

## Minutes of Council Meeting

Town Hall August 1, 2017 7 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	Brian Sceviour
	Deputy Mayor	John Mullett
	Councillors:	Kenneth Tucker
		Ed Vatcher
	Lester Watton	
	Town Clerk/Treasurer	Elaine Bursey
	Supt. Works	Corb Randell
	Director Recreation/Tourism	Chris Watton
Regrets:	Councillors	Derek Snow
		Jim Snow
	Town Manager	Brian Peckford

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Brian Sceviour called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Agenda**

17-132 Watton/Tucker

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **3. Delegations**

#### **3.1 Lisa Manuel**

Councillor Watton declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Lisa Manuel spoke on the hiring of summer students. She had previously met with Councillor Ed Vatcher and Recreation Director Chris Watton and felt it necessary to speak with Council. Ms. Manuel's daughter, a post-secondary student, had applied for a student position with the Town. She highlighted that high school students were interviewed and subsequently received jobs; while her daughter who is a post-secondary student did not even get an interview. Ms. Manuel stressed the fact she was not upset that her daughter didn't get a job, but was upset at what she feels is an unfair process; and that at the very least an interview should have been granted. She also stressed her position that post-secondary students be given preference over high school students; and a hiring policy should be in place. Mayor Sceviour thanked Ms. Manuel and advised her concerns will be taken into consideration by the Recreation Committee.

#### **3.2 Calvin Smart**

Councillor Watton remained in conflict and was not present.

Calvin Smart spoke on two issues he had concerns with. The first was use/misuse of town vehicles, he questioned whether there was a vehicle policy in place for personal use, for travel inside and outside of town limits after regular working hours, and being parked at home while on sick leave. He noted all use/misuse adds to taxpayer expenses. Mayor Sceviour advised that some employees are granted additional usage based on negotiated employment contracts and job duties. He also stressed that the Finance Committee and in particular Councillor Tucker is currently developing a vehicle policy for Council approval.

Mr. Smart also had concerns about the deterioration of and amount of traffic on Pine Avenue, and especially noted consistent heavy equipment usage. He also said that home-based businesses cause additional traffic on the street that has many families and young children playing. Mr. Smart requested Council consider an alternate route for heavy equipment traffic, possibly using old the dump road near the fire training site. Mayor Sceviour advised Mr. Smart that his concerns will be taken into consideration.

### **3.3 Ron Porter**

Councillor Watton returned to the meeting.

Ron Porter questioned when water services will be available to the Southside. Mr. Porter spoke of his investment into land development and currently has 6-7 blocks which he cannot sell due to lack of water services. He requested these blocks be reverted back to acreage and taxation based on such. Mayor Sceviour commented that all Southside residents had been advised, prior to any land purchase, that water services were never planned for the Southside; however Council has since been looking into it to the point of engaging an engineering study. The study shows that a new water tower is necessary to provide water services along Road to the Isles, a project that likely cannot be completed in the next few years; but is still on Council's capital works list. Mayor Sceviour advised Mr. Porter to put his request in writing regarding reverting his property back to acreage for Council consideration.

## **4. Minutes**

### **4.1 Council Meeting July 18, 2017**

17-133 Mullett/Tucker

Resolved to adopt minutes of the July 18, 2017 regular Council meeting as circulated.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

## **5. Action Sheet**

Signing of the Stewardship Agreement was removed due to a date being set; however Councillor Tucker requested it remain on the Action Sheet due to possibility of postponement.

## **6. Town Manager Report - No report.**

## **7. Recreation/Tourism Report**

- Work ongoing at trail in the Train Park (from last year's storm).
- Waiting on Spruce Avenue playground equipment, delayed another two weeks.
- Hann's Point Lookout cleaned up.
- Application submitted for CEEP (Train Park trail, boardwalk, etc.).

## **8. Economic Development**

Councillor Tucker advised that Nalcor is expected to make a presentation to Council in October.

### **8.1 Home Based Business Application / Carol Reidpath, 300 Main Street**

17-134 Tucker/Watton

Resolved to approve the Home Based Business Application from Carol Reidpath to operate a website business from 300 Main Street.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **8.2 Vendor Permit Application / Marilyn Snow (The Grub Truck)**

17-135 Tucker/Watton

Resolved to approve the Seasonal Vendor Permit Application from Marilyn Snow to operate The Grub Truck from properties outlined in the application (Lewisporte Lions Club, Kinsmen Club of Notre Dame and Lewisporte Pharmachoice).

17-136 Tucker/Watton

Resolved the above motion be amended by adding the Seasonal Vendor Permit application is not valid August 11-13, 2017 as it will interfere with Mussel Bed Soiree vendors. A separate Mussel Bed Soiree Vendor Permit can be purchased for those dates.

In favour of the amendment: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

In favour of the original motion: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

## **9. Lands**

### **9.1 Municipal Plan Amendment No. 17, 2017 and Development Regulations Amendment No. 24, 2017**

17-137 Mullett/Watton

Under the authority of Section 16 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000, the Town Council of Lewisporte adopts the Town of Lewisporte Municipal Plan Amendment No. 17, 2017 and the Town of Lewisporte Development Regulations Amendment No. 24, 2017.

The purpose of these amendments is to designate an area of Crown land north of Bayview Heights and Second Avenue from Rural to Residential.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

## **10. Public Works – No report.**

## **11. Protective Services**

### **11.1 Comments by Fire Chief Rob Fudge**

- Suggested that Mussel Bed Soiree vendors using fat-fryers be required to have a suppression system in place.
- Thanks expressed for work on the repeater system.
- Fire calls on par with last year.
- Recent convention great success.
- Training always ongoing for firefighters.

## **12. Finance**

### **12.1 Cheque Register**

17-138 Mullett/Tucker

Resolved to approve cheques 36149–36200 with the exception of cheque 36175.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **12.2 Cheque 36175**

Councillor Tucker declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

17-139 Mullett/Watton

Resolved to approve cheque 36175.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker returned to the meeting.

## **13. Other Business & Correspondence – None.**

## **14. Adjournment**

17-140 Mullett/Vatcher

Resolved the meeting adjourn.

In favour: Mayor Sceviour, Deputy Mayor Mullett, Councillors Tucker, Vatcher and Watton.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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Brian Sceviour, Mayor

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Elaine Burse, Town Clerk/Treasurer