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THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE-HARBOUR LE COU REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 @ 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 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 17-2023 C.SAVOURY/F.BILLARD
Resolved the minutes be adopted as circulated.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 18-2023 G.BATEMAN/G.EDWARDS
Resolved the minutes be adopted as prepared.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Maintenance

Clerk advised truck inspection is up in April. 4 Wheel drive isn't working properly, will have checked.

Resident from Harbour Le Cou called regarding sewer line to the property. Looks like it was not replaced when other lines were after Hurricane Fiona. Maintenance to check it out, Deputy Mayor Edwards to go with maintenance.

Harness for Truck Blade – Council members had concerns regarding the time and cost to have the harness installed. There is no rush as winter season is coming to an end. Deputy Mayor Edwards and Councillor Savoury will look at the truck and harness before making a final decision.

Surge Protection for Pumphouse - Pennecon – Clerk presented 2 options from Pennecon. Option 1 can be installed on our own, however option 2 will require representative from Pennecon to install. Clerk to contact Pennecon to determine if the town needs both options and advise.

Other issues brought forth – Storage building on the hill is in bad shape, electrical panel is open and an hazard. Maintenance to cover electrical panels, clean up, lock door, and list any repairs that need to be completed.

Business Arising from Minutes

Meeting date for Emergency Plan – Clerk advised needs to meet to finalize the emergency plan for adoption. Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

Dilapidated Property – Clerk advised the following;

- Town’s lawyer suggested to have order served by sheriff in that area, as property owner did not sign for the registered mail.
- Clerk left various messages at the Court house in BC, to date, no reply.
- All documents are sent to the lawyer
- Lawyer suggested to put notices on the property.

Council suggested to send the order via regular mail and to contact police detachment in the area regarding sheriff.

Rules of Procedure – Clerk presented council with updated Rules of Procedure.

MOTION 19-2023 G.EDWARDS/F.BILLARD

Resolved to adopted the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou amended Rules of Procedure.

IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Lighthouse Update – Councillor Touchings gave the following:

- TWS (targeted wage subsidy) is approved for a maintenance person
- Bookings for the B&B are on par with last year’s bookings
- JCP applications are applied for however unsure how many will be approved.
- Grub Box may see an increase in some of the prices due to the cost of supplies
- Lighthouse Tower has been removed for repairs and hoping to have it installed again in 2 weeks
- Opening is scheduled for June 8th

Clerk brought forth a concern regarding “Take a Hike Southwest Coast”. This is an event being put off by Rec House in Port aux Basques to promote healthy living and trails in our area. This was done last year however there was some concerns regarding the fee to the Lighthouse Site. Anyone who registers for this event will receive a package that includes a pin/badge to be worn while hiking the trails. Participates must submit a picture on the trail with their pin/badge. Councillor Touchings and Mayor Keeping will bring this forth this fee issue at the next board meeting.

Fire Department Update – Councillor Bateman gave the following update:

– We have 3 Firemen that have retired and 2 more will retire this year.

– New equipment has arrived, hoses, gloves, helmets, boots
Cost was \$9,293.56. Clerk would like to submit application under 90/10 funding to offset some of this cost.

MOTION 20-2023 G.EDWARDS/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved to submit an application to Fire Services Division for funding in the amount of \$9,293.56 for new hoses, gloves, helmets, boots and other supplies.

IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Recreation Committee Update – Town Clerk gave the following update:

– Fun week on the go with various activities

– Planning on restarting the community garden

– Needs the playground fence repaired

Letter received from Recreation Committee regarding 150 birthday of the Rose Blanche Lighthouse. Looking at getting all organization involved in a 4 day event to help celebrate this special event. Council agreed to take part in some way.

New Business

Lighthouse B&B Change – Clerk advised in order for the Lightkeepers Inn to fall in under the Management Agreement a motion needs to be made. There have been various conversations regarding this change at past meetings. Currently if the Board of Directors were to fold, --the Lighthouse and Lighthouse Site would come back under the town. Everything except the B&B. It was decided a while back to include the B&B however this action could not be taken until the B&B loan was paid in full which it now is.

MOTION 21-2023 G.BATEMAN/H.LAWRENCE

Resolved to amend the Management Agreement between the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou and the Rose Blanche Lighthouse Inc. to include the Lightkeepers Inn B&B.

IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Blast Freezer at Bait Depot – Clerk asked if we should tender the blast freezer again. Also check to see if there is any other equipment that is not being used that can be sold as well. Councillor Billard and Clerk to check into this.

Assessment Appeal Review – Clerk presented council minutes of the municipal assessment review from the commissioner. 2 invoices were received from this review.

James Mercer fees for service \$275.00

Bell Conference Call \$224.25

Total \$499.25

MOTION 22-2023 H.LAWRENCE/F.TOUCHINGS

Resolved to pay both invoices in total of \$499.25.

IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Take Charge Municipalities – Municipalities have a change to enter to win \$10,000 towards energy conservation and efficiency. This can be used to windows, doors, insulation, lighting, etc.

MOTION 23-2023 F.BILLARD/G.BATEMAN

Resolved to submit a proposal to NL Power for a chance to win \$10,000 under Take Care initiative.

IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Other Concerns – the following concerns were brought forth:

- Question asked around summer maintenance hours vs summer student hours.
- Generator pad needs to be finished as soon as possible
- Councillor Touchings will give a budget update at the next meeting for first quarter.

Councillor Lawrence left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

- Concerns regarding the wiring/electrical on grinder pumps, Councillor Billard to visit grinder pump properties to determine how many have this issue.
- Clerk gave part time hour update
- Deputy Mayor Edwards gave update on the Bait Box Initiative for fishermen. This box will be placed at the Bait Depot wharf. Funding from this initiative will be used to make the box as well as purchase garbage bags.
- Do not enter sign at School Road/Main Street needs to be turned around.

Correspondence

FROM: Town of New-Wes-Valley **REGARDING:** Letter of support for compensation for Volunteer Fire Department Members who are completed medical calls. **ACTION:** Will send letter of support as requested.

FROM: Western Health **REGARDING:** Department of Health and Community Services Update **ACTION:** Acknowledged.

Finances

MOTION 24-2023 F.TOUCHINGS/G.EDWARDS
Resolved the list of accounts payable on the agenda be approved for payment.
IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 25-2023 G.EDWARDS/G.BATEMAN
Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
IN FAVOUR 6; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk