

Town of Bishop's Falls
Public Council Meeting No. 1302
February 21, 2012 @ 7:00 pm
Council Chambers

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on February 21, 2012 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett
Councillor P. Budgell, Absent
Councillor R. Canning
Councillor A. Hynes
Councillor F. Mills

Angela Crant, Town Clerk

Item 2: Opening Prayer

Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 26/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1302 as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1300.

Motion 27/2012 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes

To adopt the minutes for Public Meeting No. 1300 as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1300.

Deputy Mayor Tremblett enquired if TRACT has been contracting to carry out the Municipal Plan. Mayor Hobbs advised that the Gas Tax was approved today, and upon notice, TRACT was contacted to initiate the project.

Item 6: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1301.

Motion 28/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Hynes

To adopt the minutes for Public Meeting No. 1301 as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 7: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1301.

Deputy Mayor Tremblett enquired if there were any concerns by property owners in regards to the taxes imposed on vacant lands. Mayor Hobbs stated that to his knowledge there has been limited feedback.

Item 8: Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

8.1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 42 (JAN 24, 2012)

8.1.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Mills, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on January 24, 2012.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Mayor Hobbs commented on the amount of enthusiastic participation for the newly formed Fallsvue Festival Committee.

8.2 COMMUNITY RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 43 (JAN 31, 2012)

8.2.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Mills, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on January 31, 2012.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillor Canning enquired what furnishings were requested by the Heritage Committee, and if they were in receipt of the items. The Town Clerk advised that various furnishings were requested, and a letter advising the Heritage Committee that the furnishings were available, was mailed on January 25, 2012. No response to date. It was noted that all clothing was removed from the Heritage Building and is currently being stored at the Town Hall.

8.3 COMMUNITY RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 44 (Feb 2, 2012)

8.3.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Mills, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on February 2, 2012.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Attendees were omitted from the minutes of February 2, 2012.

Councillor Canning asked if nominations for Civic Awards could be more easily accessible through an online application, as it is a time consuming process. Administration will research this request.

8.4 COMMUNITY RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 45 (Feb 9, 2012)

8.4.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Mills, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on February 9, 2012.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillors agreed that Mayor Hobbs contact representatives of the Bishop's Falls Lions Club and Bishop's Falls Day Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the annual Civic Awards Ceremony so that both events happen on the same day.

8.5 PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 298 (Feb 2, 2012)

8.5.1 Chairperson's Report

Deputy Mayor Tremblett, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on February 2, 2012.

8.5.2 Recommendation Arising

Motion 29/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that Council shall approve an application for Crown Land dated January 18, 2012, for a parcel of land fixed behind 39 Turner's Road, measured 23.96m wide by 30.48m long, for an accessory use.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

This motion was deferred pending the outcome of the Municipal Plan review. The Town Clerk will advise the applicant of this decision.

Motion Deferred with Council's consent.

Motion 30/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Canning

Be it resolved that Council shall approve an application for Crown Land dated January 31, 2012, for a parcel of land identified as Lease No. 80751, Route, 350, measuring 3.03ha, for agricultural use.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 31/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Mills

Be it resolved that Council shall not approve an application for Crown Land dated December 30, 2011, for a parcel of land located at the East Portion of Grenfell Heights, due to future review of the development plan for the Grenfell Heights area.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 32/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Hynes

That Council not approve an application for Crown Land dated December 30, 2011, for a parcel of located off Newtown Road, for residential use.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillor Canning questioned the application and why it could not be supported for Crown Lands. It was noted that due to the zoning of the parcel of land, Comprehensive Development Area, residential use is not permitted,

This application was recommended to be deferred back to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Motion Deferred with Council's consent.

8.6 RECREATION STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 243 (Feb 7, 2012)

8.6.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Hynes, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on February 7, 2012.

8.6.2 Recommendation Arising

Motion 33/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Mills

That Council shall correspond with Central Nova School District to resolve the issue as presented by the Helen Tulk School.

The motion was deferred due to an impending meeting with an official with the Helen Tulk School.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Deferred with Council's consent.

Motion 34/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved that Council nominate Denika Hynes for the 2012 URock Volunteer Award.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillor Mills asked for clarification of the resume of the nominee. It was noted that Ms. Hynes has been an outstanding active volunteer in the community for various activities.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillor Mills enquired if Council would consider taking part in the Tidy Towns competition this year, although it was turned down at the February 7, 2012, Recreation Committee. Councillor Mills recommended that Council take part in the 2012 Tidy Towns Award, but there was no seconder.

Motion 35/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved the Council enter in a formal lease agreement with Movies In Motion for the use of the Fallsview Park on July 13, August 17, and August 29, 2012.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Councillor Canning requested that the Town Clerk correspond with Movies in Motion detailing the lease fees that will be charged for each date of occupancy.

8.7 GOVERNANCE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 39 (Feb 16, 2012)

8.7.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Canning, Chairperson, presented the following report:

A regular meeting was held on February 16, 2012.

8.7.2 Recommendation Arising

Motion 36/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the A/P transaction Journal dated February 9, 2012, totalling \$90,410.01, for disbursement as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 37/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

Be it resolved that Council shall ratify the Routine Payments for January 2012, totalling \$51,399.52, as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 38/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Whereas the Bishop's Falls Lions Club recently requested an in-kind contribution from the Town for one (1) hour of free ice time on February 27, 2012; and whereas this event is popular among the community as part of the annual winter carnival; and whereas the time requested (6:30 – 7:30 p..) is available; and whereas the Bishop's Falls Lions Club required a decision before the public meeting; and whereas at its regular sitting on February 17, 2012, the Governance Standing Committee authorized the Town Treasurer to approve the request; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall ratify the Governance Standing Committee's decision to approve an in-kind contribution to the Bishop's Falls Lions Club for one (1) hour of free ice time on February 27, 2012.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 39/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved that Council shall exercise its discretionary authority under the *Town of Bishop's Falls Development Regulations* and, subject to Sections 86, 22 and other relevant sections in the said *Regulations*, authorize the establishment of a home based business at 231 Main Street. The business will create digital ads for clients in the Central Region.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 40/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

Whereas in 2010 the Town acquired a Volvo from the Department of Transportation and Works; and whereas the equipment is not suitable for the municipality's needs; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall put the Volvo to public tender with a reserve bid of \$4,000.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 41/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved that council shall approve an appropriation of approximately \$150. To acquire three (3) recycling bins and signs for placement in the Town Hall, Pat O'Reilly Memorial Community Centre, and Public Works Depot.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 42/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the Town Clerk's attendance at the 2012 Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA) Annual Convention and Trade Show in Corner Brook on April 18-20, 2012.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Item 9. General Business

9.1 MNL Central Region, Regional Meeting and Workshop

Mayor Hobbs noted that it was imperative that Councillors attending this two day event scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2012, in Grand Falls Windsor. This is an important session that will count as one of the two Gas Tax-related training sessions that all municipal governments must attend. Mayor Hobbs, and Councillor Mills agreed to attend. Councillors are to advise the Town Clerk of their intentions to attend.

9.2 Operating Line of Credit

Motion 43/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Be it resolved that Council shall renew its \$350,000 Operating Line of Credit with the Bank of Montreal for the fiscal year 2012.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

9.3 Sewage Project Steering Committee

Mayor Hobbs advised that the Steering Committee met on February 16, 2012, to discuss the formation of the Committee and the progress to date. Representatives from Municipal Affairs advised that the awarding of this project is being considered through the Request For Proposals process. The Committee was advised that this process would allow unlimited submissions for review and consideration. The concern expressed by the Town and by the Town's Engineer, Design Management Group, is that the research done to date, which has been extensive, would not be considered if the Request For Proposal process proceeds. It was noted that this process of awarding the project would be somewhat slow and may jeopardize the funds that have been in place and due to be used by October 2012.

The overall cost of the project, treatment method, ongoing operational costs, and life span of the sewage treatment project are the key deciding factors. To date, Design Management Group has eliminated numerous treatment methods that do not meet the needs of the municipality of Bishop's Falls.

Mayor Hobbs will be discussing this issue with Minister O'Brien of Municipal and Community Affairs, in the very near future and will report back to Council.

Item 10: Adjournment

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Motion 44/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

To adjourn regular public meeting 1302.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Canning, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Angela Crant, Town Clerk

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List of Appendices

Appendix	Source
A/P transaction Journal, February 9, 2012	Governance No. 39
Routine Payments for January 2012	Governance No. 39