

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
Town Office – 6:00 p.m.**

<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	Lloyd Blake	Colby Whittle	Roy Drake
	Loretta Abbott	Fabian Manning	
<b><u>Also Attending:</u></b>	Tanya Rogers	Jody Soper	
<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Don Stewart	Neil Bond	
<b><u>CPHCC Guests:</u></b>	Bob Allen, Site-Lead-Operations Manager Dr. Abujnah Trina Mercer, Primary Health Care Facilitator		

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Mayor Blake welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked Dr. Abujnah why he feels it is so difficult to attract and retain doctors in our community, as well as, what he feels we can do as a community to change this. Dr. Abujnah explained that the licensing requirements set by the College of Physicians in NL make it much more difficult to be allowed to practice in NL than it is in other provinces.

Dr. Abujnah thinks Harbour Breton is a beautiful community and the residents are very respectful. He feels physicians would be willing to come to Harbour Breton (and other rural communities) for 3-5 year terms if the licensing process was not so complicated and dragged out.

Having a suitable work-life balance is imperative, so it was also important to Dr. Abujnah to be able to have his family here with him. Unfortunately, immigration laws make this process very cumbersome and lengthy as well.

As a town, it was discussed that the best course of action would be to put pressure on the College of Physicians to allow for some flexibility in the licensing process and to make the process faster.

Mayor Blake thanked the guest for attending the meeting.

~ Guests left the meeting at 7:20 ~

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order 7:20 p.m. He then asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, as presented and circulated.

**Motion #22- 074: R. Drake/L. Abbott**

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

**In Favour: 5**

**Abstained:0**

**Opposed: 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Errors/Omissions:**

**Motion #22-075: C. Whittle/L. Abbott**

**Resolved that the Minutes of May 10, 2022 be adopted as presented, as circulated.**

**In Favour: 5**

**Abstained: 0**

**Opposed: 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Business Arising: Minutes of May 10, 2022:**

1. Coast Guard – No update, keep on Agenda;
2. 86 & 88 Main Road North – Deadline for response is June 1, 2022. No response to date from resident of 86 Main Road North;
3. Sheds on shoreline below Landslide – Letter sent to another possible owner. Responded that they are also not the owner of the property. Contact resident of 25 South Side Drive to see if they know who the owner is;
4. Councillor Orientation – May 28, 2022. Loretta, Colby and Neil are registered. Training material and link for the course will be emailed closer to the date of the training;

5. Fire Chiefs Position – Acting Chief is interested in taking the position of Fire Chief but is not comfortable with doing any public speaking. Meeting to be scheduled with the Fire Department Executive to discuss options;
6. Fighting for our Health Committee – Meeting scheduled for May 25, 6:30pm at the Elliott Premises. Mayor Blake and Deputy Mayor Drake are able to attend;
7. FES Emergency Operations Center Management Course – June 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Blake and Town Superintendent are registered;
8. Green Crab Coordinator: Resumes reviewed and candidate selected;

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

**Building Applications:**

1. Resident of 8 Jensen's Lane: Application for Storage Shed (12 x 20).  
Under section 36 of the Town's Development Plan, where an application is for an accessory building in a front yard, the Town must give notice to all persons whose properties are located on the same street and within sixty (60) meters of the proposed accessory building and duly consider their comments or objections. Therefore, notice will be given to the affected residents who will have one week to respond.
2. Resident of 19 Jersey Avenue: Application for Storage Shed (16 x 20). Approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Credit Card – Information on Credit Card rates from CIBC and BMO reviewed.  
**Motion #22-077: C. Whittle/L. Abbott**  
**Resolved to proceed with obtaining a credit card for the Town at CIBC.**  
**In Favour: 5                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0                      Motion Carried.**
2. CYN – Requesting the Town take two participants for the Breaking the Barriers Program. Given the busy time of year, agreed to proceed with just the one participant;
3. Mileage & Meal Rates – Review of current rates being reimbursed to councillors and employees. Agreed to keep as is;
4. Premier Furey – Thanking Mayor Blake and Councillor Drake for meeting with him during his recent visit to the Coast of Bays;
5. Resident of 103 Bay d'Leau – Requesting an ad be circulated asking ATV users to stay off private property. Approved;
6. Gander Airport Authority – Invitation to attend the grand opening of the International Lounge on June 29<sup>th</sup>;
7. Gander Airport Authority – Update from the 2021 Annual Public Meeting;
8. NAIA – Inquiring if the Town is interested in participating in a shoreline clean up. Agreed the Town would participate as in previous years. The Town will provide garbage bags, water and garbage pick-up;
9. Elliott Premises Mgmt Committee – Requesting the Town take action to get the area next to the Elliott Premises cleaned up. The Town does not feel this is an issues as this area is not easily visible and, as a fishing community, these items need to be stored somewhere;  
Also, requesting the Town replace some of the faded signs around Town. Agreed.

10. Department of Transportation – Deadline to submit the Town’s requirements for Ice Control Material for the 2022-2023 winter season is June 30, 2022.

**Motion #22-078: L. Abbott/C. Whittle**

**Resolved to proceed with ordering the same amount of salt as last year.**

**In Favour: 5      Abstained: 0      Opposed: 0      Motion Carried**

11. 84 South Side Drive – Requesting permission to purchase the piece of land adjacent to their property. The owner of the land would like the Town’s permission to sell the property as it is located in front of the Newman and Company Root Cellar. Seek recommendation from local historian;
12. Union Employee – Requesting dental coverage be added to the Town’s policy. Quote for dental was reviewed. Agreed to consider when negotiating the next collective agreement;
13. Municipal Infrastructure – Information regarding the Cost Adjustments Risk for Budgets and Form 7 and 15 Clarifications;
14. Municipal Infrastructure – Informing of Changes to Master Specifications;
15. Municipal Affairs – Municipal Operating Grant has been received;
16. MAA – Update on the 2023 Assessment Roll;
17. Municipal Infrastructure – Informing on Changes at Tendering and Contracts Division;
18. Central Health – Meeting on Collaborative Practice Clinic postponed to May 30<sup>th</sup> @4:00pm;
19. NAIA – Aquaculture Career Fair to be held on Thursday, June 2 at Bay d’Espoir Academy. Ad to be shared on the Town’s Facebook page;
20. Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society – Invitation to attend the Society’s new home at the site of the former A.N.D Company Mill on June 11<sup>th</sup>;
21. Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce – Invitation to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ke’tipnemk Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction.

**Economic Development Officer Report:**

- Response from the Town’s Insurance regarding placing a slide and floating dock at Mile Pond. Agreed to proceed seeking funding for same;
- Review of names submitted for the Come Home Year JCP for Labourers. Participants selected;
- Since the EDO will be the only staff in the office on June 9<sup>th</sup>, requesting to close the Town office from 1:00pm – 2:30pm to attend a session on Age Friendly communities.

**Motion #22-079: L. Abbott/C. Whittle**

**Resolved to close the office from 1:00pm-2:30pm on June 9<sup>th</sup> so the EDO can attend the Age Friendly Communities meeting.**

**In Favour: 5      Abstained: 0      Opposed: 0      Motion Carried**

**Finance Committee Report:**

Meeting to be scheduled for the week of May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Liaison Reports:**

1. Public Relations:
  - Mayor Blake attended the King Academy Graduation on May 20<sup>th</sup>;
  - Ad has been placed on Facebook for Paramedic Services Week;
2. Elliott Premises: n/a

3. Sunny Cottage:
  - Councillors asked to give a prize or donation for the Garden Party bingo/auction;
  - Canada Day celebrations will be held at the Lions Club as in previous years. Mayor Blake is able to attend.
  
4. Recreation/Arena:
  - Hydro has not been hooked up at the stage. Councillor Whittle will follow up;
  - \$10,000.00 of the budgeted amount to be transferred to the arena to cover summer overhead costs;
  
5. HBIC:
  
6. Aquaculture: n/a
  
7. Occupational Health & Safety: n/a
  
8. Beautification Committee:
  - Committee did not receive a Canada Summer Job Student this year;
  
9. Fire Dept:

**Other: n/a**

Motion for adjournment by Councillor Manning & seconded by Councillor Drake. Adjournment at 9:22 pm.

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**Lloyd Blake – Mayor**

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**Tanya Rogers – Town Manager**