

The Forty-Ninth 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 Mercer
Councillor Gerald Greenland
Councillor Dennis Brown
Councillor Walter Yetman
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
Director Ron Delaney

Also, present, Ms. Lillian Simmons (the Compass), Ms. Cynthia Belbin and Mr. Jeff Belbin.

Meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there are any errors or omissions to the minutes of September 26th, 2006, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Page 3. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted that Mr. X protested and not requested a green space for Marina Place.

Councillor Mercer advised that the Tourism Beautification Sub-Committee has found that the proposed green space area for Marina Place is not suitable for anything but greening and a park bench.

Councillor Yetman presented an information package from the NLFM Convention regarding the Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement.

Mayor Littlejohn thanked council, spouses and staff for volunteering at the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation Telethon.

Mayor Littlejohn asked that committee budget submissions be broken out into 2 separate sections: capital expenses and operating maintenance expenses.

Page 5. Councillor Mercer noted that the old railway station building has not been designated a municipal historic structure by council.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. X for his business proposal and 21 page report on the future impact of tourism on the Town in 2010.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the minutes of September 26th, 2006, be approved with amendments.

Motion Carried.

General Business

Letter received from Minister John Hickey, Department of Transportation & Works, advising that the Department's position remains firm regarding the three options that were put forward in February 2006 to alleviate problems associated with development off Route 70.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that this issue will continue to be worked on.

Letter and petition received from residents of Mission Lane suggesting that Mission Lane be changed back to a dead end street. Ms. X reiterated the concerns of residents.

Ms. Cynthia Belbin and Mr. Jeff Belbin left the Chambers.

Letter received from Mr. X requesting a street light be installed near 29 French's Cove.

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

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. X requesting that Mr. X adhere to all conditions applying to his permit including that "a row of mature evergreen trees be planted along the boundary between the two properties". Also, the electric light on the south exterior wall of Mr. X's garage shines directly into his house and is creating a nuisance.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the Town Manager ask Mr. X to adhere to the stipulations applying to his permit and also, to shade the electric light that is adversely affecting Mr. X's quality of life.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. X, Bay de Grave Fire Protection Committee, advising that the Committee, including the Town of Cupids, have ratified a proposal to Minister Jack Byrne, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, requesting their area be declared a region, with its own fire hall and brigade.

It was decided that a copy of Ms. X's letter be forwarded to the Bay Roberts Fire Department.

Letter and proclamation received from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration advising that Canada's Citizenship Week will be held October 16th - 22nd.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that Mayor Littlejohn sign the proclamation and also, a copy of the letter and signed proclamation be sent to area schools.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Ms. X seeking permission to operate a private home care agency from 16-18 Farm Road Extension.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Ms. X publish in the Compass, her request to operate a private home care agency from 16-18 Farm Road Extension.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence received from Mr. X, Harris & Associates, regarding interest by a third party in developing a 50 acre parcel of land east of first pond in Shearstown

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that Mr. X's correspondence be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Application received from Ms. X seeking permission to construct and operate a daycare center, (Play & Learn Preschool), at 25 Cleary's Road.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Yetman that Ms. X's request be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for further review.

Motion Carried.

Application received from Mr. X seeking permission to construct a 2 unit residential dwelling at 57A Cross Road.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman and seconded by Councillor Seymour that approval be given Mr. X's application, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments. Also, water and sewer services will not be provided until early spring 2007.

Motion Carried.

Application received from Mr. X seeking permission to construct a residential dwelling at Playground Road.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman and seconded by Councillor Greenland that approval be given Mr. X's application, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments. Also, Mr. X will be responsible for any road upgrades required as per town development regulations. No further development will occur beyond Mr. X's lot, until a development plan is submitted for council approval.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence received from the Municipal Assessment Agency advising that the 2007 assessment notices were mailed on October 6th. Also included, is information on understanding property assessments.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that the W. C. Properties commercial building application be added to the agenda.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Greenland that new items be added to the agenda, at councils discretion, at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that approval be given to W. C. Properties, as per their submitted plans, and also, subject to all Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments.

Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Tourism

Councillor Mercer tabled minutes of September 11th. Highlights as follows:

- ? the information sign is too close to the Visitor's Pavilion and not allowing enough time to acknowledge it and to turn into the building.

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It was decided that Director Delaney will look into having the information sign moved back.

? there is insufficient signage in the town leading to Mad Rock and the walking trail.

It was decided that the Heritage Advisory Board will be asked to check into appropriate signage.

? Beautification Committee expressed concern with lack of fall maintenance for the planters, flowers, shrubs and trees and recommends a realignment of summer staffing.

It was decided that Director Delaney will look into this in the spring.

Councillor Mercer tabled for review, the Pigeon Inlet Steering Committee minutes of October 2nd. Also, the Friends of the Museum will be hosting the official opening of the Military Exhibit on Thursday, November 2nd at 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Mercer presented a report on Port Development Potential in the Town of Bay Roberts. The report recommends the following: (1) a councillor become a member of the Board of Directors for the Bay Roberts Harbour Authority; (2) further research the advantages / disadvantages of establishing a Port Authority for the Town; and, (3) seek legal advise.

Councillor Brown gave a notice of motion that the above noted recommendations be accepted.

Planning & Development

Councillor Greenland tabled minutes of October 3rd.

? draft copy of subdivision regulations will be forthcoming.

? recommends that a meeting should be set up with highway officials regarding transfer of land near new business park.

Mayor Littlejohn noted that an update will be given at a later date on the crown land and highway's land issue.

Director's Report

Director Delaney presented a report on the Economic Developers Association of Canada Conference held at Thunder Bay, Ontario, which he attended in September. Also, the Visitor's Pavilion will be open until early January 2007.

UMC

Deputy Mayor Walsh reported that it may take another 16 - 18 months before the municipal ticketing process is completed.

Disciplinary

Councillor Yetman tabled a mission statement which outlines the mandate of the Disciplinary Committee. Also tabled, a copy of the letter which will be issued to anyone committing a vandalism or verbal abuse offence.

Economic Development

Councillor Brown tabled a detailed report to consider the Town as a Port of Call for the cruise line industry. The report recommends the following: (1) set in motion the process of forming a cruise committee; (2) become a member of the Cruise Association of NL; and, (3) send a delegate(s) to the Exploration Cruise Forum being held at the Fairmont Hotel on October 25th - 27th.

Councillor Brown made a notice of motion that recommendations 1 and 2 be accepted.

Mayor Littlejohn advised that consideration will be given to recommendation 3.

Councillor Brown tabled a response to the Community Accounts Statistics. It is suggested that when combining areas by postal code, consideration should be given to the geographical location of towns and municipalities. Also, the Rural Secretariat contains misleading information.

Mayor Littlejohn will forward a copy of the response report and concerns with the Rural Secretariat to Mr. X, Community Accounts Unit, NL Statistics Agency.

Executive

Mayor Littlejohn noted that the agreement between the Town and the Bay Roberts Heritage Society regarding the Cable Building will be presented prior to the next meeting.

Meeting will take place tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Fabian Manning, M.P.

Notices of Motion

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Seymour the Snow Clearing Regulations, Snow Clearing Policy and Snow Clearing Damage Policy be accepted at the next meeting of council. A copy be given to Works Superintendent and reviewed by Public Works Committee and also, displayed at front desk.

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Seymour advised that he has been informed by Mr. X and Mr. X and that they are not interested at this time in purchasing the land behind their properties at Delaney's Road, Shearstown. Also, Councillor Seymour could not find the documents on the land, however, they are supposed to be in St. John's.

Councillor Seymour inquired if invoices were issued and payment received for cleaning up two specific properties.

Town Manager advised that we received two freezers in lieu of payment for one property clean up and the other property owner has until December 31st before invoice is past due.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councillor Mercer and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Glenn Littlejohn
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk