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Minutes of Council Meeting

February 22, 2022 7:00 PM. Via Zoom

Present:	Mayor	Krista Freake
	Deputy Mayor	Brian Hooper
	Councillor	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

Mayor Freake brought greetings to those watching on Facebook, to Council and staff.

She started the meeting with a Land acknowledgement.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

22-039 White/Pond

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

3. Minutes for Approval

3.1 Regular Council Meeting February 1, 2022

22-040 Hooper/Tucker

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 1, 2022, as attached.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor recognized Kin Canada Week from February 20 – 26, 2022, and the commitment of the Kinsmen and Kinettes to our communities.

She recognized that this is Heritage Week, February 21 – 27, 2022.

She also recognized that February 1 is World Thinking Day, celebrated by the Guiding and Scouting Movement globally.

The Mayor wanted to applaud the staff for their efforts during the terrible weather experienced on February 18, and a sincere thank you to the residents and businesses that recognized them.

Update from Mayor Freake regarding economic diversification (the Wharf) – Letter from Minister Loveless indicated that Government could not invest in the infrastructure of the Wharf given its current condition but would compensate by offering financial compensation in the amount of up to \$5 million as phase one of an economic diversification plan. Mayor Freake and Council has gone back to Minister Loveless with questions and points as to phase one of the plan. A meeting has also been requested with Minister's Loveless and Parsons, the Mayor has had communication from those departments advising that meetings will be scheduled.

There was a meeting held on February 9, 2022, with MHA Bennett regarding the proposal from Government and in that meeting expressed the dissatisfaction with the lack of communication with Government.

A meeting was requested with Corporal Paul of the Lewisporte Detachment regarding the ongoing lack of presence in our Town and surrounding communities. Correspondence has been sent to the Commanding Officer of the B Division, and copied to Premier Furey, Minister Hogan and MHA Bennett.

Regarding the Marina Lease, possible solutions to this issue are ongoing.

Mayor Freake brought forth a committee shuffle. The following committee structure is in effect starting February 23, 2022:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Councillor Perry Pond (Chair)
	Councillor Ken Tucker
FINANCE	Councillor Rhoda Hannem (Chair)
	Councillor Perry Pond
LANDS	Councillor Derek White (Chair)
	Deputy Mayor Brian Hooper
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	Councillor Ken Tucker (Chair)
	Councillor Rhoda Hannem
PUBLIC WORKS	Councillor John Mullett (Chair)
	Councillor Derek White
RECREATION	Deputy Mayor Brian Hooper (Chair)
	Councillor John Mullett

4. Recreation/Tourism Committee

4.1 Update by Deputy Mayor Hooper

A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3. A delegation from the O2 Club will be joining for discussions on the recreation side of things, as the O2 Club plays a big role in that area for the Town.

Stadium

The stadium Plant has been commissioned and our staff have attended training on the system.

The new system allows the plant to cut out during the night and cut back in during the day, which should save on energy consumption.

Regulations are starting to lift in the stadium, we are now at 75% capacity and games have resumed. We are hoping tournaments will be able to resume in March.

Museum

The Town is waiting to hear from our insurance company regarding the Museum. The building has been stripped of damages.

Softball Field

After reviewing the report regarding percolation testing in the Mussel Bed overflow parking, it is not recommended to proceed with constructing a new field in this area. The reasons being, the water does not drain, it evaporates, due to the composition of the fill and the organic material that was buried will eventually decompose and create humps and lumps in the field.

The Recreation Committee will be reviewing the women's and men's fields again to see if there is an option that will work in this area.

Special Events

The Winter Carnival is being planned for March 14th -21st ,2021. We are asking if any business or organization are interested in offering an event during this time, please contact Gary at the Town Office.

Bowling Alley

The Bowling Alley has reopened, and league plays has resumed. Rentals for the Bowling Alley are available, and individuals are recommended to contact the Bowling Alley to book.

5. Economic Development

Update by Councillor Mullett

5.1 Occupancy Permit - 22-003C Skipper's Dog Wash (Stephen Woolfrey) at 252-256 Main Street for a self serve dog washing station.

22-041 Mullett/Pond

Motion to approve occupancy permit 22-003C for Skipper's Dog Wash at 252-256 Main Street.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Mullett announced that several members of the Lewisporte Marina Administrative Authority have finished their term on the Committee, these include Steve Cole, Clyde Noble, Betty Clarke and Ivan Boone, he thanked them for their commitment to the Association. With their departure comes new members which include Greg Woolfrey, Greg Feltham, Tim White and Councillor Mullett. Deputy Mayor Hooper would be staying on as the Chairperson and Roxanne as the Vice-Chairperson.

5.2 Economic Diversification

Councillor Pond expressed the disappointment felt that it took four years to get a response from government over the closure of the Labrador Coastal Service, something that has been an issue for the last 25 years. He felt that the time spent fighting for this file could have been put into implementing strategies. Some initial strategies that Council would like to move forward with that are non-financial in nature include consideration for a Collaborative Care Clinic and the Province to provide better access to additional training opportunities for Die Trac, i.e. Marine Institute.

Mayor Freake offered her thanks to those who left the LMAA and welcomed those coming on board.

Deputy Mayor pointed out that Councillor Mullett will be the Chair of the finance committee for the LMAA.

6.0 Lands Committee

6.1 Update by Councillor White

Councillor White noted that there have been inquiries on cutting firewood inside the town boundaries, anyone wanting to do this, should check with the town office to inform us where they want to cut so that they can be informed as to where and if cutting is permitted in that area. He also noted to residents that there is no cutting boundary around Woolfrey's Pond as well as around the Water Pond.

Councillor White informed residents that there is a piece of property in the Industrial Park going up for sale, this would be for a business only, inquiries can be made at the office.

There have been requests made to have the boundary around the Hennery made smaller, it has also been requested in the past. The committee has made the decision to keep it as is.

7. Public Works

Update by Councillor Pond

Councillor Pond gave an update on the various projects that is underway or ongoing, at the last Public Council Meeting and indicated that these projects are progressing as required.

He also wanted to applaud the efforts of the staff during last Friday's weather events, he said that there were very positive comments heard from residents, it had not gone unnoticed by the public or Council.

8. Protective Services

8.1 Update by Councillor Tucker

There was a meeting held on February 7, 2022, to discuss the policing in the Town.

Upon review of the community policing model, protective services members feel that a meeting with the RCMP member in charge of the Lewisporte Detachment is warranted, they feel it is good idea open the lines of communication, get to know each other, and hopefully have quarterly discussions to review any concerns or issues the Town and its residents are experiencing. Protective services members are hoping to have that meeting within the next two weeks.

A letter was drafted and sent to the Commanding Officer of the B Division which is the Newfoundland and Labrador RCMP coverage area. There were 10 priority items expressed in the letter, of high priority was the lack of police presence in the community. The committee is optimistic of a favorable response.

It is felt by Council that it is important that the police presence is not reduced any more than it already is and a commitment to continue its presence in the form of an operational detachment in Town.

There was a meeting on February 10, 2022, with two members of the executive of the fire department, fire chief Lee Whiteway and assistant fire chief Steve Cole to review the regionalization of the fire department. The committee is hoping to have a discussion with Council over some issues with the regionalization model in a few weeks. A full report and recommendation to Council is expected by mid-summer.

Report from the Lewisporte Regional Fire Department:

Chief's apologies for the scheduling conflict as we are in an executive meeting as we speak.

Volunteer hours since our last report 3 weeks ago is 120 hours; 90 hours of training and 30 hours related to fire calls and inspections.

2 FIRE CALLS since the last report Jan 31st, 1 of which was of MVA on the highway, the other was a report of fire.

Due to covid related circumstances we are just getting ramped back up to full attendance and meetings as normal with the recent covid changes announced.

We recently took delivery of 8 new Scott Breathing Apparatus and have been working on all training and fit testing related to putting them in service in past 2 weeks. The new breathing apparatus will be in service this week.

We have started a logistical and operational review of the Fire Department's Regional program including outlying areas.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and covid delays in January too much time has passed to be able to offer the youth program this year. We plan to resume this program in January 2023.

Membership Drive - We are still looking for members for the fire department and encourage all interested residents to view our Facebook page. We have created a video to touch on all aspects of the department to give interested people an overview as to what to expect. To apply either by contacting any firefighter for an application or pick up an application at the Town Hall.

9. Finance/HR

Update by Councillor Hannem

9.1 Motion to Rescind

22-042 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to rescind 22-029 stating motion to approve the cheque register as presented from cheque numbers 01492 to 001551 for a total of \$580,080.15.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

22-043 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve the cheque register as presented from cheque numbers 01492 to 001551 for a total of \$580,080.15 with the exception of cheque numbers 001499, 001513, 001525, 001533 and 001541.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

22-044 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve the cheque register as presented from cheque numbers 01552 to 001606 for a total of \$371,750.59 with the exception of cheque numbers 001572, 001585, 001590, 001593 and 001605.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker was in conflict and left Chambers.

22-045 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve cheque numbers 001572, 001593, and 001605.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker re-entered Chambers.

Councillor Pond was in conflict and left Chambers.

22-046 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve cheque number 001585.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Pond re-entered Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Hooper was in conflict and left Chambers.

22-047 Hannem/Pond

Motion to approve cheque number 001590.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper re-entered Chambers.

9.3 Water Tax Exemption – 14 Harvey Street

22-048 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve the water tax exemption for 14 Harvey Street for the period of November 15, 2020 to November 15, 2021.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

9.4 Water Tax Exemption - 4 King Street

22-049 Hannem/Hooper

Motion to approve the water tax exemption for 4 King Street for the period of August 6, 2020 to August 6, 2021.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried

10. Correspondence

Before closing Deputy Mayor Hooper wanted to point out to residents that although Council do want to hear if the public has questions, issues, or concerns about the Town, if it is of an urgent nature the first call should be to the Town Office, that is where the call, complaint, etc. is logged for tracking and response.

11. Adjournment

22-050 Hooper/White

Resolved that the meeting adjourn.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Time: 7:38 PM



Krista Freake, Mayor



Coreen Colbourne, Town Clerk/Treasurer