

Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Town Office – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Lloyd Blake Colby Whittle (6:11pm) Roy Drake
Don Stewart Neil Bond (7:28pm) Loretta Abbott

Also Attending: Tanya Rogers Jody Soper

Absent: Fabian Manning

Guest (virtual): Aaron Bennett, Compliance and Certification Manager, Mowi Canada East
Amy Negrijn – Compliance and Certification Coordinator
Ian Roberts – Communications Director – Scotland, Ireland, Canada

Mr. Bennett requested the meeting to outline Mowi Canada East's plans for growth with new sites west of Harbour Breton in Bay de Veux and Aviron Bay. Consultations with various stakeholders will take place on August 9th. These additional sites could take up to 5 years before they are built. The benefits of this expansion include employment, local business contracts, wharf fees, local donations, advocates for cell phone usage, etc.

When asked about the fish loss in last year, Mr. Roberts stated that there have been struggles in recent years but they are absolutely committed to Harbour Breton and the Region. They have a new five year plan in place and, if everything goes according to plan, the industry in this region will rebound.

When asked about layoffs and having an adequate workforce in the future, they understood the Town's concerns and explained that they are committed to retaining local as well as attracting outside workers. The new sites will be camp based/turn around work and therefore employees can travel from outside the region to work.

Discussion around the impact of sea lice and what is being done to combat it. Mr. Roberts explained that a combination of treatments are being used and appear to be working as the number of sea lice per fish is now at 0.08 (down from 14 per fish last year). Although warmer summer temperatures are good for fish growth, it also contributes to increased sea lice. Precautions such as aeration and deeper nets are being employed.

Mayor Blake thanked the Mowi representative for requesting the meeting and updating council on their plan for the future.

~~ Call ended at 6:50pm ~~

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order 6:53 p.m. He then asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, as presented and circulated.

Motion #22-097: D. Stewart/R. Drake

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

In Favour: 6

Abstained:0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Meeting of June 21, 2022

Errors/Omissions: n/a

Motion #22-098: C. Whittle/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Minutes of June 21, 2022 be adopted as presented, as circulated.

In Favour: 6

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Business Arising: Minutes of June 21, 2022:

1. Coast Guard: EDO to look into this in the fall. Gather information from other communities that have acquired a Coast Guard and submit an application to Government;
2. 86 & 88 Main Road North: Waiting on contractor to complete;

3. Sheds on shoreline below Landslide: Owner has still not been identified. Notice to be placed on the shed and picture to be placed on Facebook;
4. Fire Chief Position – Meeting to be schedule for Wednesday, July 26th;
5. Fighting for our Health Committee : MHA Loveless will be in the area the first week of August and will meet with the Committee at this time;
6. 84 South Side Drive – Resident is requesting to purchase land in area of Root Cellar. When contacted, the Landowner stated that he is willing to give the land that he owns in the area of the root cellar to the Town, if the Town was interested in constructing a park/green space in the area.

Motion #22-099: R. Drake/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Town will take ownership of the land in the area of the Root Cellar from Mr. Robert Coady and will be responsible for the transfer costs.

In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

7. 1 Spencer’s Brook Road: No response to date. Remove from agenda until additional information is received;
8. Meeting with RCMP: Request sent, no response to date. Follow up in September;
9. Equipment Operator – The Union was contacted regarding the amount of time being taken off work by the employee. Union suggested meeting with the employee again and documenting the meeting. Mayor Blake and Councillor Abbott will meet with the employee on Monday, July 25. Union Shop Stewart to be invited to the meeting as well;
10. 113B Main Road North – Legal fees for Stewart McKelvey to prepare the Tax Sale will be \$1500-\$2000.00;

Motion #22-100: R. Drake/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Town will proceed with a Tax Sale on the property located at 113B Main Road North.

In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Public Works/Town Superintendent Report: Public Works report attached;

Building Applications:

1. Resident of 86 South Side Drive: Storage Shed (10 x 12). Approved;
2. Resident of 30 A South Side Drive: Storage Shed (8 x 12). Approved;
3. Resident of 21 Spencer’s Brook Road: Application for Home Based Business (Sole Solutions);

Motion:22-101: D. Stewart/C. Whittle

Resolved that the application for a home based business be approved, subject to the condition that this proposal will have to be advertised as per the Town’s Municipal Plan, Development Regulations #30. Notice of the application to develop a ‘*discretionary use*’ in the RMD Zone will have to be advertised allowing persons affected to respond. Notice to be published for a period of seven (7) days.

In Favour: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CIBC – Requiring a borrowing resolution for the credit card application.

Motion #22-102: D. Stewart/R. Drake

Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton will request an Approval to Borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for a Visa Card with a credit limit of \$10,000.00.

In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

2. Mayor Blake – Inquiring if the Town should ask businesses to repair and maintain their parking lots. Agreed that a letter be sent to the businesses;
3. Resident – Complaint of rats in the area of Harbour Drive. This area is currently not being treated in the Town’s monthly plan. Councillor Bond to check with the Harbour Authority;
4. Councillor Stewart – Informing that the Landslide memorial will require some work/repairs in the near future.
5. Resident of 2 Elliott Drive – Letter expressing concerns with the location of the trailer dumping station and requesting the Town change the location. Inform resident that the current location is suitable as it is not located within a residential area and is near a required sewer line. As well, there have been no other complaints received from visitors.
6. Transportation Program – Approval to use the remaining funding to add an additional 25 weeks to the program;
7. Service NL – Report on the dump inspection that took place on July 6, 2022. No major issues were identified;
8. Aaron Bennett, MOWI – Requesting a letter of support for their application for new aquaculture sites west of Francois. Agreed the Town will provide a letter of support;
9. Councillor Stewart – Review of the Provincial Governments mileage and meal rate.
10. MAA – Information provided on the Clar Simmons Scholarship;
11. Potential Visitors – Inquiring about electric car charging stations in the area. The EDO to gather information and costing.
12. Resident of 4 Connaigre Rd – Complaint regarding neighbors storing lobster pots on their property. Inform resident that this is common practice in a fishing community. The pots are located on private property and there has been no issues with rodents/odor because of lobster pots in the past;
13. Central Wellness Coalition – Application for the Community Garden (in partnership with the CYN) approved for \$800.00. CYN has been paying for the supplies;
Motion #22-103: D. Stewart/L. Abbott
Resolved that the Community Garden Grant be donated to the Community Youth Network to offset the cost of supplies for the development of the Community Garden.
In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.
14. Building Blocks Parents – Requesting speed bumps on Elliott Drive in the area of the Daycare. Inform parents that, rather than speed bumps, the Town will look into installing a digital radar speed sign in the area;
15. Recent Visitor – Informing the Town of the condition of the cemetery on Magistrates Hill Road. Concern to be forwarded to St. Bartholomew’s Church;
16. Various Residents – Informing the Town that there is a strong odor coming from the Marine Centre. The business has been notified and are taking steps to reduce the odor;
17. 84A Main Road North – Complaint regarding the odor coming from the houses that burnt down at 86 & 88 Main Road North. As stated above, owners are waiting on the contractor to remove the debris;
18. Jim Buffett - Invitation for the Town to partner in the creation of the Provincial Veteran’s Memorial Park. Inform Mr. Buffett that the Town supports the idea but inquire as to what type of support they are expecting;
19. Mayor Blake – Discussed applying for a grant to do brush cutting from Mary Brown’s to the top of Causeway. Agreed to proceed with the application;

20. Central Health – Invitation to attend the next Municipalities Meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 12:00pm. Link for meeting to be forwarded to council;
21. Resident of 23 Spencer’s Brook Road – Letter on behalf of boaters, requesting fill in the area of the boat launch on Grole Lane. Agreed the Town would fix up the area;
22. MMSB - In response to the Town’s inquiry on the disposal of paint cans, MMSB is asking if the Town would be willing to work as a collection site. Agreed the paint cans would be collected at the Town Garage;
23. Part-time/seasonal employee – Agreed that the employee will be laid off as of July 22, 2022;
24. CEEP – Deadline for application is August 5, 2022. Agreed to apply for funding to replace the siding at the RV Park Comfort Station, repairs to the Landslide Memorial and construction of picnic tables, flower pots and benches;

Economic Development Officer Report:

- Review of notes of meeting with MOWI Communications Manager
Agreed to get the EDO to form a committee that would act as a welcoming committee and develop information packages for new residents of the community;
- Email from the Heritage Foundation regarding Root Cellars;
Informing that funding would not likely be available to restore the Town’s Root Cellar as it would basically required a total rebuild. Recommends interpreting it as a ruin and making a replica at another location, if interested.

Finance Committee Report:

1. Accounts Payable:
Motion #22-103: R. Drake/N. Bond
Resolved to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$43,271.45.
In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.
2. 2021 Towns Financial Statement: Statements from the auditor presented for approval;
Motion #21-104: R. Drake/D. Stewart
Resolved that the 2021 Financial Statements be approved as presented.
In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Liaison Reports:

1. Public Relations:
 - Mayor Blake attended the Canada Day Celebrations at the Lions Club;
 - Mayor Blake did interviews with CBC regarding Health Care in the Region;
2. Elliott Premises:
3. Sunny Cottage:
 - Councillors reminded to donate a prize for the Garden Party bingo/auction;
 - The Town’s truck is needed on Sunday to bring the jumping castle, tables and chairs to the Sunny cottage for the Garden party. Councillor Stewart will drive the truck;
4. Recreation/Arena:
 - Mayor Drake and Councillors Stewart and Bond may be available to help out at various events during the Come Home Year Celebrations;

5. HBIC:
 - Cost for Tina to attend the conference. HBIC recommends splitting the cost with the Town. Agreed the Town would split the cost, up to the \$1500 budgeted amount;
 - Recommends letter be sent to the Dentist and Eye Doctor asking for services to be resumed;
6. Aquaculture: n/a
7. Occupational Health & Safety: n/a
8. Beautification Committee:
 - Councillor Stewart listed a number of areas that need to be cleaned up and mowed before the Come Home Year Celebrations including the Welcome Sign, Sunny Cottage sign, Connaigre Bay Look out, Town Office, Godwin's Hill, Piercey's Point, etc.
9. Fire Dept:
 - Expenses incurred to get the new Fire Truck repaired were sent to the manufacturer, Camions Carl Thibault Inc. Manufacturer agreed to reimburse the invoice paid to Central Technical Services but will not reimburse the Town for fuel expenses in getting the vehicle to St. John's.

Other:

1. Mayor Blake expressed concern with the amount of employee time being consumed collecting bulk garbage on Friday afternoon. Consensus was to continue this service as it prevents metals (hot water tanks, washer, dryers) from going to the dump.
2. Capital Works Applications – Mayor Blake spoke with MHA Loveless regarding the applications and was informed that it could take 2-3 months for approvals to be issued.
3. Concerns have been raised by potential applicants of the HBIC cottages as to the maximum income limit to be eligible for a cottage. MHA Loveless will look into this.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator provided a report on activities and information boards and pamphlets for council to review.
5. Welcome to Harbour Breton banner.

Motion #21-105: L. Abbott/N. Bond

Resolved that a Welcome to Harbour Breton banner be purchased from Stagg Signs to be placed on the poles at the ball field entrance. The recreation bingo proceeds to used to be purchase.

In Favour: 6

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Motion for adjournment by Councillor Bond & seconded by Councillor Stewart. Adjournment at 10:00pm.

Lloyd Blake – Mayor

Tanya Rogers – Town Manager