

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm on July 17, 2012 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett
Councillor B. King
Councillor A. Hynes
Councillor F. Mills
Councillor R. Canning

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager

Councillor P. Budgell was absent with regrets.

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); (2) Road congestion during open air services was added under general business (sponsored by Councillor Canning); and (3) Sewage treatment project was added under general business (sponsored by Mayor Hobbs).

Motion 125/2012 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1309 as amended.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1307

Motion 126/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

To adopt the minutes for public meeting 1307 as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1307

Questions and discussions in relation to the minutes for public meeting 1307 were as follows:

D1: It was noted that some groups did not receive the letter in relation to the annual civic awards. This may be attributed to a change at the executive level (reference s. 6.1.1).

D2: In the near future, Council will need to engage the Central Waste Management Authority concerning the curbside collection agreement. There are logistical details that need to be arranged before the service is transferred (reference s 7.3.3).

Item 6: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1308

Motion 127/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

To adopt the minutes for public meeting 1308 as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 7: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1308

Questions and discussions in relation to the minutes for public meeting 1308 were as follows:

Q1: Has calcium been distributed?

A1: The Clerk advised that calcium has been distributed, for the most part, and the focus was placed on those roads that the Town maintain during the summer and winter.

D1: The Town held a meeting with union representatives on July 4, 2012. In essence, the union is informally grieving, at this point, the management style of the Public Works Supervisor. They feel the approach is not appropriate and is creating a negative environment. During the meeting, the Town raised issues around productivity. It is felt that more work could be

accomplished with the labour being employed. Both groups agreed to work towards a better labour relationship. To this end, the Town will provide training for its management team, and the union agreed to cooperate with the changes for the time being.

Item 8: Mid-year Budget Review

Councillor Canning, Chairperson of the Governance Standing Committee, presented the following report regarding the mid-year budget review:

Mr. Mayor, it has become a standard practice of this Council to undertake a mid-year review of the budget estimates to determine if any adjustments are required. As we know, the budget is more or less an ongoing planning process that has a certain level of educated speculation built in; therefore, reviewing the budget mid-year provides Council with an opportunity to realign the estimates to better reflect the municipal government's present circumstances. With this said, Mr. Mayor, I am pleased to now present the revised 2012 Municipal Operating Budget.

As opposed to outlining all the estimates, I will focus instead on the material changes to the budget. Those amendments are as follows:

Revenue and Growth

- In terms of overall growth, the municipal budget has increased by 5% since January 2012. Property tax revenue has grown by 1.1% during this period, and our Municipal Operating Grant was increased by 20% (\$29,603) as well. Sale of goods and services and a surplus from 2011 account for the remaining growth. As it concerns the latter, Council will notice that we booked a surplus of \$100,226 in 2011; however, this number still needs to be verified by the Town's auditor, and we anticipate that the financial statements will be prepared in the near future. If there is a variance, a further amendment to the budget may be required at a later date.

Expenses and New Spending

- Generally speaking, and this occurs each year, the Town is saving in some areas of the budget while in others we are seeing a spending pattern higher than average. The latter does not necessarily imply we will exceed the estimate because in subsequent months the spending may decrease. Nonetheless, this ebb and flow across all spending was addressed in the budget review, and I refer you to the estimates for these details.
- Over the past couple of years it has become evident that additional office space is needed in the Town Hall to accommodate grants and seasonal employees. Furthermore, the Executive Assistant is located in the nucleus of office traffic, and this is not conducive to productivity. Given this, the Town will invest \$8,000 to divide the Town Clerk/Manager's office into two (2) work spaces. The Executive Assistant will be placed in one (1) of these offices, and her current area will be turned into storage and part-time work space.
- For many years the Town did not provide adequate resources for a preventative maintenance program when it comes to our infrastructure. Since 2010, however, Council invested in this area by implementing a 3,500 meter ditching program and resurfacing several sections of Main Street. This year I am pleased to report that we will make additional investments in infrastructure and they are

as follows: (1) Approximately \$15,000 for a 2,000 meter ditching program; and (2) \$45,000 to resurface a section of Country Road, Station Road, and other small sections throughout Town. We will also invest in rebuilding the road shoulder.

- The municipality will make further investments in the recreation equipment again this year. \$7,000 is being allocated to repair the seals in the arena ice plant and for special Zamboni maintenance.
- For the first time in many years, perhaps since the Town's inception in the 1960's, Council will be paving a road without having to add to the debt. We have successfully received funding (80%) from the Department of Municipal Affairs to resurface Hobbs Park, and Council's share (20% or \$91,295) has been factored into the 2012 Municipal Budget. This action is possible because of surpluses encountered in previous years, and our collective efforts to control and prioritize expenses along with increasing revenues and collections.
- Council will be pleased to know that our current debt servicing ratio (DSR) is 21%, which is down considerably since 2009.

That concludes my presentation of the revised 2012 Municipal Operating Budget. The estimates are now tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution 128/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that Council shall adopt the revised 2012 Municipal Operating Budget as presented.

DEBATE

The following point(s) were raised during debate: (1) The Mayor and Chair should issue a press release to advise the residents of the positive changes to the budget.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

Item 9: Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

9.1 RECREATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 246 (JULY 10, 2012)

9.1.1 Chairperson's Report

Councillor Hynes, Chairperson, presented the following report:

As mandated by Council during the public meeting on June 19, 2012, a special sitting was held on July 10, 2012. All members and Mayor Hobbs were in attendance.

The Committee convened the special sitting to discuss the statement submitted by a Recreation Department employee concerning issues in the stadium. After careful consideration, the Committee

resolved to launch a fact finding investigation to gain a better understanding of the issues presented in the statement. To this end, three (3) employees from the stadium will be called before the Committee on July 16, 2012 to explore and discuss the issues in greater detail. A further report will be filed once this work is completed.

Item 10: Public Works Business

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

PW 01: Letter concerning an ATV speed problem behind Tucker Park

Mayor Hobbs reported that he recently contacted the RCMP and they will be organizing another ATV patrol in the near future. This was successful last year, as Council is aware, and hopefully continued efforts in this regard will mitigate speeding problems. Some Councillors felt this is a short-term solution, however, because in time the problem will remerge. Only a continued presence by the RCMP would produce the desired effects. In general, Council felt there was little it could do, other than engage the RCMP, to solve the problem. Experience shows that gates and barricades do not necessarily reduce speeding and ultimately, given the land falls under the jurisdiction of another authority, Council could not act unilaterally. For now, Council will continue to work with the RCMP.

PW 02: Appeal of costs imposed to correct sewer lateral problem

Resolution 129/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

Whereas the Town intervened, in accordance with the *Water and Sewer Service Connection Regulations*, to repair a sewer lateral at 50 and 52 Main Street; and whereas the Town imposed fees associated with the rental of a dump truck totalling \$810; and whereas the dump truck rental was only necessary because the Town's equipment was inoperative; and whereas Council believes the residents cannot be held responsible for this special expenditure; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall reduce the fees imposed on the owners of 50 and 52 Main Street for repairs to the sewer lateral by \$810.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

PW 03 – Letter requesting the relocation of speed bumps at Hobbs Park

Council, while recognizing the resident has a legitimate concern, resolved by consensus to leave the speed bumps in the current location. Relocation will solve the problem for one resident, but it will create complications for another. Furthermore, in the coming weeks Hobbs Park will be repaved, and the problem may be solved during that process. In the meantime, the Town will deploy calcium in the area to mitigate the dust issues.

PW 04 – Letter concerning the racetrack on Sunset Drive

The question of leasing the racetrack was addressed at the last public meeting with a different individual; therefore, Council concluded it could not engage another person on the matter.

PW 05 – Letter requesting to purchase land on Kings Road

Motion 130/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

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 at the rear of 4B Kings Road:



The reserve bid shall be \$3,000 plus HST (390), deed (\$450), and survey (\$800).

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

10.2 CROWN LAND APPLICATIONS

PW 06 – Application for land of Grenfell Heights Extension (45 m x 90 m)

Resolution 131/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that Council shall support an application dated June 12, 2012 for a parcel of land on Grenfell Heights Extension, measured 45 m x 90 m, for residential purposes.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

Item 11: Governance Business

11.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councillor Canning, Chairperson of the Governance Standing Committee, presented the AP Transaction Journal, Income/Expense Statement (Budget), Labour Report, Cash Report, Routine and Other/Misc. Payments, and the Capital Works/Grants Income Statement.

Motion 131(1)/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor King

That Council shall approve the A/P Transaction Journal dated July 12, 2012, totalling \$79,687.58, for disbursement as presented and the routine payments for June 2012 totalling \$20,660.43.

DEBATE

The following point(s) were raised during debate: (1) In terms of account TEMPL001, the Manager will consult the Public Works Department to determine if the outstanding issues relating to ditching in 2011 have been resolved.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN

GOV 07 – Letter requesting to purchase land on Stanley Avenue

Motion 132/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

That, in accordance with s. 201.1 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, Council shall offer for sale by way of public tender a parcel of land measured 5' x 28' on Stanley Avenue at the rear of 8 Kinsmen Drive. The reserve bid shall be \$500 plus HST (65), deed (\$450) and survey (\$800).

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

GOV 08 – Letter concerning water taxes

The Clerk was instructed to notify the resident that water taxes must, in accordance with s. 130 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, be imposed on properties capable of being serviced. If the resident wishes to avoid the second water tax, he/she is best advised to apply to the Municipal Assessment Agency to consolidate the two (2) parcels of land that are adjacent.

10.3 OTHER MATTERS

GOV 09 – Kings Road Land (adjacent to 5 Kings Road) Tender Results

Two (2) bids were received for the land adjacent to 5 Kings Road. They are as follows:

- Craig and Melissa King: \$4,641.13; and
- Ruby Luff: \$5,250 or \$5,750.

The matter was deferred to the public meeting on August 21, 2012 pending clarification around Council's rights and obligations when it comes to selling land under the new legislative framework, and the bid from Ms. Luff (i.e. \$5,750 or \$5,250).

GOV 10 – Management memo concerning invoice processing policy

The matter was presented as information.

GOV 11 – Letter from World Cup of Fieldball Committee (added to agenda with leave)

Councillor Canning, with leave from Council, added an additional item to the agenda under Governance business; that being a letter from the World Cup of Fieldball. In essence, the Committee is looking to use the stadium on September 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2012 for the event. The request was referred to the Recreation Department. It is anticipated the Committee will seek a reduction in the rental fees again this year, but that was not raised in the correspondence. The Recreation Standing Committee will consider a request of this nature should it arise in the future.

Item 12: Recreation Business

12.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

REC 01 – Letter from DTCR approving a \$4,340 grant

Council was advised that a grant of \$4,340 was approved by the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation under the Community Recreation Development Grant Program. The matter was deferred to the Recreation Standing Committee where a spending plan will be devised for Council's consideration.

REC 02 – Letter concerning the pest control tender

The Town received a letter from a business that submitted a quote for pest control services in the Pat O'Reilly Memorial Stadium and was unsuccessful. In essence, the business felt preference should have been given to a local company over one located in another province. Council concluded it was compelled to accept the lowest bidder, and its decision was made on that basis. There is nothing that can be done at this point; however, the service provided by the successful bidder will be monitored, and the contract will be evaluated in 2013.

REC 03 – Letter from a camper concerning an issue in the Fallsview Park

Since the letter was received, management has taken action by setting in place plans to resolve the problem. A local engineer was engaged to analyze the site (step leading to the washrooms), and drawings were prepared to eliminate the problem related to the washroom step. A handrail will be installed on both sides. Council instructed the Clerk to write the camper and express the Town's appreciation for the statement.

REC 04 – Letter requesting a refund of rental fees

Motion 133/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

12.2 OTHER MATTERS

REC 05 – Quote to purchase flags for the Fallsview Park

Motion 134/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall purchase the 10 provincial and three (3) territorial flags from Flag Outlet Inc. at a cost of \$415.74 plus taxes and shipping.

DEBATE

The following point(s) were raised during debate: (1) Quality is important. These flags are the cheapest, and will not likely last long; and (2) given the location of the flags (i.e. high wind area), even the highest quality flags, at a cost of \$1,872 plus taxes, will not last long.

Question was called.

Yeas: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Mills.
Nays: 1 – Councillor Canning

Motion Carried

Item 13: Community Relations Business

13.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

CR 01 – Letter from the Town of Norris Arm (Fire Services)

Council referred the matter to the Community Relations Standing Committee for greater study. The Chairperson requested time to confer with the Fire Chief.

Item 14: Tabled From Previous Meeting

TB 01 – Resolution 115/2012 (Heritage/Tourism Development)

Motion 135/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor King

That Council shall call from the table resolution 115/2012 for debate and question.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.
Nays: 0

Motion Carried

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) were raised during debate: (1) The resolution outlines a very specific course of action, and there is little information presented to support a movement in that direction; (2) the meeting with the Heritage Society on July 17, 2012 was informative, and the members raised issues that should be taken into account (i.e. the building should not be sold until the funds and plans are finalized); (3) Council needs to explore the feasibility of relocating the heritage assets. Nothing should be done until those questions are addressed; and (4) the resolution in its present form is very specific. Council may be best advised to defeat the resolution, rather than incorporate amendments, if the intended course of action is now to conduct a feasibility study.

There being no further debate, Mayor Hobbs called the vote.

Yeas: 0

Nays: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Resolution defeated

Motion 136/2012 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor King

That Council shall prepare a Terms of Reference to solicit proposals for a study into the feasibility of relocating the heritage assets from Station Road to the Fallsview Municipal Park in the context of developing critical mass around the Town's tourism potential.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 15: General Business

GB 01 – MNL Convention October 4-6, 2012 in Gander

A lengthy debate occurred around the number of delegates that Council should send to the 2012 MNL Convention. Some felt all seven (7) Councillors should attend, whereas others believed that was too extravagant and two (2) to four (4) participants was a more reasonable option.

Motion 137/2012 – Councillor Mills/Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the attendance of all Councillors and the Town Manager at the 2012 MNL Convention in Gander on October 4-6, 2012.

Yeas: 1 – Councillor Mills

Nays: 5 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Canning, and Councillor Hynes.

Motion Defeated

Motion 138/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the attendance of two (2) Councillors, including the Mayor, and the Town Manager at the 2012 MNL Convention in Gander on October 4-6, 2012.

Yeas: 3 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, and Councillor Hynes.

Nays: 3 – Mayor Hobbs, Councillor Mills, and Councillor Canning.

Motion Defeated

Motion 139/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the attendance of the Mayor, two (2) Councillors and the Town Manager at the 2012 MNL Convention in Gander on October 4-6, 2012.

Yeas: 3 – Mayor Hobbs, Councillor Mills, and Councillor Hynes.

Nays: 3 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, and Councillor Canning.

Motion Defeated

Motion 140/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the attendance of the Mayor and the Town Manager at the 2012 MNL Convention in Gander on October 4-6, 2012.

Yeas: 4 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 3 – Mayor Hobbs and Councillor Mills.

Motion Carried

GB 02 – Hobbs Park MCW Project Agreement

Resolution 141/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the agreement between the Town and the Department of Municipal Affairs in relation to project 12035 (Hobbs Park Road Improvements). The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on Council's behalf.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

GB 03 – Gas Tax CIP Resolution

Resolution 142/2012 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Mills

Whereas the Town of Bishop's Falls has approximately \$750,000 to spend under the Local Government Gas Tax Agreement; and whereas eligible projects, as outlined under schedule A of the Agreement, fall under nine (9) categories including public transit, water, wastewater, solid waste, community energy systems, active transportation infrastructure, collaboration, knowledge, and integration; and whereas there are several roads in the community that must be resurfaced; and whereas projects such as this fall under the active transportation infrastructure category; and whereas the Town's *Municipal Plan and Development Regulations* must be updated in accordance with the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2005*; and whereas this project falls under the integration category; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall amend its Capital Investment Plan by replacing the existing projects with the following:

Project	Allocation (Less GST)	Target Date for Completion
Recap 1 km of Main Street in the west end of the community (active transportation infrastructure). New project.	\$383,409.08	September 2012
Reconstruct Beaumont Heights (active transportation infrastructure). New project.	\$336,150.93	September 2014
Review and update the Town's <i>Municipal Plan and Development Regulations</i> (previously approved by the Gas Tax Secretariat)	\$31,503.60	December 2012
TOTAL	\$751,063.61	

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

GB 04 – Trestle Lights

Councillor Canning advised Council that nothing has transpired when it comes to the trestle lights since the Committee's last meeting. This is largely the result of the summer holidays. The Committee's primary challenge at this point is securing the necessary funds (\$35,000), and it decided not to proceed until this resource is acquired. Fundraising plans have been developed. When questioned, Councillor Canning indicated the obstacle to progress is funding. Council then discussed the importance of the project to the community, and it agreed something must be done. In light of the present financial situation of the Town, which is positive, it was suggested that, perhaps, the Town could finance the project. Other sources of funding could still be pursued (i.e. government, private sector, etc.), but to get things moving the Town could back the project.

Motion 143/2012 – Councillor King/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall allocate a disbursement of \$35,000 to permanently light the Trestle.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

GB 05 – Fallsvie Festival Update

Councillor Mills tabled the following report regarding the 2012 Fallsvie Festival:

- There are 15 booths registered for the Bishop's Falls Day events.
- Mayor Hobbs and MP Scott Simms volunteered for the dunk tank.
- The boat parade is coming along nicely. 29 boats are registered.
- A youth night is planned.
- Booklets (200) are being printed for distribution. This was a successful fundraising event.
- The events have been advertised around Town via posters.
- A 30 minute fireworks show has been arranged.
- In terms of finances, the Committee has approximately \$2,800 in the account. There are no outstanding debts presently. All accounts are current.

GB 06 – Road Congestion During Open Air Services

Councillor Canning registered a complaint concerning road congestion during open air services hosted by the Pentecostal Church. The Town Manager was instructed to write the church on the matter, and to remind the establishment that controlling traffic is a condition on the permit.

GB 07 – Sewage Treatment Project

Mayor Hobbs raised the sewage treatment project for discussion. He indicated that Council needs to make decision in the very near future or else it will risk losing the federal share. It was generally acknowledged the project is inevitable if the Town desires to grow further. In many ways the financial

viability of the project is linked to the water taxes imposed on the hydroelectric assets on Powerhouse Road (previously owned by AbiBow). To date, despite many attempts to resolve the tax and grant-in-lieu question, government has yet to resolve that issue. Mayor Hobbs will be meeting with Minister O'Brien, unofficially, on July 18, 2012 and he will raise the matter once again.

Council resolved to convene a special public meeting on July 24, 2012 to consider the future of the sewage treatment project.

Item 16: Adjournment

Motion 144/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

To adjourn regular public meeting 1309.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager