



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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members Present

Mayor ----- Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor ---- Gordon Edwards
Councillors ----- Gary Bateman
Fred Billard
Craig Savoury (via video)
Frank Touchings

Also Present

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

Councillor Henry Lawrence was unable to attend

Adoption of Minutes

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

MOTION 99-2021 F.BILLARD/G.EDWARDS

Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 100-2021 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved the agenda be adopted as prepared.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Maintenance

BWA Program/Chlorine – Barry advised chlorine readings are up 3x than before. Most all bleeds are on and averaging 80,000 gals per day. Service NL will be out to get samples today to determine if the Boil Order Advisory will be lifted.

Deputy Mayor Edwards presented a quote from Pennecon regarding lowering of the floats.

Clerk advised still waiting on quote from Greatario for booster pumps as well.

Once all quotes and recommendations come in, council will meet again to discuss a plan to move forward with the Chlorine readings and BWA.

Clerk advised received letter from Water Resources Management Division regarding the Ultra-Pure water system in the town office. They will not be testing this unit as it is not considered a representation of the town's water system drinking water quality. Clerk also received a call from Service NL regarding this letter and was advised if the town is on a boil water advisory, then the water system in the town office falls in the same category as we do not have a food license, however due to samples being collected on Dec. 20th, will wait to determine if the system will be shut down to the public or not. The only way a system like that can be operational in the event of a boil water advisory, is if the establishment has a food license. Clerk will check into the process for this as well.

Business Arising from Minutes

Committee Structure – Clerk advised after speaking to PMA western director, each committee should only have 3 members plus the Mayor who is an ex-officio. Council reviewed all committees and the following was decided:

Beautification Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor Gordon Edwards
Councillor Fred Billard
Councillor Henry Lawrence

Human Resources (HR)

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Councillor Gary Bateman
Councillor Fred Billard
Councillor Henry Lawrence

Safety Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Councillor Gary Bateman
Councillor Henry Lawrence
Councillor Craig Savoury

Building/Planning Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor Gordon Edwards
Councillor Gary Bateman
Councillor Fred Billard
Maintenance Barry Spicer

Public Works Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor Gordon Edwards
Councillor Craig Savoury
Councillor Frank Touchings

Budget Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Councillor Frank Touchings
Town Clerk Tammy Farrell

Policy Committee

Mayor Jennifer Keeping
Deputy Mayor Gordon Edwards
Councillor Frank Touchings
Town Clerk Tammy Farrell

Representatives

Waste Management — Councillor Frank Touchings
Fire Department — Councillor Fred Billard
RB Lighthouse — Councillor Frank Touchings
Recreation — Town Clerk Tammy Farrell

Bait Depot – Clerk advised did not receive any quotes for the Blast Freezer, however there was one that was interested but could not get the documents prepared. There was some discussion on this and was decided to extend the deadline to January 15, 2022.

Also meet with Mr. Osmond in the new year to get the contract signed. Contact DFO regarding spare motor for wench.

Town's Website – Deputy Mayor Edwards gave copies of 2 quotes received. One from Waterworks and the other from Triware. There is still one quote waiting to come in. Once this quote is received can meet and discuss the town's options. Deputy Mayor Edwards also advised there is funding available through ACOA.

CEEP – No extra funding available, so after today there will be 3 left on the grant. So much of the trail is completed however with the weather unsure if anymore will be done. Hoping to get the painting done at the Lighthouse as well. Mayor Keeping advised council she did visit the site and do want to keep going. In the spring will visit the area and plot out the next step.

Christmas Supper – Due to timing right now, decided to wait until the new year.

New Business

Boardroom Rental – Clerk advised Department of Transportation requested a rental room in town for their workers for use of washroom and lunchroom. It was decided prior to the meeting to rent out the boardroom, however a price was not discussed. Council had some discussion around the price. Heat & Light included.

MOTION 101-2021 G.BATEMAN/C.SAVOURY
Resolved to rent the boardroom for \$1,000/month.
IN FAVOR 0; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Donations to Christmas Hampers –

MOTION 102-2021 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to donate \$100 to Salvation Army towards the Christmas hampers.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 103-2021 G.EDWARDS/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to donate \$100 to the Rose Blanche Sewing and Knitting Group to help with supplies.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Also make the donation to Daffodil house as motioned earlier the year.

Remuneration and Christmas Bonus’ – Clerk requested to pay remuneration and Christmas bonus’ early.

MOTION 104-2021 G.EDWARDS/F.TOUCHINGS

Resolved to pay Remuneration and Christmas Bonus’ early

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Clerk’s Days Off – Clerk requested December 29th, 30th, and 31st. Council had no issues with this request.

Other Concerns – Years of Service certificates were received for Mr. Clayton Durnford and Ms. Ruby Porter. Mayor Keeping will present these certificates to both in the new year at the town office.

– Camera – Clerk wanted to know if council was going to install a camera on the town building. Council had some discussion around trail cam, motion cam, etc.

MOTION 105-2021 F.BILLARD/G.EDWARDS

Resolved to purchase a motion camera for the town building however nothing more than \$120.00.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

– Remind any workers that’s in the building to wear masks

– Was brought forth about making emergency decisions, how do town go about that? Usually tries to get 4 council members when a decision needs to be made right away so either by phone call or Town’s chat group.

– Discussion around 2022 budget to ensure we do not go over in areas of concern. Also ensure every avenue is being taken to collect taxes.

– Town has been receiving complaints regarding the lack of salt/sand on highway between here and Isle aux Morts. Clerk to send email to MHA and Dept. Transportation regarding this issue.

Budget 2022 was presented

MOTION 106-2021 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved minimum property will increase \$5.00 per year. Mil rate will increase to 11.5%. Poll tax will also increase to \$5.00 per year. Waste Management fees will increase \$10.00 per year. All remaining taxes will remain the same for 2022 with no increase.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 107-2021 G.BATEMAN/G.EDWARDS

Resolved all 2022 taxes are due and payable on June 30, 2022

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 108-2021 F.TOUCHINGS/F.BILLARD

Resolved all outstanding 2021 municipal taxes must be paid in full April 1st, 2022 or water services will be disconnected or legal action will be taken for those without water service. Any cost of disconnection of water or legal fees will be charged to the resident.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 109-2021 G.EDWARDS/F.BILLARD

Resolved a compound interest of 2% for outstanding will begin August 1st, 2022 and added the 1st of each month thereafter.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 110-2021 G.BATEMAN/F.TOUCHINGS

Resolved to give Kinsmen Club, Orange Lodge and Rose Blanche Harbour Authority a 20% discount on property for 2022. Will re-visit this each year.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 111-2021 F.TOUCHINGS/G.EDWARDS

Resolved wages will increase with the minimum wage increase.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

MOTION 112-2021 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved the 2022 budget be adopted as prepared.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

FROM: Concerned resident of Harbour Le Cou **REGARDING:** Maintenance issues, unrepaired items **ACTION:** Waiting on supplies to repair the road and will dig drain to divert the water build up at Harbour Le Cou Beach. Guardrail in question has not been replaced due to snowclearing.

– Any issues brought forth to the town by maintenance or council, that cannot be repaired or fixed quickly, maintenance to keep a list or advised town clerk. Any issues seen that needs to be fixed when weather is better, bring forth to town clerk as well.

FROM: Royal Canadian Legion **REGARDING:** Advertisement in Veterans Service Book **ACTION:** acknowledged, not this year, supported locally.

Finances

MOTION 113-2021 G.BATEMAN/G.EDWARDS

Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda be approved for payment.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 114-2021 F.BILLARD/C.SAVOURY

Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

IN FAVOR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk