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## 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, MARCH 28, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

#### Members Present

Mayor ----- Jennifer Keeping  
Deputy Mayor ----- Gordon Edwards  
Councillors ----- Gary Bateman  
Fred Billard  
Craig Savoury  
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 15-2022 G.BATEMAN/F.BILLARD**  
Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.  
**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

#### Adoption of Agenda

Clerk advised fuel was delivered this morning however only received the delivery slip and not the invoice but would like to include this to the list of accounts payable.  
**MOTION 16-2022 F.BILLARD/F.TOUCHINGS**  
Resolved the agenda be adopted with changes added.  
**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

#### Delegate

Mr. Alvin Bernard and Mr. William Wagg attended the meeting on behalf of the Rose Blanche Harbour Authority as requested.  
The following items/concerns were brought forth and discussed:  
-- Deputy Mayor Edwards expressed concerns regarding tourism and the state of some of the HA properties.  
-- HA main concern is the fisherman and fishery in the area. However there are plans in place for tourism improvements on the main wharf in Rose Blanche.

- As for the state/items on the properties, HA is only Volunteers and are not going to be moving individuals private property from wharves, etc. Letters have been sent, signs have been posted and more signs are ordered. HA members are doing their due diligence
- Councillor Savoury was under the impression the HA members were asked to attend to discuss the situation of Harbour Le Cou break water.
- HA members advised reports are sent in every year and is the top priority on work plan every year. Currently Federal government is waiting until spring for divers to do an investigation and assessment of the structure.
- Council advised HA they are there to support in any efforts moving forward with the break water and tourism initiatives if needed.
- Council thanked HA members for attending and they left at 10:00 a.m.

#### Maintenance

Pumphouse Update -- Barry advised Chlorine is good and circulating pump is working great. Connectors are on back order until April.

Truck Blade Repairs -- New part for the blade will be approximately \$4000 plus. Local welder repaired the issue and invoice for \$100.00 was paid.

Loader cutting edge and bolts are ordered however Councillor Savoury advised the blade is worn and will need to be repaired or replaced. Town can purchase supplies and have local welder do the repairs over the summer season. Can also price a new blade. Was asked if there is a maintenance schedule in place, and was advised there is. Discussion around this.

**MOTION 17-2022 G.EDWARDS/C.SAVOURY**

Resolved to review and update the current equipment checklist and maintenance will update at regular monthly council meetings. All issues will be brought forth for review and discussion.

**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

Clean Water Workshop -- Barry attended the workshop in Gander, last week, March 21-24. Great refresher, great way to connect with supplier.

Check out culverts at Gulsh Road once snow is gone regarding snowclearing/flooding issues in that area.

Ran out of fuel the weekend, after questioning the driver, it was advised both trucks were down. Barry did get the oil truck this morning and 1000 lts of fuel was delivered.

Business Arising from Minutes

Town's Website -- Clerk advised application submitted ACOA for funding. Council discussed the website if funding was received and if not. All council was on the same page and felt the website should be a priority even if funding is not approved.

**MOTION 18-2022 F.BILLARD/C.SAVOURY**  
Resolved to contact Glacier Cove to begin work on the town's website.

**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

Vaccination Policy -- Was presented and reviewed by council.

**MOTION 19-2022 G.EDWARDS/F.BILLARD**  
Resolved to adopt the Vaccination Policy as prepared.

**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

Clean Up Week Grant -- Town was approved for a \$1,000.00 grant for community clean up. Town will incorporate this with Clean Up week which will be held May 16-May 20. Will ask for volunteers to help clean up the community and offer an appreciation BBQ at the end of the week. Clerk to advertise first week in April.

Budget 2022 -- Council was presented email advised 2022 budget was adopted as submitted. There was a suggestion regarding the Gas Tax increase however it was documented in council minutes when it was received and that is acceptable for Municipal Affairs.

Some concerns around rising fuel cost, however Budget committee will provide update at April's meeting to determine where the town is currently in expenditures.

Outstanding Taxes -- Letters were sent out again last week. Have had correspondence from some.

Lighthouse Update -- Councillor Touchings gave the following update:

- Repairs on the tower and wishing well spring. Contract will be reviewed by lawyer prior to work starting.
- Opening is being planned however some concern about filling JCP positions this season.
- B&B bookings are currently on par with last season
- Musicians are approved for once a week July/August

Fire Department Update -- Councillor Billard gave the following update:

- New bus has been purchased. Has 7 seats for transporting firefighters to and from scenes. Parts ordered to repairs brakes and bushings.

Recreation Committee -- Clerk gave the following update:

- Fun Weekend planned this weekend. Get people out and about. Recreation and Kinsmen going in on events together.

#### New Business

Municipal Assessment Agency Online Courses -- MAA is offering 3 Courses The Assessment process; Assessment Legislation and How Properties are assessed. Clerk and Patsy will complete online. Council members are able to complete as well.

Municipal Grant Service -- Clerk presented email regarding fees for completing proposals, applying for funding, etc. Council had some discussion around this and decided to decline this service as current clerk and part time clerk are capable of doing this.

Policies -- Deputy Mayor Edwards had some questions regarding current policies, ie: smoking; harassment, safety, etc. Clerk advised herself along with clerks in neighbouring communities have been trying to work on various policies however being a one clerk office, it's difficult to complete various policies. Clerk advised there is a safety policy and Councillor Touchings said he thinks a smoking policy was also developed. Clerk to look for these policies and bring forth to next meeting. Will also contact neighbouring communities to find out what policies they have completed as well, and continue to work together on this.

Other Concerns -- The following items were brought forth:

- Follow up with Department of Transportation regarding rental of boardroom/lunch room.
- Bank of Montreal and Credit Union are set up for bill payee for the town. Still waiting on Bank of Nova Scotia. Check to find out what fees each institution is charging the town.
- New Logo designs were discussed and was agreed upon to use the coloured logo designed by Kathy Savoury.

Correspondence

**FROM:** Janeway **REGARDING:** 2022 Telethon Donation **ACTION:**  
**MOTION 20-2022 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN**  
Resolved to donate the same as last year to the 2022 Janeway Telethon  
**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

Finances

**MOTION21-2022 F.TOUCHINGS/G.BATEMAN**  
Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda be approved for payment.  
**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

Adjournment

**MOTION22-2022 F.TOUCHINGS/G.EDWARDS**  
Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.  
**IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED**

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**Mayor**

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**Town Clerk**