

The Fiftieth-Third Meeting of the Fifteenth Town Council of the Town of Bay Roberts took place in the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Mayor Glenn Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Melvin Walsh
Councillor Clarence G. Mercer
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Dennis Brown
Councillor Walter Yetman
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe

Also present, Ms. Lillian Simmons (the Compass).

Regular meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there are any errors or omissions to the minutes of November 28th, 2006, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Page 1. Councillor Greenland asked if a response has been sent to X regarding Council's open letter to residents on the planned expansion of Harbour International Limited.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that a response letter will be sent.

Councillor Seymour inquired about the bid submission to host the 2008 Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that the bid submissions are presently under review.

Page 2. Councillor Mercer asked if X submitted new drawings for his proposed subdivision.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that the drawings have not yet been submitted.

Councillor Greenland inquired if the Finance Committee had prepared a recommendation regarding the proposal from X.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that the Finance Committee have not yet been in contact with Mr. & Mrs. X regarding their proposal.

Page 4. Councillor Greenland asked if the Town Manager has contacted the owners of the X Building regarding potential sale of said building.

Town Manager advised that the owners asked for time to discuss this matter with other family members and they will make a decision early in January 2007.

Page 5. Deputy Mayor Walsh inquired of any response from residents of the Port de Grave peninsula regarding fire protection arrears.

Town Manager advised that we have received only a few acknowledgments regarding the letters which were sent for delinquent fire protection accounts.

Page 8. Deputy Mayor Walsh asked about the signs at the end of Country Road.

Town Manager advised that this matter has not been looked into yet.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Mercer that the minutes of November 28th, 2006, be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

General Business

Letter received from X, Law Office, seeking permission for their client, X, to install a small batch cremation unit at 295-297 Conception Bay Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the must publish in the Compass, their intentions to install and operate a small batch cremation unit at 295-297 C. B. Highway.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the request by the X to install a small batch cremation unit at 295-297 C. B. Highway be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for further review and recommendation.

Motion Carried.

No response has been received regarding the public notice of X to construct and operate a child daycare center at 25 Cleary s Road.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mercer that X application be given preliminary approval, subject to submission of detailed drawings and also, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.
Motion Carried.

Notices of Motion

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the new Subdivision Policy and Application to Subdivide Land, be adopted.
Motion Carried.

Presentation of Budget 2007

Deputy Mayor Walsh took the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn gave a presentation on the 2007 Budget. Some highlights as follows:

- No tax increase on residential, water and sewer or commercial properties
- There will be a commercial water use tax on high consumption users
- The Harbour Authorities of Bay Roberts and Port de Grave will be taxed for fire protection services
- The 2007 budget will be \$4,636,735.59

It was moved by Mayor Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Brown that the Budget 2007 be accepted, as presented.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Littlejohn resumed the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn noted that the Avalon North Wolverines will be hosting a Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 15th; the Baccalieu Trail Tourism Association and Heritage Corporation will be holding a Christmas social and presentation of the 2006 Endeavour Award on Thursday, December 14th; Fabian Manning, M.P. will be hosting a Christmas reception on Tuesday, December 19th; the Bay Roberts Fire Department will be hosting a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 21st; and also, other various upcoming events.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Councillor Brown that permission be requested from the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to borrow \$600,000.00.
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that the Town submit to the Dept. of Municipal Affairs the signed Gas Tax Funding Agreement. Also, as for the Multi-Year Capital Investment, be it resolved that the Town Council of Bay Roberts wishes to apply for the Gas Tax Rebate in order to carry out road construction, upgrading, storm drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalks on the Crossroads, Barracks Lane and other areas of the Town.
Motion Carried.

Best wishes and seasons greetings were exchanged around the Chambers.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Glenn Littlejohn
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk