



THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE - HARBOUR LE COU

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THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE-HARBOUR LE COU REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor ----- Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor ----- Gordon Edwards
Councillors ----- Gary Bateman (via telephone)
Fred Billard
Henry Lawrence
Craig Savoury
Frank Touchings

Also Present

Town Clerk ----- Tammy Farrell

Maintenance Barry Spicer was unable to attend.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Keeping called the meeting to order and asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes.

MOTION 09-2022 F.BILLARD/G.EDWARDS

Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.

IN FAVOR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda

Clerk advised the date on the agenda was incorrect and needed to be fixed and invoice for Coastal Gas Bar needs to be added to Finances for \$240.00

MOTION 10-2022 H.LAWRENCE/G.EDWARDS

Resolved the agenda be adopted with changes added.

IN FAVOR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Maintenance

Barry was unable to attend, Clerk gave the following:

Truck Blade/Issues – There is currently water in the fuel tank as the wrong liquid was put in the gas tank, however maintenance has been draining it off daily. Today it was approx. 2 teaspoons drained off. Once the water has been drained, get the filters changed as soon as possible. Todd's Automotive has these filters ordered. Clerk/Barry to get an appointment.

– Councillor Billard advised the blade as been repaired again but this time the pipe holding the blade has been lifted off the ground so it will not be rubbing against the pavement.

– Still waiting for the frame for the blade

Circulating Pump – Connectors are ordered and shipped, however have not received yet.

Road Upgrades Kick Off Meeting – Kick off meeting was held, Wednesday March 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Council members, ADC Engineering and Municipal Affairs attended via conference call to discuss the project and scope of work. It was said that if there needs to be a change in the scope of work then further approval from the Minister. Engineer, Steve Osmond will visit the area as soon as the weather allows.

Another concern that was brought forth was part time work - suggested to call in third man on a as need basis (ie; water freeze ups; garbage day, etc) when it's calling for snow so the part time can help with snow clearing.

MOTION 11-2022 G.EDWARDS/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved to call in third man for water freeze ups; garbage pick up; etc, on a as need basis when the weather is calling for stormy, snow.

IN FAVOR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes

Old Fish Plant/Dept. Environment – Received email correspondence from Environmental Protection Officer regarding the concerns from the old fish plant. He visited the area and has brought his concerns to the Manager of Environmental Protection and will further investigate and advise.

Bait Depot – Lease as been signed and insurance documents have been sent to the insurance company.

Clerk to check with DFO regarding the vents on the roof to see if there was any warranty as the wind caused damages. Also re-advertise tender for Blast Freezer.

Auction/Lawyer Update – The auction was postponed as it needed to be advertised in the local newspaper for 4 weeks. New date is set for April 11th and the town's lawyer is seeing to all the advertisements and notices. Lawyer fees are a cost we can try to collect from the auction.

All other files have been sent the proper correspondence.

Supreme Court is backed up due to COVID, just waiting for this file to reactivate for collections.

Town's Website – Clerk check with other town's regarding their website. The towns that do have website have it through Glacier Cove and all good reviews.

Council agreed to chose Glacier Cove for the design of the town's website.

Councillor Bateman had to leave at 7:30 p.m.

Code of Conduct Session – There was a lot of information for the session and too many questions for just an information session. Clerk also gave new disclosures statements to be signed.

Bank Set-Up Invoices – All forms for Bank of Nova Scotia; Bank of Montreal; and Credit Union are sent to the proper departments for invoice set up.

Food License – Town do not qualify for a Food License due to highlighted sections of the Food Premises Inspection Policy given by Service NL, due to the age of the water osmosis system. Copy of Policy on file for future reference.

Emergency Plan Update – Clerk as updated and gone for review. Updated Contacts for Emergency Committee Council

New Business

Vaccination Policy/Mask Requirements – Clerk received the policy that Town of Port aux Basques has implemented for Vaccination Policy and Mask Requirements for council to review. Deputy Mayor Edwards and Councillor Lawrence to review. Clerk also feels that we should still have mask requirements for the town as we have many visitors and seasonal people that come here. Councillor Savoury felt that if we, as staff are more comfortable with this, then mask requirements will be the same. Council agreed to this request.

Proclamation of Days – There are always days coming forth to recognize some event or week in communities. It was decided to take each proclamation as they come in and decide if and what the town/council will do to acknowledge each day.

Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop – Barry is registered for this seminar March 22nd to 24th in Gander.

Other Concerns – The following was brought forth:

– Councillor Billard advise council the beer bottle drive was a huge success, and the Fire Department is actively seeking a transport vechile for the fire department members.

- Clerk to take 2 weeks vacation starting Monday, March 7th due to family illness. Will also ask Patsy to attend a council meeting with clerk.
- Book supper for Council and Staff as didn't get to have Christmas Supper. Clerk to get Patsy to take care of this.
- Deputy Mayor Edwards had a concern brought forth to him regarding an individual sewer line. Suggested to ask resident to writer a letter so council can reply.
- Clean up week grant is submitted
- Meeting with Harbour Authority members. Invite as delegate at next regular meeting.
- Some discussion on outstanding accounts, payment plans, interest charges, etc.

MOTION 12-2022 C.SAVOURY/F.BILLARD

Resolved to amend Motion #108-2021 made by F.Touchings and seconded by F.Billard, made December 20, 2021 to state the following:

Resolved all outstanding 2021 municipal taxes must be paid in full April 1st, 2022 or water and/or water/sewer services will be disconnected or legal action will be taken for those without water and/or water/sewer services. Any cost of disconnection of water or legal fees will be charged to the resident. An approved payment plan option will be available for those outstanding taxes if resident so chose to use this option. The payment plan must ensure all taxes, both outstanding and current, are payable in full at the end of 2022 year. All payment plans must be signed and witnessed by the Town Clerk.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Correspondence

FROM: Municipal Assessment Agency **REGARDING:** Memo New Board members **ACTION:** Acknowledged

Finances

MOTION 13-2022 F.TOUCHINGS/F.BILLARD

Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda be approved for payment.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 14-2022 F.BILLARD/F.TOUCHINGS

Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED