

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 21, 2013 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

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

Randy Drover, Town Manager
Dan Oldford, Town Clerk/Land Officer

Absent with regrets: Councillor P. Budgell
Councillor B. King

Item 2: Opening Prayer in 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/amendments to the agenda resulting in the following amendment: (1) Ditching Cleanup Project.

Motion 142/2013 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1326 as amended.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Delegation – Caregiver Water Rate Exemption Appeal

Two residents were in attendance, at their request, to present their appeal for the Caregiver Water rate Exemption. The residents acknowledged that they had missed the deadline, but requested Council to consider the request under special circumstances. The residents advised Council that due to a major illness out of the country, as well as the financial hardship involved, they had missed the application deadline by 4 days and would like Council to take this information into consideration. Council advised that it would take the request under consideration and get back to the residents in the near future.

Item 5: Delegation – Community Minders

A representative from the newly formed group Community Minders was in attendance to request the involvement of Council as well as the Town of Bishop's Falls, with the upcoming World Suicide Prevention Week((September 8-14). Suicide is a topic that affects a number of the communities in the area and Bishop's Falls has, had a couple over the past number of years as well. Council stated its support of the organizations activities and has requested that the group should arrange a meeting with the Community Relations Standing Committee to plan co-operation in the activities.

Item 6: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1325

One correction was presented to minutes from Public meeting 1325. Resolution 131/2013 Discussion Debate item (2) by law these properties can still be sold as Tax Sale *"provided they are not owner occupied"*.

Motion 143/2013 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Canning

To adopt the minutes for public meeting 1324 as amended.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 7: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1325

No Business arising

Item 8: Public Works Business

8.1 Trailway Section Relocation Request

Councillor Canning declared a conflict of interest and vacated Chambers at 7:45pm

A request by developer to relocate a section of the Trailway had been deferred until as such time the residents affected were notified. Some concerns had been received and therefore the Town Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Public Works Standing Committee and the Developer to address the concerns. This should be followed by a public meeting with the residents involved.

Councillor Canning was invited back into chambers at 8:02pm

8.2 Speed Bump Survey

Motion 144/2013 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall install speed Bumps in the King's Road Subdivision on a Temporary Trial Basis.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during debate: (1) A survey had been issued and results reflected a low level of interest as to whether there was a need for speed bumps in the area. This was as the second survey conducted in the past 3 years as a result of a request from a resident in the area. The same level of response was received. (2) Speed bumps after installation have been proven to cause problems with vehicles traveling off the road to avoid the bumps. (3) There are other areas in Town that similar issues have been raised.

Yeas: 2 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett and Councillor Hynes

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

Motion Defeated

Motion 145/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall not install speed Bumps in the King's Road Subdivision.

Yeas: 3 – Mayor Hobbs, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning

Nays: 2 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett and Councillor Hynes

Motion Carried

8.3 Water Shut off Kings Road

Correspondence was received, requesting the Town move 2 Water Shutoffs that had been placed by a contractor, at the expense and under the direction of, the property owners. It was agreed by consensus that this was a residential issue and Council cannot agree to the request.

8.4 Public Works Plan Update

Council has received an update on the Municipal Public Works Plan. It was acknowledged that this plan process is working and there is considerable improvement in the Town.

8.5 Rezoning parcel of land – McMahon's Lane

Resolution 146/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Whereas the road behind the Irving station off the Trans Canada Highway does have a number of households currently there; and whereas the Town currently supplies certain municipal services to the area; and whereas a request has been submitted to develop a parcel of land on the road; and whereas Council cannot issue a permit under the current zoning; and whereas Council cannot issue a permit without legal road access, be it therefore resolved that Council shall direct Management to address the access issue to gain legal access to the road, and be it further resolved that the Municipal Plan Review Committee shall be directed to consider a change of zone from Conservation to Rural Residential.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during debate: (1) Council currently does provide services to the area yet does not have clear access to the area, and thus cannot legally issue permits for any developments. (2) The area involved is currently classified as Conservation, therefore rezoning would be required. (3) This rezoning could be considered as part of the Town's current review. (4) There already a number of residential properties on this road so council does need to consider a proper and planned future for the area.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.6 King St. Extension

Council has received from its engineers a proposal for the extension to the King's Road Subdivision. Due to the nature, complexity and feeling that council wishes it to have this project go ahead in the best manner possible, the proposal is being sent to the Public Works Standing Committee for review.

8.7 Land Sale Proposal – Sunset Dr.

Motion 147/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall offer a specified parcel of land on Sunset Dr. for sale only with a reserve bid of \$25,000.00 plus HST, Deed and Survey.

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

Nays: 1 - Councillor Mills

Motion Carried

8.8 Accident Incident Report

Council reviewed an incident report as filed with Public Works. It was noted that appropriate action had been taken.

8.9 Land Officer Report

The Town's Land Officer gave a report showing a drop in new dwelling permits. This was felt to be largely due to the restriction placed by the Province, and with a potential of this restriction being lifted, as well as possible future expansion of King's Road, it was felt that these numbers should show and increase over the next 2 years.

Item 9: Recreation Business

9.1 NHL Maritime Tour

Council considered a request to host the NHL Maritime Tour however the following points were raised during discussion. (1) The seating capacity of the stadium would restrict a breakeven point. (2) Council is presently working on roofing project, and if successful, date conflictions could cause problems. (3) Potential for losses was too high and council has worked too hard to improve the financial position of the Town. (3) Council would advise the promoter that it would be glad to revisit a proposal in 2014.

Item 10: Recreation Business

10.1 Canada Day Weekend

Council discussed the activities planned for this year's Memorial Day/Canada Day Weekend's activities. It should be great weekend and it is hoped that the community will come out in support during the events.

10.2 Heritage Committee Report

Deputy Mayor Tremblett presented a report from the Heritage Society, with the following points being raised during discussions: (1) Currently a number of chairs belonging to the Heritage Centre that were removed need to be returned to the Centre Board Room. (2) The Heritage Association would like assistance from the Town in getting the Building cleaned up and ready for the summer. (3) The Heritage Association are in need of some staff assistance. (3) The Association is also hoping to recruit new members for its next AGM in September.

Item 11: Governance Business

11.1 Finance Reports

- The Income/Expense Statement (Budget), AP Transaction Journal, Capital Works/Grants Income Statement, Cash Report, and Routine/Miscellaneous Payments for the period were reviewed. No material concerns were raised.

The Table below represents our current Financial Position.

Category	% of Budget TD
Revenue (all sources)	102.37
Council (remuneration, travel, supplies, etc.)	28.53
Administration (wages, insurances, supplies, etc.)	42.99
Municipal Elections	0

Property Assessment	48.28
Professional Development & Training	19.11
Public Relations	40.80
Protective Services (Fire Dept. and animal control)	37.71
Public Works Administration	40.17
Public Works Compensation	47.79
Vehicle & Fleet Operations and Maintenance	39.53
Roads (wages, supplies, equipment rental, etc.)	35.72
Snow Removal	107.35
Street Lights	42.15
Water Supply	40.78
Sewer Collection and Disposal	0
Garbage & Waste Collection and Disposal	41.37
Recreation Administration (wages)	43.88
Parks/Playgrounds/Fields	44.33
Stadium (wages, supplies, maintenance, etc.)	48.26

- Council will be pleased to know that its cash position remains healthy.
- There were a couple of items discussed, more specifically (1) We have not yet received price quotes for the Beaumont heights Culvert Project. (2) The cost of our spring Cleanup this year had a 21% increase in cost over last year. This was attributed to a number of factors, i.e. only one supplier available to quote, increase in product dropped off, some items taken other than originally stated.

11.1.1 A/P Transactions

By consensus Council approved the A/P Transaction Journal dated June 13, 2013, totalling \$56,756.95 for disbursement as presented.

11.1.2 Routine Payments

By consensus Council ratified the Routine Payments for May 2013, totaling \$43, 512.95, as presented.

11.2 Ice Resurfacing Tender

Motion 148/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall advertise the Tender for a New Ice Resurfacing Machine as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

11.3 Hydroelectric Plant Taxes

A letter from Minister O'Brien was discussed. Council is continuing its discussions with Nalcor on this issue. Mayor Hobbs and council both are becoming frustrated with the direction and results of this issue.

11.4 Appeal for Caregiver Application

Motion 149/2013 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes

That Council will grant the appeal of the resident for the Caregiver Water Tax as presented.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during debate. (1) This is a special circumstance. (2) Council does need to be able to show compassion.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

11.5 Centotaph Memorial ground proposal Update

Resolution 150/2013 – Councillor Mills/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

Whereas Council has been approved for a grant from Veterans Affairs for the upgrading of the Town's War Memorial Grounds; and whereas this grant is conditional of the Town supplying 50% of the cost and whereas the total project is expected to cost \$30,000, be it therefore resolved that Council shall approve the expenditure of up to \$16,000 towards the War Memorial grounds project.

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

Nays: 0

Item 12: General Business

12.1 Home Based Business Application.

Motion 151/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council approve an application for a home based business, Construction/Contracting Services, office use only, for 10 Botwood Highway.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

12.2 Request for Rezoning

Correspondence was reviewed regarding the potential rezoning of a parcel of land located west of Newtown Road. Council's Municipal Plan Review Committee is presently in the final stages of their review, it was therefore felt that this request should be deferred to that committee for consideration.

12.3 Ditch Clean-up Project 2013

Council by consensus, agreed to proceed with the Ditch Clean-up Project as presented by the Town Manager.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

During discussion the following points were raised: (1) The process could gather a lot of community support. (2) It would engage residents in taking pride in their community. (3) It should be a cost effective process.

Item 13: Adjournment

Motion 152/2013 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Canning

To adjourn regular public meeting 1326

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Dan Oldford, Town Clerk/Land Officer

Town of Bishop's Falls



Regular Public Council Meeting No. 1326
June 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer in the Form of Silent Reflection
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Delegation – Caregiver Water Rate Exemption Appeal
5. Delegation – Community Minders – April Young
6. Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1325
7. Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1325
8. Public Works Business
 - 8.1. Trailway Section Relocation Request
 - 8.2. Speed Bump Survey
 - 8.3. Water Shut off Kings Road
 - 8.4. Public Works Plan Update
 - 8.5. Rezoning parcel of land – McMahon's Lane
 - 8.6. King St. Extension
 - 8.7. Land Sale Proposal - Sunset Dr.
 - 8.8. Accident/Incident Report
 - 8.9. Land Officer Report
9. Recreation Business
 - 9.1. NHL Maritime Tour
10. Community Relations

- 10.1. Canada Day Weekend
- 10.2. Heritage Committee Report

11. Governance Business

- 11.1. Finance Reports
- 11.2. Ice Resurfacing Tender
- 11.3. Hydroelectric Plant Taxes
- 11.4. Appeal of Caregiver Application
- 11.5. Cenotaph Memorial ground proposal Update.

12. General Business

- 12.1. Home Based Business Application
- 12.2. Request for Rezoning
- 12.3. Ditching Cleanup Project

13. Adjournment