

The Thirty Ninth 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 Dennis Brown
Councillor Melvin Walsh
Councillor Bill Seymour

Meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Concerns arising from Minutes of February 10th, 2004.

Councillor Seymour asked the Town Manager if the application of Mr. Andrew Drover requesting permission to build residence on the old railway track off Heney's Pond Road has been looked into. Mr. Fradsham informed that this would be looked into next week.

D.M. Littlejohn asked Mr. Ron Delaney if he had any information regarding home-based businesses. Mr. Delaney has sent email to Statistics Canada and Revenue Canada but hadn't received any info back yet.

Councillor Brown advised that he is waiting for one more member of the Heritage Advisory Committee to get back to him concerning a resolution Council previously passed with regard to appointing a council representative and a six member committee to spearhead heritage projects and designations.

D. M. Littlejohn inquired if Mr. George Lee was back from China and when we could expect to receive an update on his progress. Mr. Delaney will contact Mr. Lee regarding same.

Councillor Walsh asked if the outside workers union accepted the tentative agreement. The outside workers have verbally agreed but no word yet from the union representative.

D.M. Littlejohn advised that the deadline for nominations for the 2003 Awards is fast approaching and also, a meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 2nd, 7 p.m. at the Bay Roberts Lions Club for the Canadian Cancer Societies Relay for Life event.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the Minutes of February 10th, 2004 be approved.
Motion Carried.

Councillor Seymour asked that periodic inspections be carried out with regard to the automotive repair garage of Mr. Thomas Deering .

Letter received from Mr. Norman Hill on behalf of the Bay Arena Pee Wee A and Bantam B Allstar teams seeking financial assistance to help offset some of the cost related to a banquet they are providing through the Canada Sports Friendship Exchange Program to hockey teams from St. Ubalde and Lac Megantic, Quebec.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that a \$250.00 donation be given.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Knights of Columbus, Dalton Assembly Fourth Degree, Harbour Grace, requesting a \$30.00 donation to their Fourth Degree Public Speaking contest for Newfoundland and Labrador.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Walsh that a \$30.00 donation be given.

Motion Carried.

Memo received from Mayor Don Coombs of Harbour Grace advising of a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Harbour Grace Council Chamber, regarding Waste Management for the C.B.N. area.

It was decided that D.M. Littlejohn would attend this meeting on behalf of Council.

Info Note received from NLFM regarding a letter from Mr. Herbert Brett, President of NFLM to Premier Danny Williams re: Municipalities New Deal.

D. M. Littlejohn advised that this would mean a \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 increase in our GST rebate.

Letter received from Mr. David Bradley of the Association of Heritage Industries advising that the Heritage Foundation is at serious risk of being eliminated as part of the government's deficit-cutting exercise.

Councillor Seymour advised that he will bring this to the attention of the Bay Roberts Heritage Society.

Info Note received from the NLFM regarding an invitation to help create an Atlantic Canada Climate Change Community of Practice. A Knowledge Exchange Forum is planned for February 25th, 2004 at the Fluvarium, Nagle's Place, St. John's.

Application received from Mr. Jerome Quinlan seeking permission to build a residence for Mr. Ben Grunert at 216-218 Neck Road, Coley's Point.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that approval be given, subject to all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Application received from Mr. Wade Oates seeking permission to operate a Quiznos Sub Franchise from 173 Conception Bay Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Walsh that approval be given, subject to all other regulatory departments, including inspection by Bay Roberts Fire Department.

Motion Carried.

Info Note received from NLFM advising that Volunteer Week 2004 is April 18th - April 24th.

Letter received from Caravan Enterprises Limited seeking approval to upgrade store facilities at their Sergios premises, 304 Conception Bay Highway, and to add the Greco Pizza Express line to their product mix.

It was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Bowering that approval be given, subject to all other regulatory departments, including inspection by Bay Roberts Fire Department.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Dejen Enterprises Inc., seeking permission to re-open the Buck or Two Store at the Bay Robert's Mall.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Bowering that approval be given, subject to all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Arthur Dominix of the Canadian Training Institute requesting permission to expand operation of a private training school on the C.B. Access Road and also, seeking permission to operate a training depot for heavy equipment on land at Jack's Hill.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that both requests be turned over to the Public Works Committee.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Ron Delaney and Mr. Ian Flynn gave a video presentation with regard to a design concept Mr. Flynn has been working on for a Bay Roberts Special Events Mascot. The design was created by a female grade 10 student at Ascension Collegiate. The cost for the costume is \$3,775.00 plus tax. After the presentation Mr. Flynn asked Council to ratify the Special Events Committee's decision and adopt the proposed design as the official mascot for the Town of Bay Roberts.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the proposed design be adopted as the official mascot of our Town.

Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Councillor Greenland advised that the Public Works Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Bowering advised that Mr. Delaney will table a report on the trip to Winnipeg at the next Council meeting. The Town of Bay Roberts was recognized for dedication and effectiveness in its special events organizing.

Councillor Brown will table a report with regard to the Heritage Advisory Committee at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Walsh advised that he obtained information through the UMC regarding quarry permit fees. The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's charge an annual quarry permit fee of \$500.00 and the Town of C.B.S. charges quarry companies a mill rate with a minimum of \$1,000.00.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that an annual permit fee of \$500.00 be charged to quarry companies.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that the above motion be amended to an annual permit fee of \$1,000.00 to be charged to quarry companies.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Greenland inquired about progress on our new garbage truck. The Town Manager informed that the new garbage truck should be here by March 12th.

Councillor Bowering inquired if action had been taken with regard to the removal of vehicles by Mercer's Cycle Shop. This matter has been taken care of.

Councillor Bowering updated that the garbage situation has greatly improved regarding the use of standard sized garbage bags.

Councillor Seymour inquired as to whether Mr. Art Dominix and Mr. Ron Short were expecting to speak at this meeting. It was decided that the Town Clerk will telephone Mr. Dominix and explain the policy for presenting delegations to Council and to invite him to meet with the Public Works Committee at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th.

D.M. Littlejohn opened the floor for general discussion.

Councillor Brown suggested that instead of canceling meetings because there is no new business to present, this would be a good opportunity to cover topics of general discussion such as policies and procedures.

Councillor Greenland suggested that a specific format in the form of an agenda be followed with regard to Council meetings.

Mr. Ron Delaney advised that on Wednesday, March 3rd, he will be attending a seminar in St. John's regarding how to do business with China and whether or not this is a valid project to pursue. Also, there is a need for Council to sit down and have a specific dialogue on the future development of an industrial/business park within the Town of Bay Roberts. Mr. Delaney will draft a discussion paper and confer with Council on the date to meet to discuss the subject.

Councillor Seymour suggested that the time is now to get moving on an industrial/business park.

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The Town Manager gave an update on the progress of the Dept. of Mines and Energy with regard to the water ponding at the quarries of Mr. David B. Snow and Mr. Bob Rice. A visit was made on December 18th which showed over 50% of the pond had been filled in and also, a follow up will be made again this spring.

Councillor Walsh asked if a response had been received with regard to the Big Pond Dam Construction. Mr. Fradsham advised that Mr. Charlie Hunt of E.D.M. Consultants informed him that not all approvals have been obtained as of yet.

Councillor Greenland suggested that the Town consider using piping at Big Pond instead of a dam.

Councillor Walsh inquired as to the cost of an occupancy permit. An occupancy permit is \$20.00.

Councillor Greenland proposed that the money allocated in previous budgets for land acquisition be used to invest in our Town by purchasing any available small tracts of land for consolidation which can then be sold to prospective businesses.

Councillor Bowering suggested that potential developers would rather buy large tracts of land from one seller.

Councillor Greenland suggested that a letter be sent to Ms. Judy Morrow acknowledging her contribution to the Town as Chairperson of the Tourism Committee.

Councillor Bowering informed that Mr. Bill Morrow is ready to sit down with Council and give his opinion on the land situation with Mr. Don Belbin.

Councillor Bowering inquired as to whether any response has been received regarding the property, 84 Water Street, owner, Moores Funeral and Ambulance Services.

It was decided that the Town Manager set up a meeting with Mr. Carl Moores and/or find out his intentions regarding the property, 84 Water Street.

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It was moved by Councillor Bowering and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Glenn Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk