

The Ninety-Third meeting of the Fifteenth Town Council of the Town of Bay Roberts took place in the Town Hall, Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 5:05 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  
                                Compass Correspondent Lillian Simmons

### **Minutes**

Mayor Littlejohn asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular and special meetings of November 25, 2008, which had been circulated with the agenda.

Discussion and update regarding the following:

- ▶ Injured worker informed Works Superintendent this morning before work started that he is not capable of carrying out assigned duties. Works Superintendent advised injured worker that there are no other duties available for him. Injured worker advised that he will seek an appointment with his doctor and he then left the work site.
- ▶ Re: Ongoing burning of rubbish at the property of x, C. B. Access Road.  
Matter to be looked into further and clarification of Dept. of Environment's existing regulations will be obtained.
- ▶ Re: Repairs to bridge leading to Trinity United Church cemetery.  
Engineering report is submitted to government for approval.
- ▶ Re: x request to operate a small business enterprise.

### **Motion 2008 - 483 - Greenland/Seymour**

Resolved that approval be given to x, as per submitted application, to operate a small gas engine repair shop and domestic plumbing service and repair from their existing building situated opposite of 133-135 South Road, Coley's Point, subject to all

Municipal Development Regulations and all other regulatory departments and subject to no written objections or representations being received prior to 12 noon, Friday, December 12, 2008.

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.

Deputy Mayor Walsh took Chair at 5:15 p.m.

- ▶ It was noted that the Lions Santa Claus Parade was well attended and very successful.
- ▶ Town Manager advised that x withdrew their application to include a second storey unto their recently approved building extension at 225 C. B. Highway.

Mayor Littlejohn resumed Chair at 5:25 p.m.

**Motion 2008 - 484 - Mercer/Walsh**

Resolved that approval be given to purchase from Eastcan Fire Equipment Limited, N.B., a refurbished 1992 Thibotrac Rescue vehicle, for a total amount of \$130,057.50, including HST and bank charges.

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.

- ▶ Registered letter issued to x regarding removal of a privacy fence at 14-16 Delaney's Avenue, Shearstown.
- ▶ Registered letter issued to x, regarding outstanding municipal taxes.
- ▶ Town Manager contacted Morrow & Morrow Law Firm regarding land expropriation at C. B Access Road.

**Motion 2008 - 485 - Seymour/Mercer**

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2008, be adopted 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.

**Motion 2008 - 486 - Yetman/Greenland**

Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of November 25, 2008 be adopted 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.

**New Business**

**Motion 2008 - 487 - Walsh/Mercer**

Resolved that November 2008 Accounts Payable be approved.

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.

Deputy Mayor Walsh took Chair at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Littlejohn presented the 2009 Budget. Highlights as follows:

- ◆ No increase for residential and commercial property mil rate
- ◆ An increase of \$25.00 for residential water & sewer tax (\$325.00 to \$350.00)

- ◆ An increase of \$100.00 for residential building permits (\$200.00 to \$300.00)
- ◆ An increase of \$400.00 for residential water and sewer connection fee (\$800.00 to \$1,200.00)
- ◆ An increase in some general repairs, sheds and garage permits.
- ◆ An increase of \$50.00 for Flat Business Tax (\$150.00 to \$200.00).
- ◆ An increase of 2 mils for General Business Tax (10 mils to 12 mils).
- ◆ An increase of 10 mils for Financial Institutions Business Tax (90 mils to 100 mils).
- ◆ An increase of \$200.00 for the minimum commercial rate on new construction (\$300.00 to \$500.00) for projects valued less than \$150,000.00; and, on commercial projects valued more than \$150,000.00, it will be based on ½ of 1% of assessed value
- ◆ Request to borrow \$700,000.00 for a Municipal Capital Program
- ◆ The 2009 Budget for the Town of Bay Roberts is \$5,301,087.25

**Motion 2008 - 488 - Greenland/Yetman**

Resolved that Budget 2009 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.

Mayor Littlejohn resumed Chair at 5:55 p.m.

Written documentation has been received from x indicating his ownership of land at C. B. Access Road.

**Motion 2008 - 489 - Seymour/Greenland**

Resolved that proceedings be initiated to purchase from x, said land situated at C. B. Access Road, Bay Roberts.

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.

Season's Greetings and best wishes for the new year were exchanged by all.

**Adjournment**

**Motion 2008 - 490 - Seymour/Walsh**

Resolved that the meeting do now adjourn at 6:10 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.

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Glenn Littlejohn  
Mayor

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Shirley Hawe  
Town Clerk