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The Fortieth 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 Bill Seymour
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe

Also present, Ms. Lillian Simmons (the Compass) and Mr. David Fitzpatrick.

Councillor Dennis Brown and Councillor Walter Yetman were absence.

Regular meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the special meeting minutes of April 25th, 2006, and regular meeting minutes of April 25th, 2006, which have been circulated with the agenda.

Page 1. Councillor Mercer, being absence at last meeting, asked for clarification regarding the Planning & Development Committee request for written comments from individual councillors regarding pavement and sidewalks for new subdivisions.

Councillor Mercer advised that a report will be given on the Port Readiness Workshop after Councillor Brown returns from vacation.

Page 2. Councillor Mercer asked that , L & R Construction, provide a written report on the structural integrity of the old railway station building.

Town Clerk will contact Mr. regarding same.

Councillor Greenland, being absence at last meeting, inquired about the sale of town owned land at Delaney's Avenue, Shearstown.

Mayor Littlejohn noted that new information was presented at last meeting and it was decided to ask the Planning & Development Committee to further review this matter.

Page 6. Deputy Mayor Walsh asked if contact had been made with a Cleary's Road resident regarding Mr. x request to have Cleary's Road Extension made a one way street.

Councillor Greenland will follow up with Director Delaney and Town Manager regarding this matter.

Page 7. Deputy Mayor Walsh asked that the notice of motion regarding the proposed public consultation for a multiplex recreation facility be deferred to the next meeting of council.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that both sets of minutes be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

General Business

Letter received from Mr. John White, Provincial Information and Library Resources Board, providing the required specifications for a new space for the Bay Roberts Public Library.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mercer that the Request for Information specifications be referred to Director Delaney for review and consideration.

Motion Carried.

Copy of letter from M.H.A. Roland Butler to Minister Jack Byrne outlining support of the request for special funding for the construction of a smoke hose and training facility for the Bay Roberts Fire Department. (Letter to be placed on file)

Letter received from Mr. Raymond Tuck, Mariner Resource Opportunities Network Inc., advising that the Board has decided to accept the bid for office space from Bourne's Electric Motor & Pump Reconditioning Ltd. Also, Mr. Tuck will be attending our next meeting on May 23rd. (Letter to be placed on file)

Letter received from Mr. Raymond Tuck, M-RON, advising of a Seniors Symposium workshop on June 5th at the Knights of Columbus in Carbonear. (Letter to be placed on file)

Notice received from M-RON advising that they are accepting nominations for both Volunteer of the Year 2006 and Youth Volunteer of the Year 2006.

It was decided that if anyone has any suggestions, they contact Director Delaney or Program Officer Flynn with details for submission.

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Letter received from Mr. x requesting the installation of culverts at 17 Payne's Road, Butlerville.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that Mr. x's request be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. x requesting the installation of culverts at 33 Shearstown Road.

It was moved by Councillor Seymour and seconded by Councillor Greenland that Mr. x's request be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Port de Grave Progressive Conservative Association advising of a fund-raising luncheon on Saturday, May 13th at the Anglican Church Hall, Coley's Point.

It was decided that 1 ticket will be purchased and also, Deputy Mayor Walsh will bring greetings.

Residential Building Application received from Mr. x.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Mercer that approval be given to Mr. x to build a residence at Badcock Boulevard, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Commercial Renovations Application received from x for Sobey's Inc., 239A Conception Bay Highway.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given to x to carry out renovations for Sobey's Inc., 239A C. B. Highway, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. X requesting financial assistance for local area members of a Newfoundland Novice Select Team with Extreme Hockey players to attend a Novice AAA Tournament in Moncton, New Brunswick.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mercer that Ms. x's request will be referred to the Finance Committee for review.

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Letter received from Mr. E.P . Deslauriers, Commanding Officer, HMCS St. John's, requesting financial support for the 2006 Run The Rock for the Newfoundland and Labrador Children's Wish Foundation.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the HMCS St. John's request be referred to the Finance Committee for further review.
Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. Dominique Lemieux, Director, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, advising that June 21st is National Aboriginal Day.

It was decided that the product order form for Nation Aboriginal Day will be displayed at the desk for public consideration.

Information received from NLFM regarding Municipal Awareness Day on May 15th.

It was decided that Coley's Point Primary and All Hallows Elementary will be contacted regarding a mock council meeting for Municipal Awareness Day on May 15th, also, Program Officer Flynn be asked to check on poster contests for area schools.

Letter received from FCM advising that the Green Municipal Fund has a new funding opportunity for the remediation of brownfield sites.

It was decided that Director Delaney is to check the FCM's Centre for Sustainable Community Development website for further information and place his findings in each councillor slot. The deadline for submission of the Intent to Apply for the Requests for Proposals is May 31st.

Members' Advisory received from FCM regarding the recent federal budget being good news for municipal governments. (Letter to be placed on file)

Letter received from Mayor Woodrow French seeking support for his nomination for Rural Director on the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Councillor Mercer will take voting direction from council after all those seeking support have notified us.

Committee Reports

Tourism

Councillor Mercer tabled the Tourism Marketing Committee minutes of May 1st.

- ? Design work progressing on the Tourism pamphlet
- ? Discussions on the Farmers Market proposal

Other items -

- ? Friends of the Museum will be meeting on Thursday
- ? Pigeon Inlet Steering Committee will be meeting Monday regarding the proposed location sites
- ? Attempted vandalism at the Visitor's Pavilion

It was decided that Municipal Enforcement Officer Bowering and the R.C.M.P. be asked to make increased after hour patrols of the Visitor's Pavilion. Also, the possibility of erecting fencing or gates be looked into.

Councillor Greenland inquired about the Farmers Market proposal.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that a meeting took place with representatives of the Farmers Co-operative and more information is required before a letter of support is issued.

Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that with respect to the suggestion by Mr. x that green rotating lights be given to volunteer firefighters for their private vehicles, a process must be worked thru with regard to provincial regulations, Fire Commissioner regulations and provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

Municipal Enforcement

Deputy Mayor Walsh tabled Municipal Enforcement Committee minutes of April 25th and a draft copy of the Dog / Animal Regulations for review.

Two letters regarding property clean up were tabled.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mercer that the owner(s) of 308-308 Conception Bay Highway be given written notice to either repair or demolish their dilapidated building. They are requested to have the work commenced by no later than thirty days after receipt of said notice.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the owner(s) of 18A Mercer's Cove be given written notice to either repair or demolish their dilapidated shed. They are requested to have the work commenced by no later than thirty days after receipt of said notice. If this request is not complied with, the shed will be removed and all associated costs will be at the owner(s) expense.

Motion Carried.

UMC

Deputy Mayor Walsh tabled UMC Committee meeting minutes of May 5th & 6th at Deer Lake. Highlights as follows:

- ? Update on Municipal Ticketing
- ? Gas Tax
- ? Presentation by Gerard Lewis regarding NLMEB Inc. Pension Plan
- ? Presentation by Robert Ball - Winter Games
- ? UMC Questionnaire

Town Manager will complete questionnaire.

Wetlands

Councillor Seymour tabled the Shearstown Estuary Joint Management Committee minutes of March 8th. Highlights as follows:

- ? Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- ? Treasurer's Report
- ? Suggestions to Improve the Booklet "The Shearstown Estuary; Where the River Meets the Sea"
- ? Public Presentation
- ? Community Cleanup on June 24th with BBQ
- ? Draft of Habitat Conservation Plan
- ? Ascension Collegiate Sewage Treatment System
- ? Ecoaction Funding Application and other Funding Sources

Stewardship Association of Municipalities next meeting will be held June 2nd & 3rd in Gander.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Mercer that approval be given for Councillor Seymour to attend the SAM Spring meeting in Gander.

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Councillor Mercer noted that he will be attending, along with Director Delaney, a luncheon with the Minister of Tourism at the Battery Hotel next Thursday, May 18th.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Glenn Littlejohn
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk