundraising as of January 26th, 2005.

It was moved by Councillor Bowering and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the motion passed by the Special Events Committee to halt donating tickets to community groups, be ratified.
Motion Carried.

Director Ron Delaney gave a report on the China project stating that everything is moving to schedule with the exception of ACOA funding of which he should have further information at the regular meeting of Council. Ron asked for clarification on the regulations of green space within new subdivisions in our town.

Town Manager reassured the Director that the regulations are in place and that he will check with X regarding the Marina Subdivision.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Walsh expressed concerns with the traffic lights at Powell's Supermarket and Water Street.

These concerns were addressed under the Public Works Committee report.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Wilbur Sparkes
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk