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The Fifty-Ninth 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 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Patricia George gave a video presentation on behalf of Gaia, Ascension Collegiate's environmental group, who are seeking to replace Ascension Collegiate's aging sewerage disposal system which empties into the Shearstown Estuary. The chosen replacement system is the BMS Blivet which is manufactured and installed by CMT at a cost of \$249,200.00 for a new system. Gaia can provide \$37,290.00 through donations towards the new system and is requesting council and government funding for the remainder.

Council decided that this request will be taken into consideration and a decision will be made at a later date.

Mayor Sparkes asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of January 11th, 2005, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

Additions to Agenda

Councillor Concerns - Councillor Seymour re: problem created by residents clearing snow from their driveways into the road.

General Business

Letter received from X regarding his property at Coley's Point.

Mr. X asked to have the deadline of February 19th, 2005, for the removal of the building and clean up of the site, postponed until the worst of winter is over and he has time to remove contents from the building.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the deadline for removal of the building and clean up the site be changed to April 30th, 2005.

Motion Carried.

Petition received from residents stating their opposition to the reconstruction of the smoker at 65-67 Water Street.

Petition to be placed on file.

Letter received from X requesting permission to rebuild a cold storage facility only at 65-67 Water Street.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Bowering that this request be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review and also, a proper set of drawings be submitted.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from X advising of their disapproval to the rebuilding of the smoker at 65-67 Water Street.

Mr. X was present and requested permission to speak, however, his request was denied because his letter did not state that he wanted speak at this meeting.

Letter received from Ascension Collegiate, requesting a donation of two Klondyke Concert tickets to be auctioned at their twelfth Annual Dinner and Auction which is scheduled to take place on March 12th, 2005.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Walsh that this request be referred to the Special Events Committee.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Newlab Engineering Limited advising that the requirements of the National Building Code of Canada are being followed with regard to the building extension of Atlantic Grocery Distributors at Hope Avenue.

Letter received from X requesting permission to erect a storage shed at Bareened Road.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given with the stipulations that regulated distance from adjacent properties be observed and there is to be absolutely no outside storage and the property be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times.
Motion Carried.

Application received from X seeking permission to erect a building at 276A Conception Bay Highway which is to be leased for family restaurant.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that approval in principle be given, subject to submission of proper drawings and also, approval from all other regulatory departments.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from X seeking Council's recommendation regarding their proposal to open a lounge at 161 Conception Bay Highway, formerly Smallwood and Harvey Law Offices.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Walsh that X proposal be published in the Compass. Also, a proper plot plan showing parking be submitted and referred to the Public Works Committee for further review.
Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

D. M. Littlejohn requested a decision be made regarding the dormant recreational properties, Delaneys' Avenue, Shearstown, and French's Road, Country Road. D. M. Littlejohn asked that consideration be given to this request and a decision be made at the next regular meeting. D. M. Littlejohn noted that the Recreation Committee has requested that all potential proceeds revert back to the Recreation Committee to construct facilities in both areas affected by the sale.

Councillor Seymour noted that a concession be made regarding Delaney's Avenue property to ensure green space will be provided.

Councillor Greenland noted that the new members of the Tourism Committee are working diligently on many projects for the summer 2005.

Councillor Walsh noted that the Fire Department has a new cab over for their fire truck.

Councillor Brown attended a Municipal Heritage Resources Workshop on Friday, January 21st at the Bay Roberts Lions Club. Topics discussed included: identifying historic places and designations, role of Municipalities and Heritage Advisory Boards and the procedures to follow in designating properties.

Director Ron Delaney gave a report ongoing developments of all departments under his supervision. He also noted that he is in the process of obtaining funding for upgrading the Klondyke Concert site. In doing so, asked Council for a motion to pursue various funding opportunities.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that due to increased number of participants and for budgetary reasons there is a need to increase and upgrade the facility to a national and world-class venue, including site preparation, greening, land expansion, power upgrading and the construction of a fixed concert stage.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Seymour noted that some residents are not observing the Town's snow clearing regulations which states that no person shall shovel, plough, cause to be shoveled or ploughed any residue snow from a driveway or parking lot onto any road within the Town's municipal boundaries.

Town Manager noted that the RCMP have been contacted regarding this matter and they advised that patrols will be carried out and tickets issued under the Highway Act.

Councillor Walsh advised that a draft of the job description for the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer will be submitted at the next regular meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Wilbur Sparkes
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk