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Minutes of Council Meeting

January 18, 2022 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom

Present:	Deputy Mayor	Brian Hooper
	Councillors:	Rhoda Hannem
		John Mullett
		Perry Pond
		Ken Tucker
		Derek White
	Town Manager	Todd Champion
	Town Clerk	Coreen Colbourne
	Recreation and Tourism Manager	Ashley Ivany
	Superintendent of Works	Ivan Bridger
Regrets:	Mayor	Krista Freake

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hooper called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., he announced that it was our first meeting for 2022.

Deputy Mayor Hooper brought forward a message from Mayor Freake as she was unable to be present for the adoption of the budget, as she is covid positive. She wanted to thank everyone for their well wishes and to everyone for being genuinely kind during these times.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22-001 Pond/White

Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper passed along condolences on behalf of Mayor Freake, himself, Council, Management and Staff of the Town of Lewisporte, to Gary Jacobs and Family on the passing of his father. As well as to Shirley Sceviour and

Family on the passing of Brian Sceviour, former Mayor of Lewisporte. He continued with a brief history of Brian Sceviour's time on Council.

3. FINANCE

3.1 CHEQUE REGISTER

22-002 Hannem/Pond

Motion to approve the cheque register as presented, cheque numbers 001410 to 001491, in the amount of \$878,591.19, with the exception of cheque numbers 001421, 001428, 001429, 001460, and 001477.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker was in conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

22-003 Hannem/Pond

Resolved to approve cheque numbers 001421 and 001460.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker re-entered the virtual meeting.

Councillor Pond was in conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

22-004 Hannem/Tucker

Resolved to approve cheque numbers 001429 and 001477.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Pond re-entered the virtual meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hooper was in conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

22-005 Hannem/Pond

Resolved to approve cheque numbers 001428.

In favour: Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper re-entered the virtual meeting.

3.2 BUDGET SPEECH

The chair of the finance/HR committee gave the budget speech as attached.

3.3 TAX SCHEDULE AND RATES

22-006 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, approval of the 2022 Schedule of Rates and Fees established within this budget, as attached.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried

22-007 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, that May 31, 2022, be established as the due date for payment of taxes.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

22-008 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, that a 3% discount will be applied to tax payments received on or before March 31, 2022.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

22-009 Hannem/White

The Committee recommends, and I move, that a 15% discount will be applied to seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (showing in Box 21 on the T4A OAS) providing it is paid in full by the due date of May 31, 2022, any adjustment for prior years missed by a senior will only be for the prior two years.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

22-010 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move that all taxes in arrears after May 31, 2022, will be charged a compound interest rate of 15% per annum and will be charged at the first day of each month on the outstanding principal. All other invoices, including those issued because of supplementary property assessments, are due 30 days from the date of issue and all invoices in arrears at the end of the month following issuance will be subject to compound interest charges of 15% per annum.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

22-011 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move that payment of taxes is permitted by credit card, without a fee, from the date of invoice up to and including March 31, 2022, this applies only to current year taxes, after that date a fee of 1.5% will be added to the payment.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

3.4 TAX EXEMPTIONS

22-012 Hannem/White

The Committee recommends and I move, that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the properties owned by the Kinsmen Club of Notre Dame located at 47 Centennial Drive and Loyal Orange Lodge located at 230-232 Main Street be exempt from property tax for 2022.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper was in conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

22-013 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the property owned by the Lions Club located at 18 Bowater Avenue be exempt from property tax for 2022.

In favour: Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper re-entered the virtual meeting.

22-014 Hannem/White

The Committee recommends, and I move, that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the property owned by the Calypso Foundation located at 45 Centennial Drive be exempt from property tax and business tax for 2022.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

22-015 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the Interfaith Goodwill Centre be exempt from the payment of 2022 business tax and water tax.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker was in conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

22-016 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, that pursuant to Section 111 of the Municipalities Act M-24, the property owned by the Masonic Lodge located at 12 Tizzard Street be exempt from property tax for 2022.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker re-entered the virtual meeting.

3.5 ADOPTION OF BUDGET

22-017 Hannem/Pond

The Committee recommends, and I move, adoption of the 2022 Operating & Capital Budgets, as presented.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

4.0 ADJOURMENT

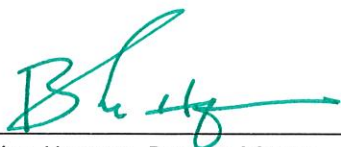
22-018 White/Pond

Resolved that the meeting adjourn.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Hannem, Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried

Time: 7:28 PM



Brian Hooper, Deputy Mayor



Coreen Colbourne, Town Clerk/Treasurer