

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Town Office – 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Lloyd Blake Colby Whittle Roy Drake Fabian Manning
Don Stewart Loretta Abbott Neil Bond

Also Attending: Tanya Rogers Jody Soper

Absent: n/a

Guest: Minister Elvis Loveless

Mayor Blake welcomed Minister Loveless to the meeting. The following items were discussed:

- **Capital Works Applications.**
 - Minister Loveless explained that the cost share ratio on the Causeway Bridge Application cannot be changed;
 - Discussion on who actually owns the bridge, the Town or Government of NL. Any documentation that can be found would be great;
 - With the projects approved, the Town needs to determine its priorities;
- **Health Care**
 - The Town expressed concern with the announcement that was made regarding the Town having doctors in place until June 2023, as this has not been the case;
 - Discussion around what could be done to entice doctors to come to Harbour Breton;
 - The Town stated that virtual care, while not the preferred option, is better than having the hospital closed;
 - Minister Loveless stated that Minister Osbourne would be willing to meet with the Town virtually or the Town can go to St. John's to meet;
- **Income Limit for Affordable Housing**
 - Minister Loveless explained that the issue regarding the income limit is being reviewed;
- **Wind Energy Projects**
 - Mayor Blake expressed interest in the possibility of having a project in this area. Various barriers were discussed;
- **Brush Cutting**
 - Additional funding may be available in April;
- **MOG**
 - Councillor Stewart raised a concern with rising costs and requested that the MOGs to municipalities be increased;
- **Waste Management**
 - Several communities in the Coast of Bays have come on board with the Provincial Waste Management Strategy, as the Town did. No further updates at this time;

~~~~~ Minister Loveless left the meeting at 7:48pm ~~~~~

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:50pm. He then asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, as presented and circulated.

**Motion #23-036: N. Bond/D. Stewart**

**Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented, as circulated, with the additional items noted.**

**In Favour: 7**

**Abstained:0**

**Opposed: 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Meeting of February 21, 2023: n/a**

Errors/Omissions:

**Motion #23-037: F. Manning/L. Abbott**

**Resolved that the Minutes of February 21, 2023 be adopted as presented, as circulated.**

**In Favour: 7                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0                      Motion Carried.**

**Special Meeting of March 1, 2023: n/a**

Errors/Omissions:

**Motion #23-038: N. Bond/D. Stewart**

**Resolved that the Minutes of March 1, 2023 be adopted as presented, as circulated.**

**In Favour: 7                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0                      Motion Carried.**

Business Arising: Minutes of February 21, 2023:

1. 88 Main Road North – No update. Remove from agenda until there has been some movement;
2. UFCW Negotiations – Latest negotiations received. Union withdrew Article 13.01, is not in agreement with Article 18.01 (a) & (f) and remained at the same percentage for the wage rate increases;  
Town’s response is to remain as proposed with Article 18.01 (a) & (f) and proposed an alternate wage rate increase;
3. Splash Pad Committee – First meeting was held on March 1, 2023. Committee agreed to send letters to the larger businesses to determine the financial commitment of these before proceeding;
4. 1-3 Rose Place – Remove from agenda until owner reaches out regarding letter sent;
5. Garbage Collection Schedule – Still waiting on contractor to show up. Follow up;
6. Code of Conduct Training – Staff have completed the training as well. Fire Department will complete when the Training Officer returns;
7. Resident of 15 South Side Drive – Meridian Engineering reached out to a Geotechnical Engineer regarding a quote on inspecting the bin walls. The Engineer would like to have additional information such as drawing, date of construction, Contractor involved, etc. The drawings, which contain most of the requested information to be sent to the Engineer. Request that they be returned.
8. BioMaxx – The Town has not been taking advantage of the three year contract cost savings in the past. Agreed to proceed with the decision at the previous meeting to go with the three year plan;
9. Cal LeGrow Insurance – Review of insured values on properties. Determine what the premium will be if certain building amounts were lowered or removed and if the deductible was higher. As well, would the general liability still be in place if the buildings and contents were not insured;
10. Transportation and Infrastructure – Adjusted application (Bridge Rehabilitation only) for the Causeway Bridge repairs has been submitted. The Department is now inquiring if the Town would like to proceed with the water portion of this project. This would fall under the 90/10 cost share ratio with the Town’s portion being approximately \$85,000.00.

**Motion #23-039: R. Drake/N. Bond**

**Resolved to submit the separate application for the water portion of the Causeway project at a cost of approximately \$85,000.00.**

**In Favour: 7                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0                      Motion Carried.**

11. Garage Doors –Deputy Mayor Drake will follow up.

**Public Works/Town Superintendent Reports:** Attached;

1. Lift Station Control Panel:  
**Motion #23-040: R. Drake/N. Bond**  
**Resolved to proceed with 360 Marine Ltd's electrician for the installation of the Control Panel.**  
**In Favour: 7            Abstained: 0            Opposed: 0            Motion Carried.**
2. Town Superintendent – Informing council that he has accepted another position. He submitted his 2 week notice on February 27, 2023 and will be finishing work with the Town on March 10, 2023;

**Building Applications:** n/a

**Correspondence:**

1. Department of Health- Response regarding the letter the Town sent.
2. Age Friendly Grant – Special meeting held on February 23, 2023. Agreed to apply for funding to upgrade the Town Hall entrance with automatic doors;
3. Lymphedema Association – Proclamation was signed by Mayor Blake for World Lymphedema Day, March 6, 2023;
4. NAIA – Aquaculture Hall of Fame Awards Announcement;
5. Explore Travel Guide – Full page ad, \$1250.00. Ad heading to be changed to “Discover Harbour Breton”;  
**Motion #23-041: N. Bond/L. Abbott**  
**Resolved to proceed with the full page ad at a cost of \$1250.00.**  
**In Favour: 7            Abstained: 0            Opposed: 0            Motion Carried.**
6. Administrative Assistant –Letter submitted regarding wage rate and vacation time. Agreed to hold off at this point as a potential office restructuring is being discussed;
7. Walk of Hope - Agreed the Town will submit a team for the Walk of Hope this year. First fundraiser to be a ticket draw, prize to be determined;
8. Resident of 18 Jersey – Letter submitted appealing the Town's decision to deny a permit for the construction of a shed at 13 Sagona Place. Further information to be gathered before a decision is made;
9. Splash Pad Committee – Letter to the Town and Recreation Bingo Committee requesting a financial commitment toward the splash pad;  
**Motion #23-042: N. Bond/R. Drake**  
**Resolved that the Town will commit to a \$10,000.00 donation in 2024. As well, proceeds from one of the 50/50 Bingo Games will be donated for the remainder of 2023 and 2024, equaling approximately \$15,000.00;**  
**In Favour: 7            Abstained: 0            Opposed: 0            Motion Carried.**
10. Resident of 13 Gorman Place – Expressing concern with tractor trailers parking over night in the arena parking lot. The noise from the trucks keeps them awake all night. Letter to be written to owner advising them to park behind the arena overnight;
11. MOWI – representatives will be available to meet with council on April 18, 2023;
12. Water & Wastewater Workshop – The Town Superintendent is registered to attend.
13. 132A Bay d'Leau Drive – Request for permit to operate a part-time home based business. Temporary Food Establishment registration has been received from Digital Government and Service NL.  
**Motion #23-043: L. Abbott/D. Stewart**  
**Resolved that permission be granted to Resident of 132A Bay d'Leau Drive to operate a Temporary Food Establishment (Oh So Sweet) from the residence subject to the terms and**

**conditions set by Digital Government and Service NL. Business to be charged \$400.00/year for business tax.**

**In Favour: 7                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0                      Motion Carried.**

**Motion #23-044: L. Abbott/D. Stewart**

**Resolved that the Temporary Food Establishment (Oh So Sweet) located at 132A Bay d'Leau Drive to be charged \$100/year for water and Sewer.**

**In Favour: 5                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 2 (Blake & Bond)                      Motion Carried.**

14. Residents of Bay d'Espoir – Seeking a donation to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the Province. Not at this time, however, a list of local businesses to be sent to residents to seek donations from;
15. Resident of 230A Canada Drive – Expressing concern with the location of their neighbors' garbage box. Public Works Committee to look at.

**Economic Development Officer Report:**

- Mugs are ordered;
- No response from Land and Sea to date;

**Finance Committee Report: n/a**

**Liaison Reports:**

1. Public Relations:
  - Coin Set for first baby born in 2023 has been received. Arrange for next week;
  - Mayor Blake received a call from Bishop Watton expressing his gratitude with the Town's interest in the church not having a Minister. Bishop Watton informed Mayor Blake that the church has a minister coming to the community in August 2023;
2. Elliott Premises:
  - The exterior work is complete. Waiting on invoices to determine the cost of the repairs;
3. Sunny Cottage:
  - Work is ongoing;
4. Recreation:
  - Arena manager is monitoring the cameras at the Fitness Centre;
  - Some work needs to be done at the ball field (dugout) in the spring;
5. Arena:
  - Arena Manager is checking into the Alarm issue. Pollett's Electrical will look at the next time they are in Town;
  - Minor Hockey requesting that a representative from the Town attend and bring greetings at the opening ceremonies for the Easter Tournament on April 13, 2023;
6. HBIC:
7. Aquaculture: n/a
8. Occupational Health & Safety:
9. Beautification Committee: n/a

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10. Fire Dept:

- Credit Card Update from CIBC. Because the FD is a not-for-profit, the card has to be issued to a person and a credit bureau check would have to be done on the person. Suggested getting a prepaid VISA. Agreed to go with a prepaid Visa when needed;

11. Health Care:

- March 6th call was cancelled;

**Other:**

- Mayor Blake thanked Jody for his past year with the Town and wished him best of luck in the future.

Motion for adjournment by Councillor Bond & seconded by Councillor Abbott. Adjournment at 9:44pm.

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**Lloyd Blake – Mayor**

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**Tanya Rogers – Town Manager**