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THE TOWN OF ROSE BLANCHE-HARBOUR LE COU REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.

Members Present	Mayor ----------	Gary Bateman
	Deputy Mayor -----	Fred Billard
	Councillors --------	Roland Gosselin (via video)
		Jennifer Keeping
		Lisa Parsons
		Ruby Porter
		Frank Touchings
Also Present	Town Clerk --------	Tammy Farrell
	Maintenance -------	Barry Spicer

Adoption of Minutes (Jan. 21st) (Feb. 6th & Feb 13th)

Mayor Bateman called the meeting to order and asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes. Spelling errors were identified and corrected.

MOTION 10-2025 R.PORTER/F.BILLARD
To adopt all 3 sets of minutes as circulated, with spelling errors corrected.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 11-2025 L.PARSONS/R.PORTER
To adopt the agenda as prepared.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Maintenance

2024 Truck Expense – In 2024, the town spent $12,664.09 on repairs on the town truck. Still waiting on approval to borrow for Municipal and Provincial Affairs to purchase a new truck. In the meantime it could take 6-8 weeks before the new truck will be at the town, and the cutting edge on the truck blade now needs to be replaced before the new truck is here.

MOTION 12-2025 F.BILLARD/F.TOUCHINGS
To purchase a new cutting edge and bolts for the current town truck.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Estimate parts Loader – Clerk presented estimated quote from Harvey and Company for 2 belts and compressor for the loader for $2,504.02, not including shipping. Parts are ordered and should be in any day. Todd from Lakes Brook Garage will do the repairs when the parts are in.

Drinking Water Quality Data – Clerk advised council the drinking water quality data report is available on the Water Resources Management Division website, at https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/waterres/drinkingwater/chemical/ for anyone who would like to view this.
Council also suggested to post water samples results to the town's facebook page.

Heater at Pumphouse – 2 heaters at the pumphouse, 1 isn't working. Clerk to check with electrician as this 3 phased power.
MOTION 13-2025 L.PARSONS/R.PORTER
To purchase a new fan forced heater for the pumphouse.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Fire Department Garage door in the town building is broken. Will call Leroy in for this repair as he was shown how to do these repairs to the chains, etc.

Business Arising from Minutes

Mitigation Funding – Clerk presented email received from government representatives regarding mitigation at Tunnel Road. The town can apply under the Capital Works Program however, council feels they should not have to pay a portion of the mitigation if the damages were done during Hurricane Fiona, and this area was identified with the Red Cross. Clerk have been in contact with MHA Andrew Parsons and Kimberly Perry regarding this area, however still no word on additional funding. Council asked the clerk to reach out to MHA Andrew Parsons for an update.

Basic Emergency Management/Emergency Operations Centre Courses – Town Clerk, Maintenance and Mayor Bateman attended these courses on February 18th, 19th and 20th. It was a great course and hoping to do more in the future. Clerk advised will have to meet with other groups and organizations in the community regarding the emergency plan. Clerk suggested to put out a notice to residents to update phone numbers on their accounts.

New Business

Back Up Power Rose Blanche Brook – Correspondence was received via email regarding power outages and The Rose Blanche Brook Power Substation.
Clerk reached out to representation from NL Power regarding these concerns. Representative from NL Power replied via email and addressed these concerns. Firstly there is no button that can be pressed to quickly turn it into a backup system for the surrounding communities. Secondly, NL Power is unable to energized an unsafe system either way.
Thirdly, driving and road conditions always play a role in the response time, and in extreme weather, the ability to conduct safe work operations.
Clerk sent a public notice to NL Power for review to advised the public of these concerns. NL Power approved the notice to post. Clerk to reply back to concerned resident as stated above and will attach a copy of the email received from NL Power representative.
Clerk to also contact NL Power regarding the pole/connections at the old garbage dump site.

Municipal Affairs Training Dates – Clerk presented training dates to council for Virtual Towns and Local Service Districts Act. It will be held Wednesday March 5th. Clerk to register council members and will remind each one prior to March 5th.

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2025 – Clerk presented bulletin reminder from Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding Council Meetings and Publications. In accordance with Section 39 of the Towns and Local Service District Act, Council should have established your monthly meeting schedule by resolution for the entire year. A minimum of 24 hours notice is required to schedule a "special meeting". Council must make public aware of meeting dates and times.
RESOLUTION 14-2025 F.BILLARD/J.KEEPING
Resolved the regular public council meetings will take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. This date will be subject to change from time to time if this date conflicts with a work schedule.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Fire Department New Shirts – Clerk advised fire department members are getting new black shirts and it will cost approximately $747.96. A donation of $200.00 will be made towards this and the clerk as reached out to another group for a donation as well. Council will pay whatever balance is left.

Hiking Trail Licence to Occupy – Town received the License to Occupy for proposed Hiking Trail to connect an old walking trail from the Lighthouse Site to Harbour Le Cou Old Road walking trail. A fee of $300.00 will need to be paid once the town receives notification.
MOTION 15-2025 L.PARSONS/R.PORTER
To pay the $300.00 fee for the License to Occupy application #162222, for a Walking Trail.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Fun Week Schedule for 2025 – Clerk advised a fun week is scheduled for March 15th to March 23rd . All organization are taking part in the fun week and clerk asked if the town, along with the recreation and fire department sponsor a Family Fun Day on March 16th. Council decided to help sponsor this event.
MOTION 15-2025 J.KEEPING/F.BILLARD
To donate $50.00 towards treats for Family Fun Day on March 16th.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Other Concerns – The following items were brought forth:

– Clerk advised Barry was registered for the Water Seminar in Gander for March 25th, 26th, and 27th, however he will have to leave on the 24th. Clerk is registered for the PMA Convention in St. John's April 7th to 11th. Council has no issues with attending these 2 events.

– Clerk to request an update on when Fiber Op will be up and running.

– Clerk to follow up with Department of Transportation and Works regarding 2 salt trucks in Rose Blanche.

– Clerk to follow up with Town of Isle aux Morts regarding the part for the chlorination system.

Correspondence

FROM: Concerned Resident **REGARDING:** Property located in Harbour Le Cou, becoming an eyesore. Inquiring if the town will be purchasing it. **ACTION:** Clerk to send letter advising concerned resident that no correspondence was received from home owner to the town regarding purchasing this property. Advise concerned resident, the town do not purchase properties for removal as the cost associated with property removed is high. Clerk to also send letter to home owner regarding the state of the property and repairs need to be completed as soon as possible.

FROM: Concerned Resident **REGARDING:** Beach Shoreline in Harbour Le Cou **ACTION:** Clerk to send letter to concerned resident advising him/her all contracted work is completed in the area and the town is satisfied with the results and no further work will be completed in this area.

Finances

MOTION 16-2025 F.TOUCHINGS/J.KEEPING
To approved the list of accounts payable on the agenda for payment.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION 17-2025 R.PORTER/J.KEEPING
To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
IN FAVOUR 7; OPP 0; ABST 0; CARRIED

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Mayor **Town Clerk**