

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Town Office – 6:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Lloyd Blake Colby Whittle Roy Drake
Don Stewart Neil Bond Fabian Manning (6:43)

Also Attending: Tanya Rogers

Absent: Loretta Abbott

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He then asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, as presented and circulated.

Motion #22-045:N. Bond/C. Whittle

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

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

Meeting of March 7, 2023:

Errors/Omissions: n/a

Motion #23-046: D. Stewart/N. Bond

Resolved that the Minutes of March 7, 2023 be adopted as presented, as circulated.

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

Business Arising: Minutes of March 7, 2023:

1. UFCW Negotiations – Latest proposal received. Article 18.01 (a) & (f) has been resolved and will remain as per the current agreement. The union’s proposed wage increase was presented and discussed. Council to respond with status quo on the wage increases;
2. Splash Pad Committee – Not much response to date;
3. Garbage Collection Schedule – Contractor informed that, effective April 4th, 2023, all garbage will be collected on Tuesdays, both residential and commercial;
4. Code of Conduct Training - Fire Department will complete when the Training Officer returns;
5. Resident of 15 South Side Drive – Engineering drawings of the bin walls in that area have been sent to meridian Engineering who are getting a quote from a Geotechnical Firm to do an assessment;
6. Cal LeGrow Insurance – Response to the Town’s questions regarding insured values on properties. No changes to be made at this time;
7. Transportation and Infrastructure – Discussion on projects that have been approved and applied for. Meeting to be scheduled to review finances;
8. Garage Doors –Deputy Mayor Drake will follow up with contractor;
9. Walk of Hope – The Town (Council and Staff) will be participating with a team this year. Team members to be asked to donate a sweepstake prize and the Town will donate the main prize for the ticket draw fundraiser. T-shirts for team members to be purchased once a team name is decided;

Motion #23-047: R. Drake/F. Manning

Resolved that the Town will purchase a Chromebook as a prize for the ticket draw fundraiser for the Walk of Hope.

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

10. Resident of 18 Jersey Avenue – Discussion on appeal of application to construct shed in Sagona Place. Agreed that the Town will abide by the Municipal Plan and that the previous decision of council still stands;

11. Resident of 13 Gorman Place – Agreed not to send a letter to the owner of the vehicle as there are numerous areas around town that experience similar noise as a result of tractor trailers;
12. 82 Main Road North – Water stop issue. Inform owner/contractor that the bridge will need to be removed (by them) before the water stop can be repaired;

Public Works/Town Superintendent Reports: Attached;

Building Applications: n/a

Correspondence:

1. Jackman's Home Centre – Quote submitted for Cold Patch;
2. Bell Aliant – Reminder that 10-digit calling comes into effect on May 31, 2023;
3. New-Wes-Valley – Seeking the Town's support in advocating for volunteer Fire Departments to receive compensation when performing non-traditional duties such as responding to medical calls.

Motion #23-048: R. Drake/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Town will support the Town of New-Wes-Valley to petition MNL to advocate that Volunteer Fire Departments be compensated for performing non-traditional duties.

In Favour: 6

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

4. NL Hydro – Applications being accepted under the takeChargeNL-TownChallenge. If time permits, an application to be submitted for the Elliott Premises;
5. Explore Guide – Price for a paid listing is \$79.00 plus tax. Agreed to place a paid ad for the RV Park as in the past;
6. NAIA – Annual Membership. Agreed to renew;
7. Town's Auditor –
8. Town's Auditor – Questioning why the Harbour Breton Investment Corporation does not pay taxes on their Affordable Housing properties.

Motion #23-049: N. Bond/D. Stewart

Resolved that the Town will begin charging the HBIC \$12,000.00 annually for their 16 properties. Prorated amount of \$9000.00 to be charged for 2023.

In Favour: 6

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

9. Bakers Workshop – Reimbursed the Town for overcharges on Garbage Collection invoices in 2022;
10. Grade 4 Class of SJE – Requesting a meeting and donation for their proposed duck pond enhancements. Waiting on teacher to set a date. Agreed the Town will donate \$50;
11. Exploits Chamber – Mineral Industry Showcase, April 26-28, 2023. Not at this time;
12. Meridian Engineering – Estimate to replace the existing Fire Hall was \$1,305,500.00.

Motion #23-050: R. Drake/N. Bond

Resolved that the Town will submit an application under the 2023-2024 Municipal Infrastructure Program to replace the existing Fire Hall at a cost of \$1,305,500.00. The Town portion will be \$355,161.85 given a cost shared ratio of 70/30.

In Favour: 6

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Motion #23-051: R. Drake/N. Bond

Resolved that the Town of Harbour Breton would request an Approval to Borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for a new Fire Hall in the amount of \$355,161.85.

The said loans to be used as the town's portion of the 2023-2024 Municipal Infrastructure Program Applications. The term of the loans to be for a 25 year period and 25 year amortization period.

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

13. Lift Station Control Panel – Department has informed that Electrical Drawings have to be submitted before a permit can be obtained to install the control panel. Discuss with Meridian Engineer on best way to proceed and who can prepare tenders/RFP;
14. Garbage Box for the Town Office – Garbage box was destroyed by snow clearing equipment. Agreed to purchase a new garbage box at a cost of \$80.00;
15. Town Employee – Further discussion on the time being taken off work by employee. Summary of days taken to be provided at next meeting;
16. Daycare Spaces – Inquire with operator as to why the number of spaces has decreased;

Economic Development Officer Report:

- No response from Land and Sea to date;
- Landslide Painting suggested by Commemoration Committee – Town does not feel this particular painting is suitable. Former resident to be asked for a price to sketch a drawing of the Harbour Breton Landslide;
- First meeting of the Strategic Plan Committee was held on March 15, 2023;

Finance Committee Report: n/a

Motion #22-052: R. Drake/C. Whittle

Resolved to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$52,679.82.

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

Liaison Reports:

1. Public Relations:
 - Mayor Blake brought greeting on behalf of the Town and announced the winners of the Mayors Awards at the Lions Club Speak Off on March 12. Winners were not in attendance but will be invited to a council meeting to accept their award;
 - Mayor Blake visited the Grade 4 class at St. Joseph's School to read a book and answer questions;
2. Elliott Premises:
 - Review of expenses incurred for the exterior work;
3. Sunny Cottage:
 - Interior work is ongoing;
4. Recreation:
5. Arena:
 - Update on Finances, \$10,000.00 of budgeted amount to be paid;

- Arena Board – Board was dissolved in 2017. Agreed to file Articles of Revival to re-instate the Board;
- HST Account – Agreed to file HST separately, not under the Towns as suggested by CRA;
- A door should be installed in one of the benches so that coaches can safely enter the bench without having to walk on the ice. Agreed that the arena employees can do this;
- Twelve new lights have been installed in the dressing rooms. No further lights will be changed out at this time;

6. HBIC:

- HBIC responded to the Town’s counter offer on operating the RV Park in 2023 & 2024;
Motion #22-053: N. Bond/R. Drake
Resolved that the Town accept the second proposal from the HBIC to take over the Management of the RV Park on a trial basis for the 2023 & 2024 season. The Town will continue to collect fees and pay expenses.
In Favour: 6 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

7. Aquaculture: n/a

8. Occupational Health & Safety: n/a

9. Beautification Committee: n/a

10. Fire Dept:

- Annual Telethon will take place in April;

11. Health Care:

- The next Municipalities call will take place on Monday, March 27, 2023 @ 12:00pm.

Other:

Motion for adjournment by Councillor Stewart & seconded by Councillor Whittle. Adjournment at 9:21pm.

Lloyd Blake – Mayor

Tanya Rogers – Clerk/Manager