

The Eighth 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 Bill Seymour
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Dennis Brown
Councillor Walter Yetman
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
Director Ron Delaney

Also present, Fire Chief Clarence Russell, Ms. Lillian Simmons, (the Compass), Ms. Susan Mercer and Mr. George Bishop.

Regular meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of January 24th, 2006, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Page 2. Councillor Mercer asked if another meeting will be arranged between the property owners of Arney's Pond Road.

It was decided that contact be made with key property owners to see if a meeting is desired.

Note - Shirley contacted Mr. Wayne Parsons on Wednesday, February 15th and was advised by him that he will not be attending any future meetings with other property owners of Arney's Pond Road. Also, Mr. Gus Fitzpatrick is out of province.

Councillor Greenland asked that contact be made with the developers of Valleyview Subdivision and Marina Place requesting ownership of the proposed green spaces be formally transferred to the Town.

Page 3. Councillor Yetman advised that an application has been made to the Conservation Corps for the 2006 Green Team season.

Page 4. Councillor Greenland spoke on the future sale of building lots on Delaney's Avenue.

Councillor Yetman noted that some residents would like their concerns brought to the Planning & Development Committee regarding the Delaney's Avenue lots.

Councillor Seymour noted that someone may have papers on the Delaney's Avenue property and he will ask that someone to present the alleged papers to council.

Page 5. Mayor Littlejohn advised that a meeting took place with Minister Byrne and Minister Taylor regarding the C. B. Highway and future infrastructure.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that a meeting took place with Mr. Barry Tucker and Mr. Junior Bullen regarding the proposed Love Street development. The proposed plan has changed and a new revised plan will be submitted.

Page 6. Councillor Mercer advised that the issue with the old railway station building at the Recreation Complex will be discussed at the next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Board.

Page 7. Councillor Yetman commended Deputy Mayor Walsh and Town Manager Fradsham for their work on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Bay Roberts and the RCMP.

Councillor Mercer asked if the "No ATV's Beyond This Point" signs will be erected soon.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that another presentation may be required regarding the Eastern School District and the importance of a K - 12 system remaining in our town and also, support for a new school for Coley's Point Primary.

Mayor Littlejohn noted that Minister Byrne, Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, has been requested to amend our 1991 Limit of Servicing Agreements to include the new C. B. Access Road.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the minutes of January 24th, 2006, be adopted as presented.
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Brown that the Commissioner's Report, Town of Bay Roberts Municipal Plan Amendment No. 1, 2005 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 1, 2005, be tabled for further review and made available to the public.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Susan Mercer and Mr. George Bishop were given a copy of the Commissioner's Report and they excused themselves from the Chambers.

General Business

Letter and petition received from Augustus and Heather French and signed by residents of Delaney's Road, C. B. Access Road, regarding their opposition to the proposed fire training facility on the Delfre Race Track.

It was decided that the Planning & Development Committee along with the Fire Chief will arrange a meeting with residents of Delaney's Road, C. B. Access Road, to discuss their concerns. It is noted that the Fire Chief will be contacting these residents before this coming weekend and a further meeting may not be necessary.

Letter received from Mr. Roland Butler, Secretary, Trinity United Church - Board of Management, Shearstown, regarding stability of the bridge to their cemetery.

It was decided that a copy of the inspection letter from Mr. S. E. Moores, P.Eng., will be given to the Trinity United Church Board of Management and also, the Public Works Committee will look into this matter further.

Letter received from Mr. Keith Bradbury, Bradbury and Associates Ltd., seeking written confirmation that the property, 38-40 C. B. Highway, is acceptable as a location for the administrative portion of the business, 606 Motorsports.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Councillor Yetman that approval be given to Bradbury and Associates Limited to conduct the administrative portion only for the business, 606 Motorsports, from 38-40 C. B. Highway. Approval is given with the stipulation that there will be no inventory or sale of vehicles from 38-40 C. B. Highway.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Steve Abbott, Supt. of Operations, Dept. of Works, Services and Transportation, regarding the requested speed limit reduction for the C. B. Highway west of the C. B. Access Road. Mr. Abbott advises that his Dept. has denied approval to a commercial applicant for an entrance and exit in the said area and therefore a speed reduction is not necessary.

Councillor Greenland advised that the Planning & Development Committee met today with Dept. of Works, Services and Transportation officials and the developers regarding this matter. An engineer with the Dept. will meet with Minister Taylor to request consideration be given to funding a proposed project and also give consideration to safety issues.

Letter received from Mr. William Dawe, CBN ATV Association Inc., regarding a proposal to designate the CBN Branch Line as an ATV trail.

It was suggested that the CBN ATV Association Inc., be invited to make a presentation to Council and also, the Association be given a copy of the newly drafted ATV Regulations.

Letter received from Ms. Donna Bishop requesting a meeting with the Public Works Committee concerning the build up of water in front of the main and side entrances of Kellys' Landing and other issues.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Yetman that Ms. Bishop's request be referred to the Public Works Committee.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from NLSA Girls Under 13 Provincial Soccer Team seeking financial support for their trip to Edmonton, Alberta, for the Rocky Mountain Cup.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the soccer teams request be referred to the Finance Committee.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from NL Firefighters Curling Association requesting financial support for their trip to Ottawa, Ontario, for the Canadian Firefighters 47th Hydrant Championships.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the curling teams request be referred to the Finance Committee.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Drinking Driving Awareness Association of NL requesting financial support by an ad placement.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the Drinking Driving Awareness Associations letter be placed on file.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Eastern Regional Wellness Coalition offering membership opportunities regarding health and wellness.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Yetman that the E.R.W. Coalition membership be referred to the Recreation Department for further review.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Councillor Seymour requesting financial support for the 2006 Annual Run for the Janeway.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman and seconded by Councillor Mercer that Councillor Seymour's request be referred to the Finance Committee.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Scott Snow, Old Mill Lanes Youth Bowling Council, requesting Council purchase an ad in their program guide in support of the 2006 Provincial Youth Bowling Championships.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that a half page ad be purchased at a cost of \$50.00.
Motion Carried.

It was decided that Councillor Yetman will be bring greetings on behalf of Council.

Letter of appreciation received from the Conception Bay North Skating Club for Council's support during the planning and presentation of the 2006 NL Eastern Regional Figure Skating Championships.

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

- ? Presentation to the Eastern School District regarding the future of schools in area 7.
- ? Conducted by-annual general meeting of the Fire Dept.
- ? Met to discuss 6 scenarios for the 2006 Klondyke Concert.
- ? Held interviews with media regarding the Long Beach breach and flooding.
- ? Brought greetings to the Atom "A" Hockey Tournament.
- ? Met with Minister Byrne and Minister Taylor to discuss infrastructure funding and the C. B. Highway.
- ? Signed MOU with RCMP and held meeting to discuss the future of the Bay Roberts RCMP building and detachment.
- ? Will be available for private meetings on Tuesday evenings that are not public council meetings.
- ? Planning session with a facilitator will be arranged so as to establish a main focus on what Council wants to accomplish in the future.

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Finance

Councillor Brown tabled a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Re: Request by Mr. Ray Butt, for tax break on proposed extension to Klondyke Hotel.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Greenland that a two (2) year business tax concession be given to Mr. Ray Butt on the proposed extension to the Klondyke Hotel.

Motion Carried.

Re: Request by the Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association for placement of ad in the Atom "A" Tournament booklet.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Yetman that a \$500.00 donation be made which will cover all minor hockey events for 2006.

Motion Carried.

Re: Request by the Bay Roberts Heritage Society for an annual amount of \$5,000.00 to help defray cost of museum curator's salary.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that \$5,000.00 will be given to help defray the cost of the curator's salary for 2006. Also, written request for financial assistance must be submitted by the Bay Roberts Heritage Society on an annual basis.

Motion Carried.

Re: Tax arrears were collected in an amount of \$250,000.00 for 2005.

It was recommended that a concerted effort be made to collect fees for fire protection to residents of Port de Grave and a fee structure be implemented for boat owners.

Fire Chief Russell will be attending a meeting with boat owners tomorrow and will report back to Council regarding same.

Re: List of vacant lands to be auctioned for tax arrears will be ready for early Spring.

Re: Further advertising to be made regarding old council equipment.

Councillor Brown tabled the new Council Travel Policy for discussion at next meeting.

Economic Development

Councillor Brown presented minutes from meetings held on January 30th and February 6th, 2006.

- ? Update on Economic (Business) Activities.
- ? Website redesign.
- ? Business Site Development / Business CD.
- ? Planning for 2006.
- ? 2006 Economic Development Budget.

Some discussion ensued on the travel portion of the budget.

Recreation

Councillor Yetman presented minutes from a meeting held on February 9th, 2006

- ? Update on future playground equipment purchase.
- ? Requesting Council to make a decision on the status of the recreation complex building..
- ? Put in place a Steering Committee to oversee the process for a multi purpose recreation complex for the town.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Yetman that the Recreation Committee develop a Steering Committee to explore the future of a new recreation facility.

Motion Carried.

- ? Winter Carnival will take place from February 22nd to March 5th.
- ? Update on construction of a ball hockey court for the recreation complex. To date over 30 businesses have taken part.
- ? Public input in Committee's renaming of recreation complex with Council having final approval.
- ? National award won through the Illumination parade with a prize of \$250.00 worth of gift certificates from Wintergreen.ca which has been donated to Coley's Point Primary School.
- ? Looking into a Neighbourhood Watch Program in conjunction with the RCMP.

Fire Department / Municipal Enforcement / UMC

Deputy Mayor Walsh gave a report on behalf of the Bay Roberts Fire Department.

On January 25th a meeting took place with the Harbour Authority, Port de Grave, to develop an emergency plan in the event of another boat fire in the harbour.

Deputy Mayor Walsh tabled the Bay Roberts Fire Dept. 2005 Financial Statement and a list of duly elected officers and executive.

The financial statement will be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that approval be given to the election of officers and executive for the Bay Roberts Fire Department for a two (2) year period.

Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Walsh tabled minutes from the Municipal Enforcement meeting of February 7th.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Yetman that a draft copy of the ATV Regulations be tabled for future discussion and also, a copy be given to the RCMP, the CBN ATV Association, and be made available for the public.

Motion Carried.

- ? Update on Vendor Regulations review.
- ? Update on Dog / Animal Regulations review.

Deputy Mayor Walsh presented a report from the UMC meetings of February 3rd & 4th.

- ? Presentation by Sean Martin, CEO, Assessment Agency, regarding new assessment rate based on January 1st, 2005 base rate values and coming in effect January, 2007.
- ? Update on municipal ticketing status.
- ? MOG reductions still in place and will be continued in the 3rd year as planned.
- ? Update on gas tax status.

Joint Management Report

Councillor Seymour gave a report on behalf of the Joint Management Committee.

- ? Education strategy and booklet presently being worked on: "The Shearstown Estuary: Where the River Meets the Sea".
- ? Conservation strategy regarding vehicle access to the barrier beach.
- ? Enhancement and restoration strategy regarding litter removal, shoreline enhancement, road construction at Muddy Hole, osprey platform and island construction.

It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between the Tourism Committee, Green Committee, Gaia and the Town of Spaniard's Bay regarding future Arney's Pond projects.

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Deputy Mayor Walsh presented a copy of the Municipalities Act outlining a notice of tax status as pertains to council members.

Mayor Littlejohn spoke on a seminar he attended a few years ago with the focus being adaptable to change.

Councillor Concerns

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that from now on all revenue and expenses, once accounting has been completed, be publicized at the end of the year for all major events including the Festival of Lights and Klondyke Concert.

It was decided to search out more information regarding the Privacy Act, and thus, the motion is deferred until next meeting.

Director Delaney presented a certificate from the WinterLights Celebrations which acknowledges recognition for the Nativity Scene Collection at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Mayor

Glenn Littlejohn

Town Clerk

Shirley Hawe