

Town of Carbonear
Regular Council Meeting, February 16, 2009
Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Carbonear
held in Council Chambers, February 16, 2009 at 7:30pm

Members Present: Mayor Sam Slade
Councillors Gladys Mercer
Jim Burden
John Comerford
Fred Earle

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Edward Slade
Councillors Terry Emberley

Also Present: Town Clerk Cathy Somers
Town Administrator Cynthia Davis
Director of Operations & Public Works Brian O'Grady
Director of Recreation & Tourism Rob Button

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1. Calling of Meeting to Order
Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone present at the meeting.
 2. Adoption of Minutes
 - a) February 2, 2009 Regular Meeting
Motion 09-033 **F. Earle / G. Mercer**
Resolved that the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Regular meeting of council be adopted as presented.
Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**
 - b) February 2, 2009 Privileged Meeting
Motion 09-034 **J. Comerford / J. Burden**
Resolved that the minutes of the February 2, 2009 privileged meeting of council be adopted as presented.
Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**
 3. Business Arising From Minutes
 - ▶ Motions to be ratified from the February 2, 2009 Privileged Meeting
Mayor Slade asked that Motion SPE 2009-02-02-001 be ratified.
Motion 09-035 **J. Comerford / F. Earle**
Resolved that the Town of Carbonear advertise the Red International (1995) Dump Truck and Plow for sale.
Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**
Mayor Slade asked that Motion SPE 2009-02-02-002 be ratified.
Motion 09-036 **F. Earle / J. Comerford**

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear proceed with plans to sell the three existing dump trucks, and purchase two new dump trucks with plows and a newer pickup truck with plow as recommended by the Works Committee.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

Mayor Slade asked that Motion SPE 2009-02-02-003 be ratified.

Motion 09-037

F. Earle / J. Burden

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear grant approval to allow the Town Administrator and the Director of Operations and Public Works to hire the seasonal workers for the number of weeks needed, and to determine what combination of seasonal employees would be needed during the spring and summer months when additional road work is to be completed and to fill the vacancies while full-time staff are off on vacation or other types of leave.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

Councillor Mercer inquired about savings in overtime for snow clearing.

This matter would be discussed at a later time.

4. Delegations

5.1 Correspondence, Permits & Development

- a) Application to construct an accessory building at 118 Forest Road.
Reviewed by the Development Committee. Deferred for further investigation.
- b) List of Permits #4258-59.

Motion 09-038

F. Earle / J. Burden

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear approve the list of permits # 4258 - 4259 as presented to Council.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

5.2 Correspondence, Requiring Council's decision.

- a) Government of NL, Department of Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister, Re. Engineering Design Initiative, Street Upgrading and Paving, Project No. 09026. Requires Council's intention to proceed with engineering design, including acceptance of the 80/20 cost sharing ratio and the total proposed municipal share (less GST rebate) of \$94,823 based on the current cost estimate. Deadline for acceptance is February 20, 2009.

Motion 09-039

G. Mercer / F. Earle

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear proceed with Engineering Design Initiative, Street Upgrading and Paving, Project No. 09026 engineering design, including acceptance of the 80/20 cost sharing ratio and the total proposed municipal share (less GST rebate) of \$94,823 based on the current cost estimate.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

- b) Government of NL, Department of Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister, Re. Engineering Design Initiative, Chlorination System Upgrade, Project No. 09025. Requires Council's intention to proceed with engineering design, including acceptance of the 80/20 cost sharing ratio and the total proposed municipal share (less

GST rebate) of \$5,735 based on the current cost estimate. Deadline for acceptance is February 20, 2009.

Motion 09-040

F. Earle / J. Burden

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear proceed with Engineering Design Initiative, Chlorination System Upgrade, Project No. 09025 engineering design, including acceptance of the 80/20 cost sharing ratio and the total proposed municipal share (less GST rebate) of \$5,735 based on the current cost estimate.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

- c) Government of NL, Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Re. Immigration Portal Project.

Town Administrator to investigate further and make a recommendation to Council on the matter.

- d) MMSB, Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2009, Invitation to participate in the 2009 Program. Reviewed.

Council will proceed to participate again this year if the Town of Hr. Grace is willing to participate, if not we will wait until 2010 to participate.

5.3 Correspondence, Received and action taken

Council reviewed the following correspondence and action taken:

- a) Masonic Lodge Carbonear No. 1043, Request for advertising sponsorship in their Booklet celebrating 100 years of Freemasonry in Carbonear. Referred to the Finance Committee.
- b) NL Knights of Columbus, 100th Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Request for advertising sponsorship in the booklet for the one hundredth anniversary celebrations of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador. Referred to the Finance Committee.
- c) Inquiry regarding converting a property from office building to residential dwelling. Referred to the Development Committee.
- d) MRON Inc., Notification of their organization of the first ever Baccalieu Games to be held August 23-29, 2009. Launch was held on Feb. 11th and attended by Councillor Earle.
- e) Conservation Corps NL, Call for Proposals for Funding Available for the Green Team Project which provides financial support and guidance to community based projects that have involve the enhancement, restoration and sustainable development of our natural and cultural resources in hiring local youth, age 16-30, to work on proposed projects. Copied to Rob for consideration.

6. Committee Reports
None filed.

- 7. Reports from Town Administrator and Department Heads
 - a) Town Administrator
No report filed.
 - b) Director of Operations and Public Works

Brian reviewed his report with Council.

Mayor Slade asked that we keep some cold patch on hand for use with some potholes when waiting to use the re-cycler.

Councillor Earle advised of potholes: one on Whites Road and one down on Water Street by Joe Taylor's Lane.

Councillor Earle confirmed that the Director of Operations and Public Works is doing an analysis of the heating systems here at the Civic Centre and the Pool, as well as researching green funds available to fund energy saving systems.

Brian noted that the swimming pools in Labrador City, Port aux Basques, Mount Pearl, Mundy Pond, and Grand Falls-Windsor have all converted to a new heating systems.

The pool at Mundy Pond is most comparable to our pool, and Rob is investigating the savings that they achieved after switching systems.

Councillor Mercer also suggested that programmable heating could also be considered for further energy conservation.

Councillor Mercer requested that Brian obtain an update for the next meeting on the development progress at the Stone House building.

Shipped timbers from BC to use in the building

Councillor Mercer requested a report on the guide rails needing repair/replacement throughout town. She noted the ones on Hr. Rock Hill need repair.

Mayor Slade asked to review the possibility of placing additional guide rail near the bridge on Lower Southside Road.

Councillor Mercer asked if the build up of water on the Highroad South bridge has that been corrected. Brian advised that the contractor did do some cold planing, but they will correct it properly in the spring.

Deputy Mayor Slade indicated that when the Gut Bridge is replaced, we will need to address the pooling of water near the Gut Bridge. Brian noted that the elevation in the road will be changed to correct this problem.

c) Director of Recreation and Tourism

Rob reviewed his report with Council.

Mayor thanked Councillor Earle for attending the launch of the Baccalieu Games.

Councillor Earle asked if the hooks were placed in the back change rooms. Rob advised this work was completed.

Councillor Earle noted that Victoria Ralph won a medal in the Atlantic Wrestling Competition. Rob to send letter of congratulations.

Mayor, Cynthia, Rob met with the Olympic Torch Relay Committee.

The torch will be here November 14, 2009, 7:00am.

Councillor Earle asked about the success of the Poseidon Swim Meet last week.

Rob advised that it was a very successful meet with approximately 190 swimmers in attendance. All hotels, B & Bs in the area were totally booked.

Rob to see if we can get some pictures on the website.

Town Administrator advised that there is a slide show on the website of scenic pictures and commercial businesses. We are in contact with the webmaster to incorporate music with this as well and will try to provide a link to certain artists websites to showcase our local talent as well.

The Olympic website, will provide a page for the Town of Carbonear with a link to our website for the Olympic Torch Relay location.

Councillor Mercer asked if we could include information on housing properties available on our website as well. Councillor Mercer noted that now would be a good time to ensure that housing areas are well promoted on the website. With Long Harbour Development, we need to promote Carbonear as the place to develop. Town Administrator to contact the webmaster to include promotion of new available land developments on the website.

Mayor Slade inquired about the Willoughby Estates Extension. Town Administrator advised that the cost of the project to date will be provided to the lawyer to include in the agreement, then the agreement can be provided to potential developers.

8. Finance

- a) List of Operating Invoices, totaling \$14,452.24

Motion 09-041

G. Mercer / F. Earle

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear approve for payment the list of operating invoices, totaling \$14,452.24 as presented to Council.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

9. Regulations

None listed.

10. General Business

- a) Funding for Re-fit of Heating System for the Carbonear Swimming Pool and the Regional Community Centre

Discussed earlier. Councillor Earle asked when we could expect a report on this.

Brian indicated within a month, but will keep Council updated on the progress of this issue.

- b) One-way traffic on Newfoundland Drive from Garland's Lane to Janes Avenue

Mayor Slade advised that he received complaints on traffic driving the wrong way on this one-way section of Newfoundland Drive.

Discussed. Town Administrator to have the Enforcement Officer advise the RCMP of these complaints.

- c) Councillor Mercer reported on the meeting with Dr. Gary Baker, Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Oscar Howell, Vice President of Eastern Health Medical Services of the met with Mayor Slade, Councillors Mercer and Earle.

We met with these individuals because of concerns with residents not being able to find a family doctor. Councillor Mercer noted that they found out some interesting statistics: 40% of MUN graduates stay in NL, there will be another 20 openings made available in the MUN School of Medicine, 50% of graduating doctors are female. Councillor Mercer noted that we will continue to communicate with Dr. Gary Baker on this matter.

Carbonear Hospital is receiving patients from the Clarenville area for surgery.

Carbonear Hospital is competing globally for physicians and there is a long list of

benefits that are being offered to entice physicians to this area. Dr. Howell and Dr. Baker very pleased that the Town of Carbonear took a pro-active interest on this matter. Mayor Slade and Councillor Mercer were very pleased with the meeting.

Mayor Slade congratulated MRON and Councillor Earle on the Launch of the Carbonear Island Strategy which was held today on Heritage Day in the Town of Carbonear. Councillor Earle also congratulated the Heritage Society who also celebrated their 30th Anniversary today as well. Town Administrator to write a letter to congratulate the Heritage Society on their 30th Anniversary. Mayor Slade noted that we should keep as much of our heritage alive here in the Town of Carbonear in regards to maintaining Historical buildings.

Councillor Earle indicated that in the Compass last week, it indicated that we were disappointed we didn't get any funding for a fire truck. Councillor Earle pointed out that we did not apply for funding for the purchase of a fire truck, however, it is in our long term plan to acquire a new truck, probably in the year 2012 and that we could look at trying to move that date forward to an earlier year.

Councillor Earle noted that as previous Fire Chief and being involved with this process, we need the Fire Dept and Council on side, then the Fire Commissioner and then the provincial government for funding. He suggested that we need to set up a meeting with the Fire Commissioner on this matter to determine exactly the piece of equipment that would be supported by the Fire Commissioner's Office.

Councillor Earle asked if the letter to the hospital has been written yet. Town Administrator advised that the letter has been started and she will get it completed and sent to the hospital.

Town Administrator advised that the Fire Department had their Election of Officers and Ed Kavanagh is the new Fire Chief. Council will have to appoint Ed Kavanagh as Fire Chief as he is considered the Department Head.

Motion 09-042

G. Mercer / F. Earle

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear appoint Ed Kavanagh as Fire Chief for the Town of Carbonear.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

11. Notices of Motion
No notice of motions were filed.

12. Adjournment
Motion 09-043 to adjourn at 8:37pm.
Favour 5; Opposed 0; **Carried**

F. Earle / G. Mercer

Mayor Sam Slade

Cathy Somers, Town Clerk