

The Tenth 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  
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), Fire Chief Clarence Russell, Mr. Albert Jenkins, Mrs. Carol Jenkins, Ms. Sheila Pollett, (Bay Roberts Public Library Board), Mr. John White, (Provincial Public Library Board), Mr. Bill Dawe and Mr. Albert Wilson, (CBN ATV Trail Association).

Deputy Mayor Melvin Walsh was absent due to prior commitments.

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Letter received from Ms. Sheila Pollett, requesting to meet with Council. On behalf of the Bay Roberts Public Library Board, Ms. Pollett advised of the possible closure of the Bay Roberts Public Library. The Provincial Public Library Board may re-locate the Bay Roberts Public Library to a rent free space in the school board building in Spaniard's Bay as a cost saving measure. Ms. Pollett stated that the B. R. Public Library has been in existence 60 years and has showed a steady growth, while other libraries in surrounding communities have closed. The B. R. Public Library currently serves a population of over 13,000 from Tilton to South River. Of that population, almost 7,500 are registered library patrons which includes 4,000 from the Bay Roberts area, 1,200 from Tilton to Spaniard's Bay, 1,300 from North River to South River, and 1,000 from areas outside our region. The Bay Roberts Public Library provides many valuable programs to area residents including public access to computers. The Board feels that the library will be adversely affected by this proposed re-location and requests Councils support in keeping the library in Bay Roberts.

Mr. Jenkins commented on old records showing how local residents took it upon themselves to establish a library in our community and, after purchasing a building, then entered into the public library system. Also, he felt it a shame that consideration is being given to take the library from a growing community.

Letter received from Mr. John White regarding the Bay Roberts Public Library. On behalf of the Provincial Public Library Board, Mr. White advised that re-location of the Bay Roberts Public Library is an option that is being considered due to the cost saving potential of \$58,000.00 a year. Mr. White stated that if the move proved to be detrimental to the library, such as circulation dropping off, then the issue would be re-visited and funding saved by the move would be used to acquire space in Bay Roberts. Lease on the current location is up in September and Mr. White suggested that Council and individuals should make their feelings known regarding this possible move by writing or e-mailing the Prov. Public Library Board.

Mayor Littlejohn thanked all for their comments and advised that Council will make a response regarding this matter and also, will request a meeting with the Executive and Chair of the Provincial Public Library Board.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Page 1. Councillor Mercer asked the Fire Chief for an update regarding his talk with residents of Delaney's Road about the proposed fire training facility on the Delfre Race Track.

Fire Chief Russell advised that he spoke with X regarding their concerns and assumed from the conversations that they were satisfied with the proposed fire training facility location.

It was decided to write X and advise them that Council understands that their concerns have been addressed satisfactorily by the Fire Chief and Town Manager.

Page 2. Councillor Mercer asked if Councillor Seymour has arranged a meeting between the Tourism Committee, Green Committee, Gaia and the Town of Spaniard's Bay regarding future Arney's Pond projects.

Councillor Seymour advised that he will speak with X tomorrow and will then call Councillor Mercer to set a date for the meeting.

Page 3. Councillor Greenland asked if the Town Manager had looked into arranging a meeting between Public Works Committee, Dept. of Works, Services & Transportation and Mr. X., regarding concerns of residents of Goose Pond Road.

It was decided that the Public Works Committee will review this matter and make a recommendation regarding same.

Page 3. Councillor Greenland advised that a meeting between property owners of Arney's Pond Road will be arranged for Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, by the Planning & Development Committee.

Page 5. Councillor Mercer asked if a copy of Mayor Littlejohn's letter to Mr. Manning regarding the two Russian vessels docked at the community wharf, was sent to the Bay Roberts Harbour Authority.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that a portion of the letter to Mr. Manning contained other financial information not privy to the Harbour Authority, however, a severed copy on the letter will be forwarded to Mr. X of the Bay Roberts Harbour Authority.

Page 5. Town Manager advised that nothing has been decided regarding allocation of federal gas tax funding.

Page 6. Councillor Mercer inquired if Councillor Seymour had made the \$500.00 donation presentation at the Run for the Janeway event this past weekend.

Councillor Seymour advised that he was out of town at the time and the \$500.00 donation was included on his pledge sheet and passed in by his son. Councillor Seymour will contact Mr. Roland Butler tomorrow regarding same.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Councillor Brown that next year a formal presentation will be made directly to the Run for the Janeway providing the event continues to take place.

Motion Carried.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

### **General Business**

Copy of letter to Mr. Barry Butt, Dept. of Government Service and Lands, from Mr. Bill Dawe, President, CBN ATV Association Inc., was tabled. Mr. Dawe spoke on behalf of the Assoc., and outlined their proposal to designate the Conception Bay branch line has an ATV trail. He noted that the Assoc., became an official corporation on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and their main objectives are to promote safety, education, proper use of ATV's and tourism. Also, they would like to do upgrading and maintenance on the proposed trail. The Assoc., are currently seeking the support of all councils from Brigus Junction to Carbonear and, at this time, are asking for a letter of recognition from Bay Roberts and also, an alternate route to be established through this town.

It was decided that the Planning & Development Committee will be asked to meet with the Association for further discussions and recommendations.

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Letter received for Mr. X advising of his proposal to develop a subdivision at 38-44 Arney's Pond Road.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Yetman that Mr. X's proposal be referred to the Planning & Development Committee and also, to the Public Works Committee, for further review.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Greenland asked that a reminder be left in the minutes regarding contact being made with the developers of Valleyview Subdivision and Marina Place to have ownership of the proposed green spaces formally transferred to the Town.

Letter received from Herbal Magic seeking permission to open a business at 114 Conception Bay Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given to Herbal Magic to operate at the above-noted site, subject to Municipal Development Regulations and all other departments.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Murray Smith, Avalon Community Counselling, requesting permission to open a clinic in the Paddock building, 38-40 C. B. Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that approval be given to Avalon Community Counselling, subject to Municipal Development Regulations and all other departments.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. X on behalf of Ms. X, 187 Water Street, expressing objection to a crown land application by Harbour International Limited.

Letter received from Mr. X, Water Street Variety, also, expressing objection to the crown land application by Harbour International Limited.

Both letters to be placed on file.

Letter received from Mr. Clyde D. Wells, Mariner Resource Opportunities Network Inc., addressing issues raised in our correspondence of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Wells states, with respect to office space, their tender was for office space in the Carbonear area but not restricted to the Town of Carbonear and also, if Council has any further questions, to please feel free to contact them by telephone.

It was decided the Town Clerk will call M-RON and extend an invitation to Mr. George Parsons and Mr. Clyde Wells to attend a future council meeting. Also, enquire if the deadline for tendering of office space is past, and if so, would consideration be giving to re-tendering so all communities within the M-Ron zone, will have equal opportunity to provide office space.

Letter received from the Ms. X, Baccalieu Trail Tourism Association, seeking corporate sponsorship for the 2006 Cultural Careers Conference and Showcase.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Mercer that Ms. X's request be referred to the Finance Committee for further review.  
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. X, Newfoundland & Labrador Police Curling Association, seeking financial support for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Benefit Hockey Game.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Mercer that Mr. X's request be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.  
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. X, Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation, seeking sponsorship of a tree in memory and in honour of children who are associated with the hospital.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Ms. X's request be referred to the Finance Committee for further review.  
Motion Carried.

Letter and grant application, received from Ms. X Trask, Marketing Manager for the Amazing Persona, regarding the Community Investment Program.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Ms. X's correspondence be referred to the Economic Development, Tourism & Recreation Dept. for review and application.  
Motion Carried.

Financial Statement and letter advising of election of officers, received from Mr. X, Secretary, The Bay Arena.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given to the 2005 Financial Statement and the newly elected officers for the Bay Arena Association.  
Motion Carried.

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Letter received from Minister John Ottenheimer, Dept., of Health and Community Services, advising of a public consultation on a Provincial Healthy Aging Framework being held in Carbonear on March 24<sup>th</sup> and also, a full day provincial forum on June 7<sup>th</sup> in St. John's.

Town Clerk is to find out more information regarding schedule and time.

Letter received from Mr. Paul Temple, Pelmorex Communications Inc., regarding an all channel alert proposal to the CRTC.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Yetman that Mr. Temple's letter to be placed on file.

Motion Carried.

InfoNote received from NFLM regarding an Avalon Regional Meeting being held at Old Perlican on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It was noted that the meeting was canceled due to stormy weather and will be re-scheduled at a later date.

InfoNote received from NFLM advising of upcoming events, policy notes and member connections.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Littlejohn presented a report on his activities and meetings held on behalf of Council from February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>. Copy of report to be placed on file.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Tourism / Heritage**

Councillor Mercer tabled Heritage Advisory Board minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the Railway Station at the Recreation Complex. The Board recommends the following: (1) the deck be repaired as it could become a liability issue in its present state, (2) repair any damaged clapboard and windows, (3) restore the building to its original CN colors and place a sign on the building, as it was originally, denoting it as the Bay Roberts Railway Station, (4) use the building for temporary storage until alternative plans can be devised, and (5) set up a meeting with all interested parties to discuss and determine possible innovative uses for the facility.

Councillor Brown noted that there are slides available which show the railway station being moved to its present location, while still with its original exterior.

Councillor Mercer stated that the Bay Roberts Heritage Society and Friends of the Museum expressed gratitude for financial support for the archivists salary and continued cooperation from Council.

Councillor Yetman noted on behalf of the Recreation Committee that if repairs are to be carried out on the railway building, they need to be done expediently and also, funding for this work show be looked into.

### **Planning & Development**

Councillor Greenland tabled Planning & Development Committee minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>. Copy of minutes to be placed on file.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Yetman that the proposed amendment to Land Use Zoning, Subdivision and Advertisement Regulations, pertaining to non conforming roads, be accepted as presented and placed in an index binder to be made available at council meetings.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that a cost analysis be looked into regarding a feasibility study for municipal infrastructure capacity.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Yetman that the request by residents of Randilyn Place for snow clearing of their road, be denied. This road does not meet municipal regulations and a copy of the new regulations pertaining to non conforming roads, be given to X.

Motion Carried.

### **Economic Development**

Councillor Brown noted that two meetings have taken place since the last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday , March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and at that time, Persona will give a video presentation of our new business cd card. All council members are welcome to attend.

### **Green Committee**

Councillor Yetman noted that MMSB has agreed to attend a future committee meeting with a date is to be settled on.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Russell advised that a meeting of the newly formed Bay de Grave Fire Protection Board is scheduled for tomorrow night in North River. Their objective is to have a fire station established in the South River area. Fire Chief Russell noted that he has drafted a Mutual aid Agreement between the Bay de Grave Fire Protection Board and the Bay Roberts Fire Dept.

The agreement is that both parties will get together on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss progress by the Bay de Grave F. P. B. in obtaining funding from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

Fire Chief Russell advised that a meeting took place between the Port de Grave Harbour Authority and boat owners regarding fire safety regulations. Fire Chief Russell recommends fire protection invoices be issued to boat owners.

### **Wetlands**

Councillor Seymour noted that funding for the Wetlands booklet, "River meets the sea", may soon be available.

### **Notices of Motion**

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Greenland that part 2 of the Council Travel Policy be adopted with the following addition to out-of-province travel: any travel becoming necessary within the 4 week period is to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Yetman that a copy of the entire Council Travel Policy be made available to council & staff.  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.  
Motion Carried.

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Glenn Littlejohn  
Mayor

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Shirley Hawe  
Town Clerk