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## **Minutes of Council Meeting**

**Town Hall December 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

Present:	Mayor	Betty Clarke
	Deputy Mayor	Krista Freake
	Councillors:	Stephen Hollett
		Brian Hooper
		Kenneth Tucker
		Perry Pond
		Derek White
	Town Manager	Brian Peckford
	Recording Secretary	Sharon Peckford

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

Mayor Betty Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

### **2. Agenda**

18-293 Hooper/Hollett

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **3. Minutes**

#### **3.1 Council Meeting**

18-294 White/Freake

Resolved to adopt minutes of the December 4, 2018 regular Council meeting as circulated.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **4. Action Sheet - Tabled for information.**

### **5. Recreation/Tourism**

#### **5.1 Update from Deputy Mayor Freake**

- Recreation/Tourism Director position should be filled by mid January 2019.

**6. Economic Development**

**6.1 Update from Councillor Pond**

- RFP approved for offshore; no formal letter received to date.
- Terms of Reference was drafted during application process and will be forwarded to Council for review.
- Follow up with Minister Byrne regarding Crown Lands transaction to be done.

**7. Lands**

**7.1 Update from Councillor Hooper**

- Meeting held December 11, 2018.
- Town Manager has received an updated email from NL Power regarding the transmission line.
- Committee met with a delegation from J.I. Pritchett's regarding land exchange.
- Committee will meet with a delegation from Notre Dame Recreation regarding culvert pipe and ditching.

**7.2 Land Exchange with J.I.Pritchett's**

18-295 Hooper/Tucker

Resolved to exchange the parcel of land (currently the railbed) going through the land that is owned by J.I. Pritchett's in exchange for an 8 metre wide right-of-way on the northern edge of their boundary extending the full length of their property.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

**7.3 Business Occupancy Application/Whiteway's Autobody and Repairs, 269-271 Main Street**

18-296 Hooper/Tucker

Resolved to approve Business Application from Whiteway's Autobody and Repairs to operate from 269-271 Main Street.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

**8. Public Works**

**8.1 Update from Councillor Hollett**

- Union negotiations in 2019; Council representatives will be Councillors Pond and White.

**9. Protective Services**

**9.1 Update from Councillor Tucker**

- Meeting held with Exploits Engineering; tender will be called late January or early February 2019.
- Lewisporte Fire Rescue to relocate and utilize the new rec shed until the renovations are completed at the fire hall.

## **10. Finance - Councillor White**

### **10.1 Cheque Register**

18-297 White/Freake.

Resolved to approve cheques 37918 to 37947.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **10.2 Budget 2019**

Highlights from Budget 2019 – Councillor White (Finance Committee Chair)

- Residential and commercial property mil rate increased .7 mils to offset lost revenue due to reduced property assessments (2.7%) and increase in expenses.
- All existing services are maintained.
- The Town will continue to seek government funding for its Capital Works Program (80/20 ratio with the Town borrowing its 20% of the project funding).
- Council is refocusing the Mussel Bed Soiree Concert in the Park to a festival and will still guarantee entertainment for this event.

18-298 White/Freake

Resolved to approve Budget 2019.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **10.3 Tax and Fee Schedule 2019**

18-299 White/Freake

Resolved to approve the Tax and Fee Schedule 2019.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.  
None opposed. Motion carried.

### **10.4 Charitable and Not-For-Profit Tax Exemptions 2019**

Councillors Hooper and Tucker declared a conflict of interest and left meeting room (8:24 p.m.)

18-300 White/Freake

Resolved that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the properties listed below owned by service clubs/charities in the Town of Lewisporte be exempt from property tax for 2019:

Kinsmen Club of Notre Dame, 47 Centennial Drive

Lions Club, 18 Bowater Avenue

Loyal Orange Lodge, 230-232 Main Street

Masonic Lodge, 12 Tizzard Street.

Be it also resolved that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the Interfaith Goodwill Centre be exempt from the payment of 2019 business tax and water tax.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett,, Pond, and White.

None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillors Hooper and Tucker returned to the meeting room (8:27 p.m.).

## **11. Adjournment**

18-301 White/Hollett

Resolved the meeting adjourn.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.

None opposed. Motion carried.

Time: 8:29 p.m.

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Betty Clarke, Mayor

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Sharon Peckford, Recording Secretary