

The Seventy-Second meeting of the Fifteenth Town Council of the Town of Bay Roberts took place in the Town Hall, Tuesday, December 11th, 2007, at 8:30 p.m.

Members Present Mayor Glenn Littlejohn
 Deputy Mayor Melvin Walsh
 Councillor Clarence G. Mercer
 Councillor Gerald Greenland
 Councillor Dennis Brown
 Councillor Walter Yetman
 Councillor Bill Seymour

Also Present Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
 Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
 Director of Development Ron Delaney
 Jerry Mercer, Resident

Minutes

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 27th, 2007, which had been circulated with the agenda.

Discussion and update regarding the following:

- A meeting took place between the Finance Committee and x regarding his property assessments and outstanding municipal taxes. Any changes in the re-assessment will be reflected in the 2007 taxes.
- A meeting date has not yet been arranged between the Special Events Committee and the Royal Canadian Legion.
- No response received from x regarding a revised site plan indicating a green belt at 76-82 Cross Road. Mayor Littlejohn will see that a commitment is received from x regarding same.
- Mayor Littlejohn commended the Special Events Committee and Council on the success of the Festival of Lights Opening Ceremonies.
- Emergency remedial work has started on Mission Lane and Bishop's Road.

Motion 2007 - 379 - Walsh/Seymour

Resolved that the minutes of November 27th, 2007, be adopted.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

New Business

Item 1 : Correspondence received from Minister Dave Denine, Dept. of Municipal Affairs, confirming that approval has been awarded for Tropical Storm Chantal, flood damage repairs at Bishop's Road and Mission Lane.

Item 2 : Correspondence received from the Provincial Information & Library Resources Board advising that the Bay Roberts Public Library temporarily closed on December 1st, 2007 and is tentatively scheduled to re-open on January 9th, 2008, in it's new location at 76-90 Cross Road.

Item 3 : Letter received from x requesting attention be given to the build up of water at Dawson's Subdivision.

Motion 2007 - 380 - Greenland/Mercer

Resolved that x request be referred to the Public Works Committee for review.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B . Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Item 4 : Residential building application received from x.

Motion 2007 - 381 - Greenland/Yetman

Resolved that approval be given, as per submitted application, to x to build a residence at 21 Fitzgerald Place, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Item 5 : Residential building application received from x.

Motion 2007 - 382 - Yetman/Mercer

Resolved that x's application be referred to the Planning & Development Committee for review.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Item 6 : Email received from The Local Service District of Canning's Cove requesting a letter of support be sent to MHA's, Municipal Affairs and FCM regarding legislation being passed to use the motor vehicle registration system as a means for collecting outstanding service fees.

Motion 2007 - 383 - Seymour/Greenland

Resolved that a letter of support regarding item 6 be issued to Mr. Roland Butler, MHA, Municipal Affairs and FCM.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Item 7 : Minutes of October 5th and November 29th received from the Joint Councils.

Motion 2007 - 384 - Mercer/Yetman

Resolved that the Joint Councils minutes be placed on file.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Item 8 : Info notes received from MNL regarding various events and items of interest.
Councillor Mercer thanked Director Ron for our nomination for the 2007 Torngat Achievement Award at the MNL Convention.

Item 9 : Letter received from Clive Doucet regarding the One Cent NOW! Campaign.

Motion 2007 - 385 - Mercer/Greenland

Resolved that a letter of support be sent regarding item 9.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance

Motion 2007 - 386 - Walsh/Brown

Resolved that the November 2007 Accounts Payable be tabled for discussion at the next council meeting.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh

Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Tourism

Minutes of November 5th and 14th be deferred to next meeting of council.

Deputy Mayor Walsh took Chair at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Littlejohn presented Budget 2008. Highlights include:

- ★ No tax increase in residential and commercial property tax mil rates
- ★ An increase in residential water & sewer tax from \$300.00 to 325.00
- ★ An increase in commercial water & sewer tax from 5 mils to 6 mils
- ★ Request government approval to borrow \$700,000. for our Municipal Capital Program
- ★ Our budget will increase 8% from \$4,636,735.59 to \$5,034,299.68

Motion 2007 - 387 - Littlejohn/Brown

Resolved that Budget 2008 be accepted as presented.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Mayor Littlejohn resumed Chair at 9:15 p.m.

Motion 2007 - 388 - Greenland/Brown

Resolved that permission be given to request to borrow up to \$700,000.00 for the Municipal Capital Program for 2008.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh

Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Motion 2007 - 389 - Mercer/Greenland

Resolved that approval be given to purchase a 35-5 excavator from Atlantic PowerTrain and an additional hydraulic tilt ditching bucket for a total cost of \$51,064.02.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year were offered by all.

Adjournment

Motion 2007 - 390 - Seymour/Walsh

Resolved that the meeting do now adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, D. Brown, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Glenn Littlejohn
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk