

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on June 19, 2012 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett
Councillor B. King (arrived 7:42 pm)
Councillor A. Hynes
Councillor P. Budgell
Councillor F. Mills
Councillor R. Canning

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager

Item 2: Opening Prayer in the Form of Silent Reflection

A minute of silence was provided for a private prayer.

Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Hobbs opened the floor for additions to the agenda, resulting in the following amendments: (1) Fallsview Festival Update was added under general business (sponsored by Councillor Mills); and (2) Riverside Drive Boat Launch was added under general business (sponsored by Councillor Canning).

Motion 97/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1307 as amended.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1306

Motion 98/2012 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes

To adopt the minutes for public meeting 1306 with the following amendment: *Deputy Mayor Doreen Tremblett, under Item 1: Call to Order, will be listed as “absent with regrets”.*

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1306

Questions and discussions in relation to the minutes for public meeting 1306 were as follows:

Q1: What is the status of the repairs to the Heritage Centre (reference s. 8.5)?

A1: The Clerk advised the contract for the siding and window repairs has been let. Furthermore, the Public Works Department was instructed to remove the obscene drawings from the building. Cameras and signs will also be installed indicating the building is under surveillance.

Q2: How successful was the community clean-up project on June 16, 2012 (reference s 8.6)?

A2: Councillor Canning indicated the turnout was low; however, the goal this year was to plant the seed. The foundation was laid this year.

Q3: What is the status of the Trestle lights project (reference s 8.7)?

A3: Councillor Canning reported the next challenge for the Committee is obtaining the necessary revenue. Plans are underway to host a telethon, and local businesses will also be approached to help secure funding. The Committee is resolved to first have the necessary financial resources before work is commenced. Initially, the Committee was going to launch the fundraising campaign on June 18, 2012, but the summer is constraining progress. The last meeting was not well attended.

Item 6: Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

6.1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 50 (MAY 28, 2012)

6.1.1 Chairperson’s Report

Councillor Mills, Chairperson, presented the following report:

Representatives from the Bishop’s Falls Lions Club and Knights of Columbus were in attendance to discuss details relative to the upcoming Civic Awards 2011 which are scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012. A review was completed of the nominations received to date. It was noted that the number of nominations received was very low, noting that in one category only one nomination was received and in another no nominations were received. Mayor Hobbs agreed that he would contact the Service

Groups and Business to encourage them to submit nominations for the event. It was noted that the budget for the Civic Awards 2011 is \$1,500. It was agreed that if possible the event would be open to the public at a cost of \$10.00 per person. It was agreed that the Bishop's Falls Lions Club would arrange for a MC and entertainment, if possible. It was noted that Dan Oldford, Fallsview Festival Committee, will make a presentation at the event. Regarding the program for the event it was noted that this would be incorporated into the program for the Fallsview Festival Weekend. Discussion took place over judges for the event. It was agreed that one be appointed from the Lions Club, K of C and the Town noting that the alternant judge would be Dan Oldford. Both groups were reminded to submit their share of the Youth of the Year award of \$200 in the near future.

DEBATE

Mayor Hobbs indicated that he called the groups as agreed to at Committee.

Item 7: Public Works Business

7.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

7.1.1 PW 01 – June 7, 2012 (request for brush cutting on Riverside Drive)

Council directed the matter to the Public Works Department for inclusion into the ongoing brush cutting/ maintenance program.

7.1.2 PW 02 – May 10, 2012 (CNWMA curb side collection)

Deputy Mayor Tremblett summarized the correspondence. In essence, the Central Newfoundland Waste Management Authority (CNWMA) has received funding from government to purchase 10 curbside garbage collection trucks. Subsequently, this Authority will be able to provide this service by September 2012.

7.2 PERMIT APPLICATIONS

7.2.1 PW 03 – 7 Country Road (Apartment Building)

Motion 99/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall approve the application to construct an apartment building (3 units) at 7 Country Road subject to a public notice being issued in accordance with the *Town of Bishop's Falls Development Regulations* and there being no written objections from the public.

DEBATE

The following point(s) was/were raised during debate: (1) Council must consider the fact that, following a lengthy process, a duplex was permitted further in on Country Road.

Question was called.

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

Nays: 1 – Councillor Canning

Motion Carried

7.3 OTHER MATTERS

7.3.1 PW 04 – Department Budget Report May 2012

Council sought clarification around the temporary positions for the summer. The Clerk advised that two (2) temporary employees have been hired for 8-10 weeks to, among other duties, cut brush and clean ditches throughout town.

7.3.2 PW 05 – Mineral Lands Division Referral Letter

Motion 100/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall support the quarry permit application (no. 12554) to extract gravel and sand from a location on New Bay Road.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

7.3.3 PW 06 – Curbside Collection Draft Agreement (CNWMA)

The draft curb side collection agreement between the Town and the Central Newfoundland Waste Management Authority (CNWMA) was reviewed by Council. Concerns were raised around some of the articles (i.e. by-law development/enforcement, service changes, etc.), and it was agreed that a meeting is necessary with the Board and management of the CNWMA to obtain clarification. The Clerk was instructed to update the Town's analysis of curbside collection during the mid-year budget review.

7.3.4 PW 07 – Materials and Equipment Tender Results 2012

The Clerk tabled the results (below) of the annual materials and equipment tender process.

	Temple's Backhoe Service			W. Reid Construction		
	2012	2011	% Inc.	2012	2011	% Inc.
<i>Class A</i>	28	25	12.00%	26	32	-18.75%
<i>Screened Pit Run (general purpose)</i>	8.25	8	3.13%	8	8.4	-4.76%
<i>Topsoil</i>	16	14	14.29%	15	16	-6.25%
<i>Sods</i>	7.8	7.8	0.00%	7.5	8	-6.25%
<i>Winter Sand</i>	44	33	33.33%	23.5	23.4	0.43%

	<u>Temple's Backhoe Service</u>			<u>W. Reid Construction</u>		
	2012	2011	% Inc.	2012	2011	% Inc.
<i>Grader Hire (without operator)</i>				80	85	-5.88%
<i>Grader Hire (with operator)</i>				95		
<i>Backhoe</i>	58	57	1.75%	75	80	-6.25%
<i>Excavator</i>	82	80	2.50%	80	100	-20.00%
<i>Float</i>	75	75	0.00%	74	100	-26.00%
<i>Ditching</i>	7.45	7.25	2.76%	7.2	8	-10.00%
<i>Asphalt Roller (day)</i>	100	80	25.00%	100	120	-16.67%
<i>Asphalt Roller (week)</i>	400	400	0.00%	440	500	-12.00%

Motion 101/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall award the following contracts in relation to the annual materials and equipment tender: (1) W. Reid Construction shall be awarded the contract for class A, screen pit run, topsoil, sods, winter sand, grader hire (with and without operator), excavator, float, ditching, and asphalt roller (day and week); and (2) Temple's Backhoe Services shall be awarded the contract for backhoe with extended boom.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 8: Governance Business

8.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councillor Canning presented the AP Transaction Journal, Income/Expense Statement (Budget), Labour Report, Cash Report, Routine and Other/Miscellaneous Payments, and the 2012 updated loan schedule. Council was advised that the annual mid-year budget review will commence on June 26, 2012. No material concerns were noted with the reports.

Motion 102/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall approve the A/P Transaction Journal dated June 13, 2012, totalling \$109,548.71, for disbursement as presented and the routine payments for May 2012 totalling \$29,156.65.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

****Councillor King arrived at 7:42 pm****

8.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN

8.2.1 GOV 07 – May 22, 2012 (proposal to redevelop racetrack on Sunset Drive)

Before entertaining the proposal, Council requested an update on the matter involving the 2006 lease. The Clerk advised the lease is now terminated, and on June 19, 2012 a statement of claim was filed with the Court to recover the approximate \$17,000 in defaulted payments. Initially, the Town requested the former leasee to reinstate the land to its prior condition (i.e. remove the racetrack, buildings, etc.); however, in light of this proposal, that requirement may be relaxed pending Council's decision. Legal counsel will need to be engaged to determine if there are any issues around that course of action. The other concern, however, relates to the sewage treatment project. The engineers are presently in the process of determining the exact location of the plant, and this land is an option. Having received the update, Council discussed the following points:

- (1) The land may have value above that received from a racetrack; therefore, the opportunity costs could be high and the economic benefits diminished. Some Councillors felt that, given its proximity to the old dump site and scrap metal companies, there may be little use for the land beyond what's being proposed. Some believed the area in question served as a dump site.
- (2) Sewage treatment plant location options should not be limited. The land should be held until the engineers know the exact location. It may take two (2) to three (3) years before land is developed on Sunset Drive for a sewage treatment plant, so if this area is needed, it could still be leased in the interim.

Mayor Hobbs, after allowing time for debate, called for a motion.

Motion 103/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall offer to lease the land in question on Sunset Drive to Mr. Lloyd Lambert for a term of three (3) years at an annual rental of \$1,500 plus applicable property taxes.

DEBATE

The following point(s) was/were raised during debate: (1) In the event the land is needed for the sewage treatment project, the motion should include protection.

Friendly Amendment – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

To include "provided the land is not needed for the construction of a sewage treatment plant" immediately following 'property taxes' in motion 103/2012.

Mayor Hobbs closed debate and called the vote on motion 103/2012 amended as follows:

That Council shall offer to lease the land in question on Sunset Drive to Mr. Lloyd Lambert for a term of three (3) years at an annual rental of \$1,500 plus applicable property taxes provided the land is not needed for the construction of a sewage treatment plan.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.2.2 GOV 08 – May 22, 2012 (letter concerning funding for RED boards)

The matter was tabled for information purposes. The Clerk was instructed to file the correspondence.

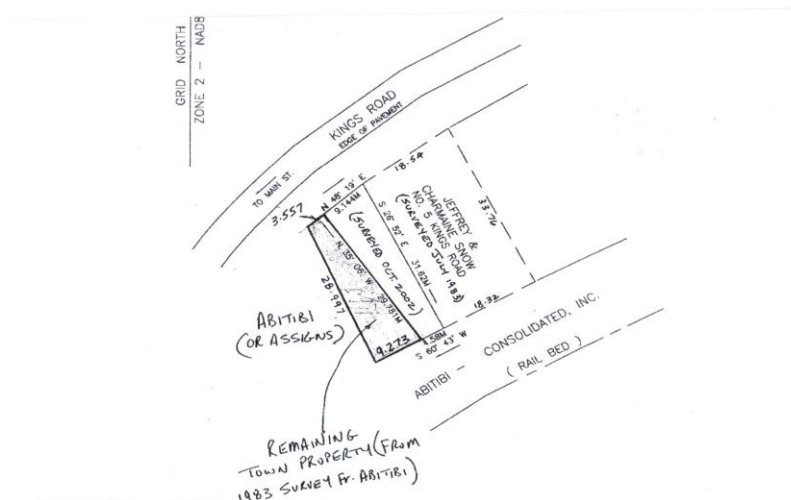
8.2.3 GOV 09 – June 11, 2012 (MCW approval letter 2012)

Councillor Canning informed Council that government funding was received to rebuild Hobbs Park. Beaumont Heights was not approved, however. Mayor Hobbs added that he was speaking to the MHA about the matter, and he was personally guaranteed that Beaumont Heights will be approved in 2013. This was a verbal assertion; however, the MHA will seek to get written confirmation from the Minister.

8.2.4 GOV 10 – May 23, 2012 (letter requesting to purchase land on Kings Road)

Motion 104/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

That, in accordance with s. 201.1 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, Council shall offer for sale by way of public tender the following parcel of land adjacent to 5 Kings Road (west side):



The reserve bid shall be \$3,000 plus HST, deed, and survey.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.2.5 GOV 11 – May 4, 2012 (letter in response to funding application)

Councillor Canning advised the Town's application under the Provincial Cancer Prevention and Awareness Program was not approved. The Town was seeking funding to hire a coordinator as part of the stadium fitness centre project.

8.3 BUSINESS APPLICATIONS

8.3.1 Application for a home based business

Motion 105/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor King

That Council shall approve the application for a home based business at 203 Main Street (landscaping and general construction) subject to a public notice being issued in accordance with the *Home Based Business Regulations* and there being no written objections from the public. In the event no written objections are received and a permit can be granted, the permit shall stipulate that the owner is not permitted to store heavy equipment on or around 203 Main Street.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.3.2 Application to reactivate the slaughterhouse on Market Road

Motion 106/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall approve the application dated May 29, 2012 to reactivate the slaughterhouse on Market Road provided the applicant receives and complies with all relevant federal, provincial, and municipal approvals as required under legislation.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.4 OTHER MATTERS

8.4.1 GOV 14 – PO/Invoice and Time Sheet Audit Memo

The matter was tabled for information purposes.

8.4.2 GOV 15 – Location and quotes concerning flowers throughout Town

Motion 107/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall approve the following disbursements for flowers throughout town:

1. \$998 (plus taxes) for flowers at the Fallsview Municipal Park;
2. \$348 (plus taxes) for flowers at the east and west end entrances to town; and
3. \$691 (plus taxes) for flowers at the Town Hall.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.4.3 GOV 16 – Proposed amendments to the *Apartment Water Taxation Policy*

Resolution 108/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

Whereas the *Apartment Water Taxation Policy* was adopted in February 2010; and whereas since its adoption the Town received constructive feedback from residents; and whereas the Governance Standing Committee, in response to this feedback, launched a review of the Policy in February 2012; and whereas the Committee concluded the Policy is, relative to other municipal jurisdictions, burdensome for landlords; and whereas the Policy contains an unnecessary level of red tape; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall amend the *Apartment Water Taxation Policy* as follows:

- (1) “Designed as a residence shall be interpreted to mean cooking appliances” is deleted from the definition of Apartment in section 3.1.
- (2) Section 3.3, which currently reads “‘Inspector’ means an employee of the Town appointed by the Town Manager as an inspector for the purpose of this policy”, is deleted in its entirety.
- (3) Section 4.1, which currently reads “The Accounts Receivable Department shall, when it learns that an apartment exists, levy a water tax on the owner of the apartment”, is amended to read as follows: “*The Accounts Receivable Department shall, when it learns an apartment is being rented and where such knowledge is obtained through a source other than the owner of the apartment, impose a water tax on the real property housing the apartment for the entire fiscal year. Notwithstanding section 4.1.2, the water tax in this circumstance shall not be adjusted unless the owner of the apartment proves to the satisfaction of the Accounts Receivable Department the apartment is not in fact being or was rented in the applicable fiscal year.*”

- (4) An additional section, numbered 4.1.1, is inserted to read as follows: *“Where the owner of an apartment voluntarily advises the Town that his/her apartment is being rented, the Accounts Receivable Department shall impose a prorated water tax based on the number of months the apartment will be rented in the fiscal year.*
- (5) An additional section, numbered 4.1.2, is inserted to read as follows: *“An owner of an apartment may, when his/her apartment is not being rented, apply for an adjustment by completing the Notice of Vacancy (attached as appendix A).”*
- (6) Section 4.2, which currently reads “The Town shall not adjust a water tax levied on an apartment except for cases when the apartment is dismantled and no longer available for rent”, is deleted in its entirety.
- (7) Section 4.3, which currently reads “In cases where the apartment is dismantled and no longer available for rent, the owner of the property must, before an adjustment can be made; (a) swear an affidavit that states the apartment is dismantled and no longer available for rent; (b) provide a panoramic picture of the space in question; and (c) provide a letter from a certified electrician that states the range outlet is uninstalled and no longer functional” is deleted in its entirety.
- (8) Section 4.4, which currently reads “Where the Accounts Receivable Department is satisfied that the apartment is dismantled and no longer available for rent, the Accounts Receivable Department shall make the necessary adjustments to the person’s account” is deleted in its entirety.
- (9) An additional section, numbered 4.5, is inserted to read as follows: *“Notwithstanding any other section of this Policy, the Town shall not impose water taxes retroactive to prior fiscal years nor shall it apply adjustments in prior fiscal years”.*

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.4.4 GOV 17 – Outstanding invoice for highway signs (Centre Access Road)

Motion 109/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall approve for disbursement invoice 542505, totalling \$4,384.40, from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for signs erected on the TCH.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 9: Recreation Business

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

9.1.1 REC 01 – June 11, 2012 (request for park reservation refund)

Motion 110/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Mills

That Council shall refund a pre-paid reservation fee at the Fallsview Municipal Park, totalling \$150, because the cancellation was made for emergency reasons.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

9.1.2 REC 02 – June 13, 2012 (issues at stadium)

Council deferred the matter to the Recreation Standing Committee for study. The Committee was mandated to sit and prepare a report for Council's consideration before the next public meeting.

9.2 OTHER MATTERS

9.2.1 REC 03 – Department budget update May 2012

The matter was tabled for information purposes.

9.2.2 REC 04 – Provincial Flags for the Fallsview Municipal Park

Council recognized the provincial flags in the Fallsview Municipal Park must be replaced. In the past, the flags were donated by the various governments, but such generosity is not evident today. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a cost estimate for consideration at the next public meeting.

9.2.3 REC 05 – Pest control services for the stadium

Motion 111/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

That Council shall award the contract for pest control services to A1-Braemar Services at a yearly cost of \$726 including initial clean-up and monthly fees.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 10: Community Relations Business

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

10.1.1 CR 01 – June 8, 2012 (Queen diamond jubilee metals)

The matter was tabled for information purposes. The Clerk was instructed to file the correspondence. Not being a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Town cannot participate.

10.1.2 CR 02 – May 17, 2012 (Fallsview Festival Committee Requests)

Motion 112/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall, as requested by the Fallsview Festival Committee on May 17, 2012, close the following roads on July 23, 2012 from 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm for reasons relating to the Fallsview Festival:

- (1) Riverside Drive from Kinsmen Drive to Cannings Lane;
- (2) Kinsmen Drive south of Stanley Ave; and
- (3) Cannings Lane south of the Pentecostal Church.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

By consensus, Council supported the other requests submitted by the Committee in the May 17, 2012 correspondence. The Clerk was advised to issue the appropriate instructions.

10.1.3 CR 03 – May 11, 2012 (Canada Day Funding)

Councillor Mills reported that the Town will receive \$1,000 under the Celebrate Canada Program this year. That resource will be used to organize Canada Day events on July 1, 2012 and the Seniors/War Veteran Banquet on June 30, 2012.

10.2 OTHER MATTERS

10.2.1 CR 04 – Fire Department budget update May 2012

The matter was tabled for information purposes.

Item 11: Amendments to Regulations

11.1 *Economic Development Tax Incentive Regulations 2011*

Resolution 113/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

Be it resolved that Council shall amend section 14 of the *Economic Development Tax Incentive Regulations 2011* by removing the current language that reads, “A business shall have up to five (5) years from the date of the Town issued business permit or, in the case of an expansion, from the date of the expansion, to apply for a property tax and business tax incentive under these regulations. Tax incentives, where applicable, shall begin from the date of the Town issued business permit or, in the case of an expansion, from the date of expansion, and shall not be retroactive”, and replaced it with the following:

A business shall have up to five (5) years from the date of the Town issued business permit or, in the case of an expansion, from the date of the expansion, to apply for a property tax and business tax incentive under these regulations subject to the following:

- (1) Incentives (tax remissions or exemptions) shall not be retroactive. For greater certainty, by way of example, where a business is eligible for a two (2) year tax incentive but applies in year two (2), that business shall not be entitled to the tax incentive for year one (1). The business shall only be entitled to the year two (2) tax incentive.
- (2) Where a business failed to pay its taxes, fees and/or interest charges in the appropriate fiscal year, for any year preceding the application for a tax incentive, that business shall not be entitled to a tax remission under these regulations.

DEBATE

The following point(s) was/were raised during debate: (1) Recently, the practical application of this section materialized, and the Town discovered there was room for interpretation around the retroactive aspect. The new language will close that gap.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

Item 12: General Business

12.1 GB 01 - HOME BASED BUSINESS LICENCE APPLICATION – 3 EXPLOITS AVE

Resolution 114/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Mills

Be it resolved that, in light of no written objections being received from the public in response to the public notice, Council shall grant a home based business licence to Perry's Pest Control to operate at 2 Exploits Avenue.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

12.2 GB 02 – MUNICIPAL PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS UPDATE REPORT

By consensus, Council constituted a Municipal Plan Steering Committee comprised of Mayor Hobbs, Councillor King, and Councillor Canning. The report was then deferred to the Committee for review.

12.3 GB 03 – HERITAGE CENTRE/TOURISM ASSET RESOLUTION

Resolution 115/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor King

Whereas the Fallsview Municipal Park (hereinafter referred to as the 'Park') is an important tourism asset for the community; and whereas the value associated with this asset has not been fully realized; and whereas each year revenue is lost because the Park cannot accommodate the demand during the peak season; and whereas the Heritage Centre (hereinafter referred to as the 'Centre'), at its current location, does not attract a large number of visitors; and whereas, subsequently, the Centre's potential is not being realized; and whereas the Centre and the associated heritage assets, including the rolling stock, could be better utilized in the Fallsview Municipal Park as part of a broader tourism development; therefore, be it resolved that;

- (a) a plan shall be drawn up to develop the lower field of the Park for additional serviced camping sites. Such a plan shall include; (1) the relocation of the rolling stock from Station Road to the Park; (2) the construction of a building to accommodate a Heritage Centre, tea room/gift shop, a canteen and a laundry facility; (3) the relocation of the band stage to the Faulkner Recreation Complex for community events and activities; and (4) the construction of a boat launch; and
- (b) the building at 5 Station Road shall be valued and put to public sale. The proceeds collected from the sale shall be used to fund the plan referenced in part (a).

DEBATE

The following point(s) was/were raised during debate: (1) The Heritage Society should be consulted before a vote is called on this resolution. Such an effort is not only a courtesy to a group of volunteers who contributed a great deal to the town's heritage, but it's a necessity. The Heritage Society have

been seeking a meeting with Council, but save the strategic planning session in 2011 it has only been engaged by Standing Committees; (2) if the building at 5 Station Road is sold, the last heritage structure in town will be lost; (3) Council has met with the Heritage Society several times in the past, including the strategic planning session, so it's not entirely fair to say its requests for meetings were not honoured; and (4) ultimately this is a Town decision, but consulting the Heritage Society is important. Their collective contributions must be recognized.

Following debate the resolution was tabled, with Councillor Canning and Councillor King's consent, until the next public meeting on July 17, 2012. The Clerk will invite the Heritage Society to a meeting on July 17, 2012 @ 6:30 pm where Council will discuss the resolution with the members.

Resolution tabled until the public meeting on July 17, 2012

12.4 STP FINANCING PROPOSALS

Mayor Hobbs tabled the financing proposals from the BMO, CIBC, and NLCU, summarized below, for the Town's sewage treatment project.

Institution	Rate	Amortization Period	Term
CIBC	3.75%	20 years	1-5, 7 or 10 years
BMO	3.15%	15 or 20 years	5 years
	3.70%	15 or 20 years	10 years
NLCU	3.49%	20 years	5 years

Motion 116/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall, provided the sewage treatment project receives final approval, finance the sewage treatment project through the Bank of Montreal (BMO) at an interest rate of 3.70% over a period of 20 years with a 10 year term. The total financing required is \$2,348,428.79.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion carried

12.5 MOU WITH NOVA CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD – HTE PLAYGROUND

Motion 117/2012 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Bishop's Falls and the Nova Central School Board concerning the opening of the playground at Helen Tulk Elementary during the summer months. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion carried

12.6 FALLSVIEW FESTIVAL UPDATE

Councillor Mills provided an update of the activities surrounding the 2012 Fallsview Festival. He indicated the Committee is working well together, and much is being accomplished. The weekend of events will include children games, BBQs, adult dance, ecumenical services, and the Bishop's Falls celebrations will take place on Monday, July 23, 2012. A booklet outlining all the events and activities is being produced, and will be distributed in the near future.

12.7 RIVERSIDE DRIVE BOAT LAUNCH

Councillor King suggested the Exploits River has become a very important part of the town's recreation activities. Many people travel the river now not just for fishing, but for leisure purposes as well. The boat launch on Riverside Drive, however, is no longer suitable. Repairs and improvements are necessary. Council acknowledged the importance of suitable boat launches to the town's tourism industry, and work will commence to secure funding for this purpose. The project may be included in the work outlined under resolution 115/2012.

Mayor Hobbs, before calling for adjournment, opened the floor for further questions or comments. Councillor King stated that he received a call from a local business owner surrounding the keeping of commercial propane tanks in certain zones. The owner suggested the Town was not being cooperative, and the business opportunity may be lost if clarification cannot be obtained around the regulations. His Worship responded by saying he was approached on a similar matter, and he instructed the owner to submit a permit application. The Clerk added that on June 19, 2012, a letter was forwarded to the owner explaining the regulations. There is nothing explicitly prohibiting propane tanks in industrial general zones and, in fact, service stations are permitted uses. If the owner desires to proceed with the business opportunity, he/she is best advised to submit a permit application. Councillor King stressed the Town must be business friendly, and should extend cooperation where possible.

Item 13: Adjournment

Motion 118/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Hynes

To adjourn regular public meeting 1307.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager