

ROSE BLANCHE



THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE - HARBOUR LE COU

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THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE-HARBOUR LE COU REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Also Present

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

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Keeping called the meeting to order and asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes.
MOTION 58-2022 G.BATEMAN/F.BILLARD
Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 59-2022 F.BILLARD/G.EDWARDS
Resolved the agenda be adopted as prepared.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Maintenance

Barry advised

Both of the motherboards have been replaced at the reservoir and pumphouse however the communication is still not working. Waiting to hear back from Omnitech regrading the programming of the motherboards. Barry is still turning off and on the pumps manually. Clerk advised, as these issues were the result of lighting, the town's insurance policy should cover this. Clerk to contact the town's insurance regarding this.

Needs cordless phones for the reservoir and pumphouse. Councilor Touchings to pick up.

Generator – Contractor was to start today, however no word from him. Our permit expires October 15th, will contact Department of Water Resources to ask for an extension. Councilor Billard to reach out to contractor for an update on time. Electrician available once the pad is completed and the generator mounted.

Motherboard - pumphouse/reservoir – discussed above

Business Arising from Minutes

Road Upgrades – Were completed however washed out on both sides due to Hurricane Fiona. Needs repaired again as soon as possible. Will try to get shoulders level with the road to avoid damages in the future.

Entrance Sign – Will put on hold for now due to the Hurricane. May have to rethink the design due to the destruction of the harbour. Clerk to let photographer and designer know this initiative will proceed in the future.

Department Transportation & Works road work/brush cutting – Clerk advised received email from supervisor in the area informing the town that asphalt/pot holes were going to complete as soon as possible. Brush cutting tender has closed but the contract has not been awarded yet. Still unsure what areas will receive this funding.

– Contact School Board regarding no school zone sign before Grandy's River Collegiate, neither sign on each end advising motorist of the school zone.

– question was asked about the speed limit from Magaree to Rose Blanche. Why does it go from 80 km to 60 km? Clerk to contact Transportation regarding this concern.

New Business

Code of Conduct and Mandatory Training – Clerk presented council with schedule for mandatory training. Mayor Keeping and Councilors that did advised the time lines, will be registered. Other councilors will advised the clerk when they can participate in this training. Clerk to contact Municipal Affairs regarding alternate times for mandatory training. Clerk to provide copy of legislation and regulations to council.

Asset Management Project – Clerk presented email for training session on October 3rd and October 17th. Council to attend.

Western Training Sessions – Clerk advised she attended training on Reading of Municipal Financial Statements, Social Media Engagement with Municipal Residents, Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes. Clerk advised we need a social media policy. The policy committee can meet to review the template given by Municipal Affairs.

ISPS approval - Cruise Ships – Clerk advised our current Marine security certificate has expired in 2020. It was not renewed at that time due to Covid, however we did have a call for a cruise ship to come to port early in September but could not due to the certificate. Clerk has been speaking with representative of Transport Canada who advised her of the procedure to reapply for this certificate. Mr. Dariusz advised a qualified marine facility security officer is the first thing we must have. Someone that is available at all times or even 2 people in the event one is unavailable. Clerk to check out the cost of the course as it can be done online and will reach out to the public to determine if anyone is interested in taking on this role.

Minium Wage – Minium wage will increase by \$0.50 on October 1st. There was a lot of discussion on this increase as it will affect the budget going forward and the upcoming 2023 budget. There was a motion put in place a while back that when the minium wage amount increased, town's employees would receive that same increase. HR committee will meet to review the concerns brought forth, and town employees will receive the \$0.50 increase October 1, 2022.

Other Concerns – The following items were brought forth:

- Hurricane Fiona – Town had issues in getting equipment in to begin clean up. Town manager in Port aux Basques reached out and a contractor will be in our community tomorrow with equipment to begin clean up.
- Clean up all debris in water first
- Advise residents to report any damages to Red Cross, any repairs to keep receipts, and make a list of items lost in stages.
- Follow up on letters and make notes for property owners of delapidate properties.

Councilor Henry Lawrence left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Correspondence

FROM: Resident of Rose Blanche **REGARDING:** Letter received for property clean up **ACTION:** send a letter of reply regarding the town's tourism initiative and town's clean up. Council to review letter prior to sending it.

FROM: Charmaine Upwards **REGARDING:** Opening home based business "Keeping It Real Esthetics"

ACTION:

MOTION 60-2022 G.BATEMAN/C.SAVOURY

Resolved to approved the home based business as requested, with proper inspection from the Fire Department.

Also resolved a business tax break will be given for 2023.

IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

FROM: Resident of Tunnel Road **REGARDING:** Water tax charges while services were temporary disconnected. Requested to be reimbursed for these charges. **ACTION:** Maintenance advised the water was disconnected due to water leak however it was no capped off from the main line. Water services were available when resident was at the property.

MOTION 61-2022 F.TOUCHINGS/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to not reimburse 3 years charges for water services as requested, as the services were available to the property owner.

IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Finances

MOTION 62-2022 F.TOUCHINGS/G.BATEMAN

Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda in the total of \$18,015.24, be approved for payment.

IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 63-2022 G.BATEMAN/G.EDWARDS

Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk