



THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE - HARBOUR LE COU

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THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE-HARBOUR LE COU REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor ----- Clayton Durnford
Deputy Mayor ----- Jennifer Keeping
Councillors ----- Gary Bateman
Fred Billard
Henry Lawrence
Frank Touchings

Also Present

Town Clerk ----- Tammy Farrell
Maintenance ----- Barry Spicer

Councillor Ruby Porter was unable to attend.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Durnford called the meeting to order and asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes. Prayer read.

MOTION 59-2021 G.BATEMAN/F.BILLARD

Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 60-2021 J.KEEPING/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved the agenda be adopted as prepared.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Delegate

Concerned resident attended the meeting regarding water build up at culvert adjacent to his property. Town installed a grill at the culvert to stop the garbage/debris from building up thus preventing this debris from going into another residents basement. Current resident advised this grate is not big enough to handle the flow of water in that area and this will cause his property to flood. He wanted to know if this happens will council cover damages to his property. Councillor Billard advised the resident why this grate was installed and there was some discussion between the homeowner and council. Council advised they will discuss this issue and advise the homeowner of their decision. Delegate left at 6:45 p.m.

Council discussed the situation and was resolved to send both homeowners a letter. One to advise first homeowner that council has done their part in diverting some of the water away from his/her home, however this homeowner must ensure his/her basement is clear of debris and garbage to allow the water to run smoothly as in the past.

A letter will also be sent to the second homeowner advising him/her that council will remove the grate that is currently there, however in the future if there is an issue with debris/garbage, a proper grate will be constructed and installed at the culvert.

Maintenance

Barry advised he is unable to get the filter out of the pumphouse. He is waiting on a call back from representative from K&D Pratt regarding this issue.

Water System - Boil Water Advisory Program – Barry advised there is a small leak in the chlorine system at the Pumphouse. Pictures have been taken and sent to Engineer Steve Osmond who contacted a subcontractor and it looks like it may only cost \$120 for the repair however waiting on a quote from the subcontractor.

No readings back yet on the PWD Water System.

Clerk presented BWA Reduction Initiative - Boil Water Advisory Mentoring Program to council from Department of Municipal Affairs. This program assists communities in getting off BWA and it's a free mentorship program.

MOTION 61-2021 G.BATEMAN/F.BILLARD

Resolved to put forth the town's interest in participating in the BWA program. Clerk to advise the proper department.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Generator – Clerk advised pictures of new site location, letter and specs of the generator was sent to representative from Water Resources Division for the generator. Representative visited the area on Friday, August 20th and met with Councillor Billard, Councillor Bateman and Maintenance. Everything looks good for this site, however must wait for permit before any construction is to start. Representative also took water samples at the intake of the pumphouse and will advise.

Email was also sent to representative from Environment regarding the old building next to the pumphouse. Council wants to remove however needs guidance on how to proceed. No reply as of tonight's meeting. Clerk to follow up and advise.

Clean Up Week for September – Clerk advised residents have been asking about a fall clean up as we did last year. Clean up week set for September 13th to 17th same rules as spring clean up. Clerk to post.

Business Arising from Minutes

Sub Committees- Rules of Procedure – Clerk presented subcommittee rules, members and guidance for the following

- ▶ Budget Committee
- ▶ Policy Committee
- ▶ Safety Committee
- ▶ Building/Planning Committee
- ▶ Public Works
- ▶ HR Committee
- ▶ Beautification Committee
- ▶ Representatives for other Groups

Council reviewed all and was in favor with each.

MOTION 62-2021 G.BATEMAN/F.BILLARD

Resolved to adopt all committee structures as prepared.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Clerk advised all councils are to have a Rules of Procedure to follow during council meetings. Clerk presented a draft outline for our meetings but needed guidance on some items. Council gave their suggestions and clerk to have these Rules of Procedure prepared to adopt at next meeting.

Nomination Day – Is set for August 31st, 8 a.m to 8 p.m.

Clerk advised anyone rerunning must come in that day to be re-nominated. All taxes/fees owing to town has to be paid in full before nomination can take place.

Quarry/Pit – Clerk gave update on application process for the Blackberry Brook pit. New regulations state that a quarry must be 90 m from the TCH, this one is 60 m. If we want to continue with the process, the pit will have to be moved back to cover the 90m guideline.

Council had some discussion on this issue.

MOTION 63-2021 H.LAWRENCE/G.BATEMAN

Resolved not to continue with the application for the Blackberry Brook quarry/pit. Resolved to submit close up application and ask for reimbursement of application fee paid. Clerk to contact Lands Division for assistance in the close out application.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Lighthouse Insurance – Received quote from town’s insurance. To insure all 10 properties at the Lighthouse Site would be an extra \$4,377.00 per year.

MOTION 64-2021 H.LAWRENCE/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to insure the lighthouse properties with the town’s insurance as stated.

IN FAVOR 3; OPP 0; ABST 3; CARRIED

Due to conflict of interest, Mayor Clayton Durnford, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Keeping and Councillor Frank Touchings.

Heritage Advisory Committee - Motions – Mr. Livingston presented council with motions for branding and Heritage designation. Council reviewed the documents.

MOTION 65-2021 F.BILLARD/J.KEEPING

Resolved that pursuant to the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou Heritage Regulations, the following lands are designated a Municipal Heritage site of the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou:

Description of Property; The Trails of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou, namely Rose Blanche Trail (including Old Lighthouse Road Trail, Crow Head Trail, and Big Bottom Hill Trail), Harbour Le Cou Old Road Trail and Diamond Cove Hill Trail.

The Old Lighthouse Trail is located in Rose Blanche between the new Rose Blanche Lighthouse Road and the end of Water Bottom Road.

The Crow Head Trail is located in Rose Blanche between the end of Big Bottom Road and Tunnel Road.

The Diamond Cove Hill Trail is located in Rose Blanche between the end of Savoury Heights Road and the Rose Blanche Cemetery (overlooking Diamond Cove).

The Harbour Le Cou Old Road Trail is located between a point approximately fifty (50) meters East the intersection of Highway 470 and Main Street in Rose Blanche and the bottom of Beach Hill on Harbour Le Cou Road.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 66-2021 F.BILLARD/J.KEEPING

Resolved the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou adopt the following brand to promote and enhance its identity as a travel and tourism destination:

“Newfoundland’s Best Outport Experience”

This brand will be included as a Tagline on all relevant communications media including new Town signage, correspondence, social media, and travel and tourism print, and other media.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Council discussed constructing a new sign coming into the community to have some of the town's history indicated on the sign. We have history here with Ms. Cassie Brown and Mr. Jimmy Buffet just to name a few. This will require a lot of planning and designing. Planning and Beautification Committee can sit in on this.

Needs some Caution Children Playing signs for playground area and Gulsh Road. Clerk to also follow up with Trail Signs.

New Business

Capital Works Approval – Town received funding under Canada Infrastructure Program for Road Upgrades Lower Crow Cove Road in the amount of \$225,129.00 under 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 Federal, Provincial, and Municipal.

MOTION 67-2021 F.BILLARD/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved to accept the funding as presented for Road Upgrades in the amount of \$225,129.00

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Clerk to contact Municipal Affairs for assistance in the next step.

Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Amendment – Clerk presented Amendment to the Ultimate Gas Tax Agreement. This Amendment rescinds and replaces the original letter sent in June 2019. A top up allocation amount of \$24,426.00 is included in the 2021-2022 allocations.

MOTION 68-2021 J.KEEPING/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved to accept the Amended Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax funding as presented with a top up of \$24,426.00 for 2021-2022 allocations.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Grinder Pumps – Most all pumps have been replaced however still needs more new ones.

MOTION 69-2021 J.KEEPING/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou submit a Capital Investment Plan to purchase 8 new grinder pumps. Clerk to get quotes and complete CIP application for these pumps.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Fire Prevention Week – Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9, 2021. Town will do something that week to acknowledge the volunteer fire fighters. Councillor Fred Billard advised will bring forth to Fire Department to send something to the school for the kids.

Camera – Clerk advised some issues been happening with the town’s flags and thinks it maybe time to get a security camera for the building. Council suggested to do this and put up notice “Camera in Use” and go from there.

Upstairs Bathroom – Clerk advised toilet and sink in the upstairs bathroom is in bad shaped.

MOTION 70-2021 J.KEEPING/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to purchase and install new sink and toilet for the upstairs bathroom.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Keeping advise the back door is in need of repairs as well. Maintenance to get this fixed. Clerk to check out funding applications for repairs to the town building.

New Holiday – Clerk received notification indicating a new Statutory Holiday for September 30th for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This holiday will commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada.

MOTION 71-2021 J.KEEPING/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved all employees will honor this day on the day it falls upon, September 30th.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Councillor Henry Lawrence left at 8:40 p.m.

Other Concerns – The following issues/concerns were brought forth:

– The old wharf/pound let go from below the Fishermen’s Museum out on the Lighthouse Site. Councillor Frank Touchings will get someone to help him tow it to the slipway and Maintenance will tow it ashore. Anyone who wants the wood, can take it.

– Outstanding Accounts - Councillor Touchings met with Clerk to discuss outstanding taxes and those not paying.

File # 2021A owing in the amount of \$2,839.00

File #2021B owing in the amount of \$6,834.00

File #2021C owing in the amount of \$14,745.00

MOTION 72-2021 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to contact lawyer for collections on these accounts, either by small claims or re-selling property for tax arrears.

IN FAVOR 5; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Clerk to contact town’s lawyer to submit.

Correspondence

FROM: Mr. John Spencer, Mayor of Channel Port aux Basques **REGARDING:** Meeting with RCMP representatives on Sept. 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss future policing in the area. **ACTION:** Someone from council will attend this meeting.

FROM: Carol Anstey **REGARDING:** PC Candidate introduction **ACTION:** Acknowledged - ask if visiting the area to speak to council.

FROM: NL Association for Community Living **REGARDING:** Zoom Presentation for services offered. **ACTION:** Acknowledged

FROM: Department Transportation & Works **REGARDING:** Site Specific Plan (SSP) due October 29, 2021 **ACTION:** Clerk to complete before deadline

Finances

MOTION 73-2021 F.BILLARD/F.TOUCHINGS
Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda be approved for payment.
IN FAVOR 5; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 74-2021 G.BATEMAN/J.KEEPING
Resolved the meeting be adjourned 9:30 p.m.
IN FAVOR 5; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk