

The Ninety-Fifth meeting of the Fifteenth Town Council of the Town of Bay Roberts took place in the Bay Roberts Lions Club, Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 6:40 p.m.

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

Also Present Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
 Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
 Director Ron Delaney
 Compass Correspondent Lillian Simmons
 Committee & Business Representatives, Residents & General Public

Mayor Littlejohn welcomed everyone to the special meeting and introduced Wendy Donovan of dma Consulting & Management Services.

Ms. Donovan presented an executive summary on the study which was prepared to assess the need for, and financial feasibility of, a Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility for the town. Highlights included - purpose of study, consultation with user groups and stakeholders, facility component where limited demand was found, facility component where demand was found, capital costs, operating costs, options for phase development, and recommendations. The statement of feasibility suggests the town should initiate and facilitate opportunities for the community to comment on the results and implications of this study. Public Q & A followed.

Special presentation adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Regular meeting convened 8:00 p.m.

Motion 2009 - 32 - Walsh/Seymour

Resolved that the Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility Feasibility Study be accepted as presented.

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

Minutes

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2009, which had been circulated with the agenda.

Discussion and update regarding the following:

- ▶ Injured worker scheduled for ultrasound in April.
- ▶ MEO to advise x on outcome of the conversation he had with x officials regarding her complaint of excessive noise levels.
- ▶ x have been submitted to government services.
- ▶ St. John's City Councillor Debbie Hanlon has not yet responded to email request for a copy of the petition regarding removal of parking meters at the Health Sciences Center.
- ▶ Discussion to defer or rescind previous motion revoking building permit for x.

Motion 2009 - 33 - Walsh/Mercer

Resolved that January 13, 2009 - Motion 2009 - 24 be deferred pending further review.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, P. Wood, W. Yetman and B. Seymour

Opposed: G. Greenland

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried.

- ▶ Town Manager will take appropriate action to have the fence at Delaney's Avenue, Shearstown, removed by the end of this week.
- ▶ Clarification on implementation of commercial building occupancy recommendation.
- ▶ Town of Salmon Cove has taken ownership of the old fire rescue van.
- ▶ Initial meeting of committee for Emergency Disaster Plan review held January 20.

Motion 2009 - 34 - Yetman/Wood

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2009, be adopted.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried.

New Business

Item 1 : Correspondence received from Mr. Tom Harris, Harris & Associates, regarding Valleyview Subdivision Phase III. The developer is prepared to install curb and gutter on the streets together with catch basins as required, however, he is not prepared to install a storm sewer system and upgrade drainage structures downstream of this development.

Councillor Greenland noted that Bae Newplan will respond to Mr. Harris's correspondence and also, provide a report to council.

Item 2 : Email received from x regarding a water problem at the cul de sac in front of 16 Adler Place.

Motion 2009 - 35 - Walsh/Mercer

Resolved that x's email be referred to Public Works Committee.

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

Item 3 : Letter received from x regarding water and sewer hook up at Track Road west.

Motion 2009 - 36 - Yetman/Seymour

Resolved that x's letter be referred to Public Works Committee.

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

Item 4 : Letter received from x regarding a problem with his sewer system.

Motion 2009 - 37 - Walsh/Yetman

Resolved that x's letter be referred to Public Works Committee.

Item 5 : Email received from x, mother of Avalon Celtics Goalie, x, expressing appreciation to the Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association and area businesses for providing wonderful service during the March 2008 hockey tournament.

Item 6 : Regional Recreation Committee meeting minutes of January 7 were tabled for information and discussion.

Committee Reports

Tourism

Motion 2009 - 38 - Mercer/Wood

Resolved that Pigeon Inlet Steering Committee minutes of December 1, 2008, be accepted.
(Copy of minutes placed on file)

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

Councillor Mercer noted that in June 2008 the Pigeon Inlet Committee in partnership with the 50 Plus Club, Ascension Collegiate, Eastern School District, Heritage Foundation of NL and the Town of Bay Roberts, made application to the Federal Government for funding to the New Horizons for Seniors program. The purpose of this project was to involve the 50+ community, assisted by high school students through the use of modern day technology, in preserving the intangible history, culture and heritage of our community and to be made available to the public through a website and educational guide. This project proposal has been approved for the amount of \$25,000.00. Total projected cost is approximately \$50,000.00.

Public Works

(Copy of January 20, 2009 minutes placed on file)

Re: x request for Speed Limit & Hidden Driveway Signs

Motion 2009 - 39 - Greenland/Seymour

Resolved that speed limit signs will be installed to control traffic in the recreation complex and school zone area, however, request for “Hidden Driveway” sign is denied. MEO to monitor the area.

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

Re: x - Flooding

Motion 2009 - 40 - Greenland/Wood

Resolved that x be advised that the old rail bed falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial government and to report her concern to them.

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

Re: Dawson's Lane - Flooding

Committee will review and action in spring.

Re: x - Rocky Pond Brook

Motion 2009 - 41 - Greenland/Yetman

Resolved that x be advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be asked to make a site visit in order to obtain permission and any necessary permits which will allow any further work to be carried out in the above noted area.

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

Re: x, Adler Place - Flooding

Works Superintendent will action when weather is suitable.

Re: x - C.B, Highway - Flooding

Motion 2009 - 42 - Greenland/Seymour

Resolved that x be advised that the Works Superintendent will take temporary action and a permanent improvement will be part of 2009 maintenance ie. concrete curb.

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

Re: Street Light - Barracks Lane / C. B. Highway

Motion 2009 - 43 - Greenland/Yetman

Resolved that a street light will be installed at the entrance to Barracks Lane off the Conception Bay Highway.

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

Re: x - Sewer Problem

Motion 2009 - 44 - Greenland/Mercer

Resolved that x be advised that the necessary work will be performed in the spring.

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

Re: Cross Road Pavement Markings

Line work will occur in 2009.

Re: Public Works Correspondence

Works Superintendent to receive copy of correspondence referred to Public Works Committee prior to committee meeting.

Re: Barracks Lane Improvements

Motion 2009 - 45 - Greenland/Walsh

Resolved that Barracks Lane improvements be re-tendered now so that a contractor will be in place for work to commence in early spring.

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

Re: Hiring Outside Worker

Motion 2009 - 46 - Mercer/Yetman

Resolved that an independent consultant be hired to review previously submitted applications for Heavy Equipment Operators/Labourers. Consultant to short list, interview and make recommendation to hire potential outside workers for the available positions not to exceed 12 weeks.

In favour: Mayor Littlejohn
Deputy Mayor Walsh
Councillors: C. Mercer, G. Greenland, P. Wood and W. Yetman
Opposed: Councillor Seymour
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Re: Outside Worker Retiring in April 2009

Town Manager to request letter of notification of retirement from outside worker.

Heritage

Year end report received from the Bay Roberts Heritage Society Inc. It was noted that the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada had designated the Cable Building as a National Historic Site and a special ceremony to unveil a plaque for the building will be held.

Motion 2009 - 47 - Wood/Seymour

Resolved that the Bay Roberts Heritage Society report be accepted. (Copy of report placed on file)

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

Recreation

Motion 2009 - 48 - Yetman/Greenland

Resolved that Recreation Committee minutes of January 19, be accepted. (Copy of minutes placed on file)

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

Municipal Enforcement

Motion 2009 - 49 - Walsh/Mercer

Resolved that the Town of Bay Roberts Anti-Litter Regulations be adopted and amended to include "Vehicles" definition as presented.

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

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried.

Wetlands

Motion 2009 - 50 - Seymour/Walsh

Resolved that Joint Management Committee minutes of January 19, be accepted. (Copy placed on file)

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

Information received from the Stewardship Association of Municipalities regarding the Wetland 2009 Spring Conference, World Wetland Day and a proposal to ban plastic bags.

50 Plus Club

Councillor Seymour noted that the 50+ Club wished to extend appreciation to council for snow clearing and maintenance support. Also, a Valentine Dance will be held February 14.

Deputy Mayor Walsh took Chair of the meeting.

Finance

Motion 2009 - 51 - Littlejohn/Greenland

Resolved that the outside workers union agreement negotiated between Transport and Allied Workers Local Union 855 and the Town of Bay Roberts, be accepted.

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

Mayor Littlejohn resumed Chair of the meeting.

Director's Report

Director Delaney noted that ribbon cutting will be held at the proposed business park and a committee, consisting of Director Delaney and Councillor Wood, will create a newsletter for distribution prior to the winter carnival.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Littlejohn spoke about a meeting with members of the RCMP regarding daily use of the local detachment, revision of the Memorandum of Understanding and other ongoing issues. Also, he met with legal counsel to move forward ongoing legal matters.

Motion 2009 - 52 - Greenland/Mercer

Resolved that approval be given for Councillor Wood to attend the Atlantic Conference on Disaster Management being held April 28 - 30 in St. John's.

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

Adjournment

Motion 2009 - 53 - Greenland

Resolved that the meeting do now adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

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

Glenn Littlejohn
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk