

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on August 2, 2012 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett
Councillor B. Budgell
Councillor F. Mills
Councillor R. Canning

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager

Councillor B. King and Councillor A. Hynes were absent with regrets.

Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 147/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Mills

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1311 as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 3: Town Clerk/Land Officer Selection Committee Report

Mayor Hobbs, on behalf of the Selection Committee, presented the following report:

- A total of 33 applications were received; five (5) candidates were selected for an interview.
- The interview was structured and included two (2) practical (written) exercises.
- Out of the five (5) candidates selected, three (3) were felt to possess relevant qualities and qualifications; however, the Committee felt that one (1) individual, Mr. Dan Oldford, presented the best attributes (i.e. commitment, knowledge of government processes, writing skills, research and analytical abilities, etc.).

- Based on the interview results, the Committee recommended that Mr. Dan Oldford be appointed to the position of Town Clerk/Land Officer.

DEBATE

The following points were raised during debate: (1) Some Councillors felt that Mr. Oldford was a good choice for the position, although there are certain concerns. For instance, Mr. Oldford is accustomed to leadership positions and the Clerk – while serving an important role in the Town – takes direction from Council. He/she serves as secretary and in many ways represents the pen of Council. Some felt Mr. Oldford may not be comfortable in this context; (2) The Town needs stability in the Clerk position. It was believed Mr. Oldford will be committed for the long-term, and this is a strong consideration; (3) Council need not, if there are concerns, rush the decision process. It can take additional time and consider other applicants; and (4) Council has great respect for Mr. Oldford. The concerns raised are professional in nature and not personal.

Motion 148/2012 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Rescinded and expunged as per motion 165/2012 (PM 1312).

The Town Clerk/Manager advised that, in accordance s. 59 (1) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, the appointment of a Clerk requires a 2/3 vote of the Councillors in office.

The Selection Committee was instructed to review the matter and prepare a further report for the public meeting on August 21, 2012.

Item 4: Invoice 1891 (Exploits Valley Paving) – Road Work

Motion 149/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall approve and release for disbursement invoice 1891 from Exploits Valley Paving totalling \$38,420.00.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Adjournment

Motion 150/2012 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall adjourn public meeting 1311.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager