

The Fifty-Fifth meeting of the Fourteenth Town Council was held in the Town Hall with the following in attendance :

Mayor Wilbur Sparkes
Deputy Mayor Glenn Littlejohn
Councillor Perry Bowering
Councillor Dennis Brown
Councillor Bill Seymour
Town Manager Edwin Fradsham
Town Clerk Shirley Hawe
Director of Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism Ron Delaney
Program Officer Ian Flynn

Also present, Recreation Committee members: Ms. Carla Badcock, Ms. Marlene Petten & Mr. Chris Dawe.

Special meeting commenced at 6:40 p.m.

Ian gave a presentation focusing on what the Recreation Department has achieved over the last four years, projects they are currently working on and what they see as future needs for our town

Ms. Carla Badcock spoke on the Recreation Committee volunteer members role being a voice for the citizens and assisting the staff in setting and implementing goals and objectives.

Mr. Chris Dawe spoke on the Recreation Departments present and future needs. Mr. Dawe gave a breakdown of the recreation areas in our municipality and the associated costs needed to cover upgrades to existing areas and to purchase and equip future areas.

Regular meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Greenland arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Also present, Mr. Philip Clarke, Mr. Lamonte Stagg and Mr. Albert Wilson.

Ron gave a presentation on the Klondyke Concert 2005 and asked for approval to proceed with preparations for Klondyke Concert 2005.

It was moved by Councillor Bowering and seconded by Councillor Greenland to proceed with negotiations and preparations for Klondyke Concert 2005.

Motion Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

D. M. Littlejohn re: Council Priorities Action List.

Councillor Concerns:

Councillor Seymour re: (1) Paving in Shearstown (2) Tim Horton Drive-thru

Mayor Sparkes asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of October 26th, 2004, which has been circulated in the agenda.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

Councillor Greenland asked that the garbage schedule issue be looked into.

Councillor Brown advised that the Economic Conference took place in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and not Halifax as recorded in the minutes.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by D. M. Littlejohn that an amendment be made striking the property clean up stipulation from the motion which gave approval to Batten's Warehouse Limited for the placement of a portable building at 312 Conception Bay Highway. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that the stipulation be struck out and the new motion is to state that approval be given to Batten's Warehouse Limited for the placement of a portable building to be situated on their property adjacent to the existing Batten's Retail Outlet, subject to all other regulatory departments. Motion Carried.

Councillor Greenland advised that Mr. & Mrs. Everett Mercer would like to discuss with Council the issue surrounding a letter which was presented to Ms. Kim French.

D. M. Littlejohn advised that he had spoken with Mr. & Mrs. Mercer and they were satisfied with the results of the investigation carried out by Mr. Delaney. However, D. M. Littlejohn will contact Mr. & Mrs. Mercer again to confirm this.

Councillor Brown inquired if Mr. John Moore, Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, has been contacted regarding pension allotment for Council members.

D. M. Littlejohn will continue to seek information regarding this matter.

Councillor Greenland inquired if Mr. Geoff Atkinson has been contacted regarding clean up of his building on the corner of Neck Road and Love Street.

Town Manager is still looking into this matter.

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Mayor Sparkes asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of November 2nd, 2004, which has been circulated with the agenda.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

It was moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the motion regarding the suspension of Ms. Kim French from the swimming pool because of her attendance record, be ratified.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Seymour that the motion regarding the request of Mr. Philip Clarke to purchase a parcel of Town owned land, be ratified.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Brown advised that a meeting with the Heritage Advisory Board and the Bay Roberts Heritage Society has not yet been arranged.

Councillor Bowering asked to go on record to say that in reference to the Batten's Warehouse Limited application, he does not want to turn off any potential business from our Town, however, he would like to see an expedient clean up of the Batten property.

General Business

Letter received from Mr. Chris Coombs asking if a farmer has the right to block access to a path in the Country Road pasture.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Mr. Coombs be advised that the area in question is beyond municipal control and that he should contact the Dept of Agriculture and/or Crown Lands regarding this matter.

Motion Carried.

Sketch received from Norman & Parsons Surveys Ltd. showing a compiled view of the beach area in front of the Gus Fitzpatrick and Wayne Parsons Arney's Pond Road properties, along with the armor stone retaining wall and the high water line as of September 24th, 2004.

It was decided that the Town Manager will contact the proper authorities to determine the accepted boundary for the high water mark and the reservations required around oceans.

Letter received from Mr. Robert Carter, Concord, Mass., USA, advising that he would like to go on record in favour of retaining the Heritage land of Bay Roberts East and in preventing it from being developed for any use except open land.

It was moved by D. M. Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor Seymour that Mr. Carter's letter be placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from Mr. Patrick J. Coffey seeking financial assistance to help offset the costs associated with his trip to Germany for World Youth Day 2005.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Bowering that Mr. Coffey's request be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion Carried.

Letter received from the Gov't of NL, Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, extending an invitation to participate in a regional consultation meeting regarding the development of a provincial recreation policy.

It was decided that D. M. Littlejohn will attend this meeting.

Letter received from Mr. Robert Giannou, President of TARGA Newfoundland, requesting a meeting with Council to discuss TARGA 2004 and to discuss the TARGA 2005 plans.

It was decided to refer Mr. Giannou's letter to the Director of Development, Tourism & Recreation for further review.

Letter received from Mr. Conrad Maillet, Campus Administrator, College of the North Atlantic, requesting a letter of support of the College to the White Paper Commission.

It was moved by Councillor Greenland and seconded by Councillor Brown that Mr. Maillet's request be referred to the Executive Committee of Council for further review.

Motion Carried.

Invitation received from the Baccalieu Trail Board of Trade Inc. inviting Council members to attend their annual general meeting on November 22nd at Fong's Restaurant, Carbonear.

It was decided that the invitation be placed on file.

Minutes of the October 28th, 2004 meeting of the Conception Bay North Joint Councils Association were presented.

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The Conception Bay North Joint Councils Association Christmas Dinner will be held at the L.O.L. Hall, Clarke's Beach, on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the revised Atlantic Accord Protection background information was presented and placed on file.

D. M. Littlejohn presented the Priorities Action List. The top five action items are:

1. Heritage Area Settled / Waterfront Properties / Further Development / Klondyke
2. Business / Industrial Park
3. Further develop our Recreation Services (More Programs, New Complex, New Green Spaces)
4. Work on Developing a Plan to attract New Business / Medical Services to the Community
5. The development of a plan to install curbing & sidewalks throughout the town.

Committee Reports

Councillor Brown presented a report on the Economic Conference he attended on October 16 - 19, 2004 at Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Topics covered:

- the importance of every community having a five year economic development plan
- identifying community needs
- building strategies to promote these needs
- evaluating these strategies on a regular basis
- the China issue
- community profiling
- procedure for investors
- global competition is a reality

Councillor Concerns

Councillor Bowering gave an update on the clean up of the Ken House property. Environmental enforcement officer, Mr. Gerald Simms, visited Mr. House's property on Monday, November 8th, and he will have documentation hand-delivered to Mr. House giving him thirty days from that date to have his property cleaned up or court action will be taken.

Councillor Seymour inquired as to when the paving will be completed in areas of Shearstown.

Town Manager advised that this matter is being looked into.

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Councillor Seymour suggested that a thank-you letter be sent to Mr. Adrian Simmonds, Tim

Horton's, for extending the drive-thru lane as he was requested to do.

It was moved by Councillor Bowering and seconded by Councillor Greenland that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Wilbur Sparkes
Mayor

Shirley Hawe
Town Clerk