

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT ST. LAWRENCE TOWN HALL
AUGUST 5, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

MAYOR	PAUL PIKE
D.MAYOR	JACK WALSH
COUNCILLORS	ERNIE LUNDRIGAN
	EDGAR CULL
	TONY LODER
	JENNIFER SLANEY
CLERK/MANG.	GREGORY QUIRKE
ASST.T.CLERK	ANDREA KETTLE
COUNCILLOR	MIKE STACEY

MEMBERS ABSENT

AGENDA

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed the residents that were in the audience. He asked if the following items could be added to the agenda.

- Letter from Derek Simmons – Director of Fire Services/Fire Commissioner
- 2015/2016 Municipal Capital Works Program

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

14 – 109 Resolved to approve the agenda for August 5, 2014 and agreed to add the above listed items to the agenda. All In favour, Motion Carried.

MINUTES

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of July 22, 2014.

MOTION: WALSH/LODER

14 – 110 Resolved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014 as circulated. All in favour, Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Loder informed Council that both he and Councillor Stacey took a look at a few lanes that had areas of concern when snow clearing.

He said that they looked at a lane on Corporation Place on which there is a large cement block at the bottom of the lane. He said that they would recommend that the owner of the property be contacted and advised that the large cement block should be removed as it may hinder snow-clearing in the future.

Councillor Loder said that the second lane they looked at was on Laurentian Avenue. He said that there is a large rock which is impeding snow clearing in this area. He said that an operator can hook the blade into it. He said the problem is the large rock is only about 2 feet from the house.

Council held discussion on this lane.

Consensus was to have the workers look at this.

The third lane that they looked at was Slaneyvale. Councillor Loder said that the space between a fence and a patio in this area is very narrow. He said that they would have to revisit this lane again.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Loder said that they are working on the wording for the dedication sign for the bridge at Chamber Cove.

Discussion was held on the completion date for the latest tender, and the sign.

Councillor Loder said that there is another meeting scheduled for Wednesday night.

LABOUR RELATIONS

Mayor Pike said that the Labour Relations Committee met for discussion on a letter that was received from an employee concerning employment.

Mayor Pike informed Council that they have agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr. John Peddle, who is a labour relations advisor, to address the concerns in the letter.

Councillor Loder asked if Council could sit in on this meeting.

Mayor Pike said that the policy is that the Committee would meet with Mr. Peddle and report back to Council, but if any Council member would like to attend it was up to them. He said that it wasn't the Committee's intent to involve all Council until they got more information.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

LETTER FROM ST. LAWRENCE AREA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Discussion was held concerning the Crown Land application received from the Trail Association.

Mr. Cooper said that when they made application to Crown Lands for the trail extension in May of this year they did not realize that a small section on which the new trail will be built and joins the existing trail (by permit) is just inside the St. Lawrence boundary in the north.

MOTION: WALSH/CULL

14 – 111 Resolved to approve the Crown Land application for the St. Lawrence Area Trail Association to extend a portion of the trail from the Rocky Ridge/Brown Ridge area at the extreme north of the Trail. All in favour, Motion Carried.

TRAIL COUNTER

Mr. Quirke said that as a result of a meeting with Trevor Bungay and Jody Brushett we have received some information on the Trail Counter for Chamber Cove Trail.

He said that the cost of the counter is \$350.00.

Council held discussion on this topic.

Consensus was that Councillor Loder will bring this to the attention of the Historical Advisory Committee at their meeting tomorrow night.

This item is deferred until the next regular council meeting.

ADVERTISING

Mayor Pike said that at the drama festival in Grand Bank there were surveys on the back of the chairs for people to fill out but Chamber Cove was not included on the listing. He asked Councillor Loder to inform the Historical Advisory Committee of this as they may want to check out why Chamber Cove was not listed.

MNL – FIRST CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The deadline for Resolution Submissions is Monday, September 15th, 2014.

Council held a brief discussion.

This item is deferred to the next regular council meeting.

LETTER RE-LITTLE LAWN MEMORIAL TRAIL OF HEROS

A letter was received from a former resident concerning the development of the Little Lawn Memorial Trail of Heroes and to link this trail with the Chamber Cove Trail. In order to do this project they will be encroaching on lands that are within the boundaries of our town.

The committee is asking for written permission from the town so they can proceed with the construction.

Council held discussion.

Consensus was to pass this request along to the Historical Advisory Committee and ask if they would meet with this resident to do some ground work.

This item was deferred to the next regular council meeting.

STRAY CATS

Mr. Quirke said that in acting on the Stray Cat complaint on Laurentian Avenue it seems that the cats are being housed in an abandon garage in the area. He said that we would need to get permission to go into the building to catch the cats. He also said that it is unlikely that the owner of the property is aware of this.

Consensus was to contact the owner of the garage, located on Laurentian Avenue and inform him of the situation.

It was noted at this time that the same cat problem is occurring on Mayor Avenue.

2015/2016 MUNICIPAL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Discussion was held on the recent main line water break on Pollux Crescent and other breaks that occurred in the same area.

MOTION: WALSH/SLANEY

14 – 112 Resolved to engage Edwards & Associates to prepare the application for Capital Works Funding for a Water & Sewer project from Patrick Turpin's residence on Laurentian Avenue to Pollux Crescent (Including Pollux Crescent). This project will be first priority. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Mayor Pike said that Council will have to get pavement done sometime soon because he is receiving so many complaints.

Deputy Mayor Walsh asked if there is any other funding that Council can avail of.

Mr. Quirke said there may be funding under Gas Tax as they have relaxed some of the criteria for projects.

Deputy Mayor Walsh suggested that Council should meet with Government on this.

LETTER FROM DEREK SIMMONS – DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/D.M. WALSH

14 – 113 Resolved to accept the low bid tender from Camions Carl Thibault Inc. for \$260,816.43, and order the new fire truck with the delivery completed by May 31, 2015. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

ADOPT A SPOT SIGNS

Councillor Slaney said that there are two more Adopt A Spot signs that need to be ordered, one for Neil Tarrant and the other for Kevin & Vera Etchegary.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mayor Pike said that he called Waste Management office concerning garbage being picked up so late in this area. He said that for the last 3 weeks the collectors have been taking the garbage from the bins and loading it manually.

Councillor Slaney said that there are residents in the area that do not have garbage nets on their garbage and cannot get to Marystown to purchase them. She suggested that the town purchase a few nets and have them available for residents to purchase if they need them.

Mayor Pike suggested that we inform residents where they can purchase the nets to cover garbage.

Mayor Pike informed Council that he did not receive a response from Waste Management.

Mr. Quirke said that Bulk Garbage is out on the side of the roads 30 days a month. He also said that we do not have to call to have Bulk Garbage picked up in the future.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

UMBRELLA TREE

Councillor Loder said that someone looked at the tree over the weekend and said that the tree is probably infested with insects and it is an old tree.

Mr. Quirke said that there is a representative from Forestry going to visit tomorrow to look at the tree also.

Councillor Loder said that the Umbrella Tree is the most iconic part of this area and was wondering if another large tree can be transplanted in this area.

Council held further discussion on the site of the Umbrella Tree.

Mayor Pike reviewed the report from Ian Edwards concerning the bridge in the area.

SOFTBALL FIELD

Councillor Lundrigan asked if anyone visited the Softball Field to see what needs to be done there.

Mr. Quirke said that he spoke to Councillor Stacey and he is going to have a look at it.

PAVING

Councillor Lundrigan asked if there was a schedule that the town uses to have the potholes paved around town.

Mr. Quirke said that you cannot schedule getting this work done you needs to have 5 or 6 employees available the same day.

DRAINAGE

Deputy Mayor Walsh said that he has received complaints about drainage in the town. He said there is a residence on Pikes Drive that has drainage going through the property and the drums have now a lot of holes in them and this is causing problems for the owner of the property.

Mr. Quirke said that he would have the outside employees check this out.

Discussion was held on other areas of concern; John Hawse's lane and the area near Issac Kettles (Mr. Quirke has Ian Edwards already looking at this area)

Consensus was that Mr. Quirke contact Ian Edwards to look at the area on Pikes Drive.

SUMMER GAMES

Councillor Slaney congratulated Councillor Lundrigan on his participation in the Summer Games.

SENOIR'S WALKING TRAIL

Councillor Slaney said that Councillor Stacey had conversations with Jim Loder and Laurell Stacey concerning the Seniors Trail.

Discussion was held on the bridges for this area.

CONGRATS

Mayor Pike congratulated Councillor Lundrigan on a job well done with the Summer Games and his help with the St. Lawrence Day celebrations. He said that everything got done in good time and hats off to all the volunteer committees.

DELEGATION TO ST. JOHNS

Mayor Pike said that he feels that it's time to have a delegation go to St. Johns to meet with Ministers for funding purposes. He said that a delegation to St. John's shows strength in numbers, so he asked all councilors to think about this and to see if they can arrange work schedules to attend. He said the meetings normally take about 3 days to attend.

WINDPOWER

Deputy Mayor Pike informed Council that he is calling Pascal Brun at ENEL this week to get more information on why NELCORE said no to nine more wind towers for this area.

TIDY TOWN JCP WORKER

Mr. Quirke said that he was notified that JCP worker Richard Hodge was finished work on Friday past as he has found other employment.

Mr. Quirke said that he will be posting this position tomorrow morning.

IRON SPRINGS BRIDGE

Mr. Quirke informed Council that there were two bids received on the work at Iron Springs Bridge. They were \$19,703 and \$18,404.

Councillor Loder said that the bids are close and that he believes in local more so than outside contractors if possible.

LAND FOR SALE

Mayor Pike said that he was approached by a former resident over the weekend who said that they have 45 acres of land for sale. He said that the land is situated on the right hand side of Route 220 towards Lt. St. Lawrence and runs over to the Lighthouse Rd.

Mayor Pike asked if Council should go back to this person to see what kind of price we could get on this parcel of land.

Discussions were held on this land being used for an Industrial park and for a residential development for mobile homes.

RECREATION CENTRE RENNOVATIONS

Councillor Slaney asked for the status on the renovations.

Mayor Pike said that the work is going to tender tomorrow.

Discussion was held on this topic and a Lions Club Building and Community Centre.

ADDITION TO FIRE HALL

Discussion was held on an addition to the Fire Hall building to accommodate the new fire truck.

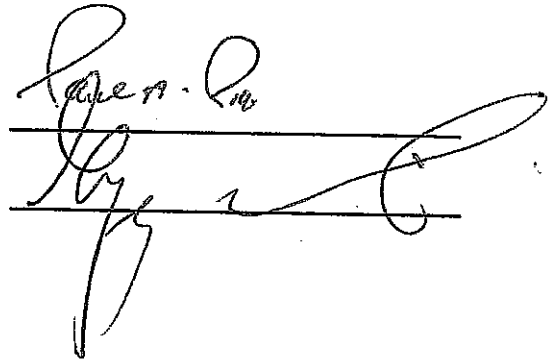
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Mr. Quirke was asked to contact the Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION D.M. WALSH

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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