

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on August 20, 2013 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

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

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

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) Letter of Request regarding Tax Sale. (2) ACOA Proposal (3) Fountain sponsored by councillor Budgell. (4) Skate Park Update sponsored by Deputy Mayor Tremblett. (5) Trestle Lights sponsored by Councillor King (6) River Enhancement Sponsored by Councillor King.

Motion 173/2013 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Budgell

To adopt the agenda for public meeting 1328 as amended.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1327

Motion 174/2013 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor King

To adopt the minutes for public meeting 1327 as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 1327

QA1: Councillor Budgell inquired as to if the Rut in the pavement at the Cul-d-Sac on Beaumont Heights had been addressed. Council was advised that it had been placed with Public Works and was either addressed or on the list of paving projects to be addressed.

Item 6: Public Works Business

6.1 Application for Crown Lands Main St. – West

Councillor Budgell declared a conflict of interest and vacated Chambers at 7:08pm

Motion 175/2013 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning

That Council shall approve an application for Crown Land dated August 14, 2013 for a parcel of land fixed behind 41 Main St., measured 24m wide by 60m long for the purposes of planting Organic Root Crops for personal consumption.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

It was noted during discussion that the parcel of land applied for is land-locked and does not block any expected future development.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Budgell was invited back into chambers at 7:12pm

6.2 Application for Crown Lands Botwood Highway

Motion 176/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall approve an application for Crown Land dated August 16, 2011 for a parcel of land fixed adjacent the Botwood Highway Northeast of the Airstrip measured 1100m wide by 1500m long for the purposes of developing a Dairy Farm and Forage Production.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during discussion: 1. The proposed use is in line with other neighboring properties. 2. The proposed parcel has no current/future planned use or development by the Town.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

6.3 Offer to purchase excess Equipment

Resolution 177/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Mills

Whereas Council has a request for the purchase of two pieces of discarded/unserviceable equipment: (a) Generator in excess of 10 years of age, (b) Old water pump declared as too expensive to repair; and whereas Staff have confirmed that the value of such pieces are well below any required tendering regulations, Therefore be it resolved that Council shall both pieces of equipment as identified for the sum of \$100.00, on an “as is, where is” basis to Mr. David Seymour.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

Item 7: Community Relations

7.1 Fundraiser for Lac Magantic, Quebec

It was agreed by consensus that Council would endorse any resident, or group of residents that wished to have a fundraiser for such a worthwhile cause, as they have for any number of causes in the past. Council cannot however, consider initiating a particular fundraising event, especially considering the number of local events/issues currently underway.

7.2 Central Health Information Request

Mayor Hobbs presented a request from Central Health as a part of their Strategic Planning for 2014-2017. Each councillor is encouraged to consider submitting their input.

Item 8: Governance Business

8.1 Finance Reports

Resolution 178/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

Be it resolved that Council shall approve the A/P Transaction Journal dated August 16, 2013, totaling \$36,850.93, for disbursement as presented.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution 179/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Budgell

Be it resolved that Council shall ratify the Routine Payments for June and July 2013, totalling \$95,455.67, as presented.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during debate: 1. Expenses are under control but Council acknowledges that restraint must be continued. 2. The Public Works budget is very tight however a substantial amount of work has been done this summer in maintenance of both infrastructure and equipment.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.2 Municipal Capital Works Project 167-13

Resolution 180/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Whereas in 2010 Hurricane Igor created significant damage to the Town's infrastructure; and whereas the province had agreed to fund such needed repairs; and whereas such a project requires an engineering agreement be in place, be it therefore resolved that Council shall enter into such an agreement with Town's engineers(DMG Consulting Ltd.), and be it further resolved that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall sign such an agreement on behalf of the Town.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

During discussions, concern was raised that this project should ensure the damage caused by past flooding will be properly addressed, and that also, no further damage or pressure on the Town's infrastructure would be created by similar events.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.3 Addition to Routine Payments List

Motion 181/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall amend section 6.2 of the Accounts Payable Policy by adding the Hitech Communications to the Routine Payments listing.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

During Discussion the following points were raised: 1. The amount involved would be the same each month for the next 30 months. 2. This is for the lease of the pagers for the Fire Department.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

8.4 Proposal for Flyer/Ice Resurfacer Loan

Resolution 182/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

Whereas Council had agreed to Tender for Purchase of a Tandem Axle Dump Truck (with wing, plow and sand/salt spreader) as well as Tender for Purchase of an Ice Resurfacer; and whereas such tenders require a bank loan; and whereas the Town Manager has solicited 3 proposals from banks for such a loan; and whereas the Bank of Montreal has submitted the best rate loan proposal; and whereas approval is needed from the Department of Municipal Affairs to borrow, be it therefore resolved that The Town Manager shall submit an application to the Department of Municipal Affairs on behalf of the Town to borrow \$297,325.48 (principle) from the Bank of Montreal with an amortization of 5 years as presented.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

Considerable discussion was had regarding the length of the amortization, with Council agreeing that the direction it has been working towards is to maintain a tight budget and not have loans extended, therefore reducing the amount of interest being paid.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.5 Tender for Ice Resurfacer

Resolution 183/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

Whereas Council has received two bids for the supply of an Ice Resurfacer; and whereas the lowest bid was from Monarch Enterprises, be it therefore, resolved, that pending approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs as well as the completion of Financing, council shall award the Tender to Monarch Enterprises for the purchase of the Ice Resurfacer, at a Tender amount of \$92,200.00 as submitted.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

Resolution 184/2013 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

Whereas Council has received three bids for the supply of a Tandem Axle Dump Truck (with plow, wing, and sand/salt spreader); and whereas the lowest bid was from Western Star, be it therefore, resolved, that pending approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs as well as the completion of Financing, council shall award the Tender to Western Star for the purchase of the Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck (with plow, wing, and sand/salt spreader), at a Tender amount of \$205,125.48 as submitted.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

8.6 Land Sale Main St.

Motion 185/2013 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall tender for Sale a parcel of land located at 376 Main St. with a reserve bid of \$30,000.00.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 9: General Business

9.1 Municipal Recommendation re Main St. Land

Councillor Canning declared a conflict of interest and vacated Chambers at 8.10pm

Motion 186/2013 – Councillor King/Councillor Budgell

That Council shall approve/with comments an application for Crown Land dated August 1, 2013 for a parcel of land fixed behind 328 Main St., measured 2.14m wide by 9.3m long.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during discussion: 1. The land applied for does have another owner listed on documents filed with the Town. 2. This could cause a land dispute in the future and thus Council must include an advisory with any such recommendation. 3. It is not Council's responsibility position to decide owner of this particular piece of property, but rather to advise of any potential issue.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Canning was invited back into chambers at 8:15pm

9.2 Request to construct Accessory Building

Resolution 187/2013 – Councillor King/Councillor Budgell

Whereas, a resident has applied to construct an Accessory building on property located to the rear of his residence; and whereas the resident does not have clear title to the land indicated; and whereas the location of the proposed Accessory Building has been identified to have an easement(Culvert) running through the location, be it therefore resolved that Council shall deny the request for permit to build such an Accessory building as submitted.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

9.3 Letter requesting relief from Tax Sale

Resolution 188/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Hynes

Whereas a resident has submitted a request to Council to have his property released from the pending Tax Sale process; and whereas payment has been made towards the outstanding taxes; and whereas the resident has indicated a willingness to work with staff in making payments on the arrears, be it therefore resolved that Council shall approve the removal of the property from Tax Sale pending all outstanding taxes must be paid prior to Dec. 31, 2013, and be it further resolved that the resident must meet a payment schedule which shall be decided by the Town Manager.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

9.4 ACOA application

Resolution 189/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning

Whereas Council has had its Town Manager working with ACOA over the past number of months on a proposal to enhance the development of the Exploits River as well a Salmon Fishing Destination; and whereas a draft proposal is ready for submission to ACOA for funding; and whereas such an application may need revisions after meetings with ACOA; and whereas such revisions would still require the approval of Council, be it therefore resolved that Council shall authorize in principle the submission of the Bishop's Falls Recreational Salmon Fishery Development Plan as presented.

DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The following points were raised during discussion: 1. The Salmon fishing on the Exploits is a premier site and should be branded as such. 2. Any promotion should be in the direction of framing Bishop's Falls as Capital of the recreational Salmon Fishing in the province. 3. Council wishes that all stakeholders attached to activities involving the Exploits River in Bishop's Falls be engaged in the study process.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution Carried

9.5 Fountain

Councillor Budgell brought an inquiry from a resident forward for Council to consider installing a small Water Fountain at the Playground located in the West End of Town. Staff will investigate the possibility.

9.6 Skate Park Committee Update

Deputy Mayor Tremblett provided Council with an update on the Skate Park. Plans are progressing. The committee currently has raised approximately \$21,000.00 of a goal minimum of \$35,000.00. There is also a fundraiser set for Thursday August 22, 2013 at the Middle Intersection of Town. Councillor Canning advised of a willing interest in the Trestle committee to assist with a fundraiser as well.

9.7 Trestle Lighting Update

An update was requested and supplied on the Trestle lights by Councillor Canning. They are working diligently and have plans in place to work at the trestle the next two weekends, pending available equipment to assist in the installation. Within the next couple of weeks the project should be completed.

9.8 River Enhancement

Councillor King wished to congratulate the River Enhancement Committee on the work they have done thus far. The Boat launch has shown to be a resounding success. Councillor Canning advised that they are considering the placement of an additional Launch closer to Sydney St.

Item 10: Privileged Session

Motion 190/2013 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Budgell

To dissolve into a privileged session

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

****THE PRIVILEGED SESSION COMMENCED AT 8:56PM****

Motion 191/2013 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

To cease the privileged session and resume the public meeting.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

****THE PRIVILEGED SESSION CONCLUDED AT 9:07PM****

Item 11: Adjournment

Motion 192/2013 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Budgell

To adjourn regular public meeting 1327

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

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Dan Oldford, Town Clerk/Land Officer