

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT ST. LAWRENCE TOWN HALL
MAY 5, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MAYOR DEPUTY MAYOR	PAUL PIKE JACK WALSH
	COUNCILLORS	MICHAEL STACEY ERNIE LUNDRIGAN AMANDA SLANEY EDGAR CULL (7:04 P.M.)
	CLERK/MANAGER ASST. TOWN CLERK	ANDREA KETTLE EILEEN NORMAN
MEMBERS ABSENT	COUNCILLOR	KEVIN PITTMAN

AGENDA

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- LETTER FROM RESIDENT – BECKH004 REQUESTING TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF SHED
- LETTER FROM RESIDENT – BECKH004 RE – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
- REQUEST FOR DONATION – ST. LAWRENCE AND AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
- LETTER FROM CYN TO AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE RE – SENIORS LAWN CARE
- CBDC BURIN PENINSULA – BUFFET BREAKFAST –WED. MAY 13/15

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/SLANEY

15 – 69 Resolved to approve the agenda for May 5, 2015 with the above additions. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MINUTES

BLUE RIVER MEDIA

The office staff was asked to call to check on the update to the town website.

ST. LAWRENCE DAY

It was noted that St. Lawrence Day is August 1st this year and it was suggested to put a notification on the town's facebook page.

SENIORS OF DISTINCTION

Council was informed that the nomination for Mrs. Nella Hodder has been completed and submitted.

MOTION: STACEY/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 70 Resolved to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015 as circulated. All in favour, Motion Carried.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

MMSB – NEW FUNDING PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The Manager said that she contacted Burin Peninsula Waste Management and asked if someone from Council could sit in on meetings if our representative was unavailable to attend and she was advised that someone could attend for informational purposes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOFTBALL FIELD

The Softball Committee are requesting if the town outside workers could check the area of the softball field to see the condition of the ground.

PATIO – SWIMMING POOL

Discussion was held on the completion of the new deck on the swimming pool building. It was noted that a flood light is needed on the building, folding tables and chairs and some picnic tables.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was advised that the Committee is talking about having brochures printed for 2016. It was noted that May 15 is the deadline to have items added to the website. It was also noted that the Echoes of Valour sign needs to be replaced and new pictures are needed.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

It was agreed to defer this item until the next Council meeting. Mayor Pike advised that we will need to prepare terms of reference for each committee.

ONLINE – ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT

The Manager gave an update on this item.

It was suggested to send out a Poll to see how many residents would use online banking. It was agreed to post it on facebook and post around town.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

APPLICATIONS

SLANM018 – ADDITION TO EXISTING SHED AND PARTIAL REMOVAL AND ADDITION TO DWELLING

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 71 Resolved to approve the application for SLANM018 to add an addition to existing shed and partial removal and addition to dwelling. All in favour, Motion Carried.

RENNM001 – PLACE PREFAB UTILITY SHED (10' X 12') ON PROPERTY

MOTION: CULL/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 72 Resolved to approve the application for RENNM001 to place a prefab utility shed (10' X 12') on property. All in favour, Motion Carried.

*****At this time, Councillor Cull left the meeting.**

ROUTE 220 – CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING – 38’ X 60’

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/SLANEY

15 – 73 Resolved to approve construction of new dwelling (38’ X 60’) on Route 220. All in favour, Motion Carried.

*****Councillor Cull re-entered the meeting.**

CONGRATULATIONS LETTER – LION MARTHA BREWER

It was noted that the letter of congratulations has been drafted and will be sent out tomorrow.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – APRIL 2015 - \$45,219.20

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 74 Resolved to approve the Accounts Payable for April 2015 in the amount of \$45,219.20. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CONGRATULATIONS – ALLIED YOUTH

It was noted that the letter of congratulations has been drafted and will be sent out tomorrow.

RESOLUTION AND PETITION - CANADA POST – RURAL POST OFFICE CLOSURES

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/CULL

15 – 75 Resolved to circulate the petition re – Canada Post – Rural Post Office closures for signatures. All in favour, Motion Carried.

DRAINAGE – NOTRE DAME/LAURENTIAN AVENUE

The Manager advised Council that Ian Edwards was up and looked at these areas and suggested the following:

Notre Dame Street – go across the road and tie into drainage on opposite side of Notre Dame Street. It will involve crossing another resident’s property but Mrs. Kettle advised that she has received written permission from the resident to cross the property but Council will have to reinstate the property as it was.

Laurentian Avenue – Tobin’s Garage area - install drainage pipes.

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

15 – 76 Resolved to install drainage pipes on Notre Dame Street and Laurentian Avenue to alleviate drainage problems. All in favour, Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS

LETTER FROM RESIDENT – BECKH004 REQUESTING TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF SHED

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 77 Resolved to approved the request from BECKH004 requesting temporary relocation of shed. All in favour, Motion Carried.

LETTER FROM RESIDENT – BECKH004 RE – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

A detailed discussion took place and it was advised that the requested area is zoned residential and the proposed development is not permitted. Further discussion took place and it was agreed to advise the resident that Council would help to identify other areas to use for this purpose.

Mayor Pike said that there is a need for an industrial park but it is hinging on an announcement on the mine.

REQUEST FOR DONATION – ST. LAWRENCE AND AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

It was noted both of the Cancer Support Groups request a donation each year.

MOTION: STACEY/D.M. WALSH

15 – 78 Resolved to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to each of the Cancer Support Groups in St. Lawrence. All in favour, Motion Carried.

LETTER FROM CYN TO AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE RE – SENIORS LAWN CARE

The contents of this letter explains that CYN are not able to do Seniors Lawn Care service this year because of liability issues.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to get the Manager to get a phone number so the Mayor can call to express our disappointment.

CBDC BURIN PENINSULA – BUFFET BREAKFAST – WED. MAY 13/15

Mayor Pike advised that he would attend this function.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

LETTER FROM ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

The Mayor read the letter to Council.

MNL – FEDERAL BUDGET MISSES THE MARK ON WASTEWATER FUNDING

The consensus was to file this correspondence.

MINI BUDGET

Mayor Pike advised that he has a copy of the mini budget and will provide copies to Councillors.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

TIDY TOWNS

Councillor Lundrigan advised that Eric Reeves will be adopting the lookout in Herring Cove and asked if there was an Adopt A Spot sign available for this area. He said he advised the Office last year about this site. It was agreed to check to see if there was a sign here and if not one would be ordered.

LAWRENTIAN DAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was noted that the Homecoming Committee had agreed to run St. Lawrence Days. It was suggested to advertise a meeting for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

LAURENTIAN GROUNDS

Councillor Lundrigan said that he has spoken to the Lions Club regarding the pillar in the park. They said that it is of no significant value to them so it was suggested to have the town workers look at this because there is cement falling off it and it is a safety hazard.

Councillor Lundrigan also asked if the town employees could remove the two blue garbage barrels as the Playground Committee are using the wooden ones with bins.

Discussion took place on placing signage in the park because of liability issues with older kids using playground equipment that is too small for them

The Mayor congratulated the committee for the re-opening of the park.

BUSINESS TAX – RENTAL PROPERTIES

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that he has been asked why people with rental properties don't pay business tax to the town.

Mrs. Norman advised that this issue was addressed before and Municipal Affairs advised that rental properties are not considered to be a business.

It was suggested to get confirmation of this in letter form.

Mayor Pike said that he will have the Assessment Agency answer this and provide to the town.

WATER & SEWER EXEMPTION

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/STACEY

15 – 78 Resolved to exempt water & sewer tax for RENNT002 from the date of his permit. All in favour, Motion Carried.

LEGENDARY COASTS

Mayor Pike advised that he will attend the session in St. John's on May 14, 2015.

It was suggested that if any member of the Historical Advisory Committee wishes to attend the Town would pick cover the cost.

MOTION: STACEY/LUNDRIGAN

15 – 80 Resolved to pay for a member of the Historical Advisory Committee to attend the Legendary Coasts presentation in St. John’s on Thursday, May 14, 2015. All in favour, Motion Carried.

SHARED SERVICES

Mayor Pike advised that he attended a meeting in Garnish re – Shared Services.

Items discussed were:

Animal control – suggested to bring forward to Joint Towns to see how many communities would be interested. Suggested to hire one other person to look after the peninsula.

Central Warehouse – construct a central warehouse that could house items that could be shared – scaffolding, etc.

PENSION PLAN REQUIREMENT – IN CAMERA

MOTION: D.M. WALSH/STACEY

15 – 82 Resolved to waive the 24 month waiting period as outlined in the Town’s pension plan and use the 3 month probationary period. Also agreed to have this clause in the pension plan changed to a 3 month probationary period.. All in favour, Motion Carried.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Mayor Pike advised that he could not attend the session on electoral boundaries. He read a letter to Council from the Mayor of Grand Bank.

It was agreed to write a letter and submit it to the Electoral Boundaries Commission expressing our views.

REC CENTRE FUNDING

Mayor Pike advised that he has been talking to Hon. Darin King and advised him that we only have until next Thursday to make a decision because of a bid bond.

A detailed discussion took place on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: D.M. WALSH

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.
