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Minutes of Council Meeting

November 22, 2022 7:00 PM

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

Mayor Freake brought greetings to those watching on Facebook, fellow Councillors and Staff.

1. Call to Order – 7:02 pm

The Mayor brought forward a land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

22-222 Hooper/Pond

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

3. Minutes for Approval - Regular Council Meeting November 1, 2022

22-223 Mullett/White

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 1, 2022.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

4. Recreation/Tourism Committee

Update by Deputy Mayor Hooper

Stadium

The stadium is available for hourly bookings, and if anyone is interested in booking the stadium they should contact Ashley at the Town office, or the Lewisporte Stadium if it is after hours.

Cameras will be installed in the Lewisporte Stadium in the coming weeks, there will be signage placed around the arena when the cameras are officially up and running.

In 2020 the Town of Lewisporte adopted a helmet policy, we would like to remind users of Lewisporte Stadium that anyone on the ice will be required to wear a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved head protector during ice-related activities. The following types of head protection are acceptable: hockey helmet, ski helmet, and snowboarding helmets. This policy is intended for the protection, safety, and well-being of all patrons participating in ice-related activities at the Lewisporte Arena.

The Seahawks first home game will be taking place December 3rd and 4th at the Lewisporte stadium and Minor Hockey will be hosting their first tournament on December 9th, 2022.

Woolfrey's Pond Park

The JCP program will be finishing this Friday, they will have completed brush cutting around the boardwalk, the lookout between the playground and the gazebo, and the ski trail. A special thank you to the participants in this program and the staff that supervised this project.

The tender documents for the comfort station are in, and they will be posted for approximately two weeks, after such time the recreation committee will review them.

Ski Trail

The Town of Lewisporte in conjunction with the O2 Athletics Club, have provided funding to have more of the multiuse trail filled, this allows for a longer skiing/snowshoeing season as well allows the trail to be used for running and biking in the warmer months. Currently ½ of the trail is completed.

Bowling Alley

Winter Games lanes will be starting their youth league on December 3rd, we look forward to an awesome season with the young bowlers and would like to thank the volunteers who signed up to assist with this program.

Winter Games lanes would like to advise the public that space is available for corporate booking if anyone is looking to host their Christmas bowling parties.

Special Events

The Town of Lewisporte hosted a pumpkin walk at the Lewisporte Train Park Trail on Wednesday November 2nd and 3rd. We would like to thank all the residents who provided us with their awesome pumpkins, a special thank you to Faith's Greenhouse for the flowers and greenery for the trail. Deputy Mayor Hooper thanked the Special Events Co-ordinator and the Recreation Director, and any other staff members that helped, for their tremendous efforts in putting this successful event together.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Guy Fawkes Night celebration, we had a wonderful turn out for this event, followed by beautiful fireworks. A special thank you to the Lewisporte Regional Fire Department for assisting us with this event. Deputy Mayor Hooper thanked the Special Events Co-ordinator and the Recreation Director for another very successful event.

The Town of Lewisporte Tree Lighting will be taking place on December 1st, 2022, there will be carols, performers, and free hot chocolate and candy canes, donated by Paul's Value Grocer. One lucky child will even be chosen to light up the Town of Lewisporte Christmas tree through a collaboration with Lewisporte Family Resource Center, Newfoundland, Lewisporte Academy and Lewisporte Intermediate. Please note that traffic on Main Street will be diverted during this event.

The Town of Lewisporte will be hosting our annual Santa Claus parade on December 3rd 2022. Any residents, business or organizations who wishes to enter a float in the Santa Clause Parade is asked to contact Tiffany at the Town Hall. We would also like to remind residents who require parking in the sensory friendly parking area to pick up a parking pass. These passes are available at the Town Office, this modification is to ensure that there will be adequate parking for those who have sensory requirements

The Town of Lewisporte would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony, a special thank you to the Cadets, Lewisporte Regional Fire Department, the Rangers, the Girl Guides, Sparks, Brownies, Pathfinders, RCMP, Clergy, as well as everyone who laid a wreath. We had a wonderful turn out at the Kinsmen Club for soup after the ceremony, a special thank you to the Kin Family for partnering with the Town of Lewisporte for this event.

5. Economic Development

Update by Councillor Pond

Councillor Pond was in conflict and left Chambers.

5.1 Occupancy Permit – 22-020R (Residential) - Notre Dame Realty Limited permit to occupy 3 William White Blvd.

22-224 Tucker/Hooper

I so move to accept the occupancy permit 22-020R (Residential) at 3 William White Blvd. as presented.

Deputy Mayor Hooper asked if all the permits for the evenings meeting met with approval, they did.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Pond re-entered Chambers.

5.2 Occupancy Permit – 22-021R (Residential) – Andrew Manuel and Nikita Manuel, to occupy 58 Hillgrade Street.

22-225 Pond/Tucker

I so move to accept the permit application, as presented.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

5.3 Occupancy Permit – 22-022R (Residential) – Don Philpott and Diane Philpott, to occupy 5 Old Briton Crescent.

22-226 Pond/Tucker

I so move to accept the permit application, as presented.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

5.4 Occupancy Permit – 22-023C (Commercial) – Lewisporte PharmaChoice, to occupy 144 Main Street.

22-227 Pond/Tucker

I so move to accept the permit application, as presented.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

The Town reviewed its desire to maintain use of the former government wharf, it was decided that it would be better served if it were left to the private sector, an RFP was developed to see if anyone was interested in taking ownership of that site. The primary focus was the economic benefits to the community, and its purchase price. There was one response received by the deadline date of November 3rd, 2022, from Clyde and Bobby Noble. The proposal was reviewed by the economic development committee, all the requirements were met, Clyde and Bobby Noble has agreed to purchase the property for \$1.00, with an investment of a minimum of \$50,000 to address its outstanding maintenance issues, and economic contributions to the community through its fishing enterprise. The RFP does protect the Town for the future, with the stipulation that the Town may purchase the property back from the Nobles, taking into consideration what was invested into it by them, as well, there is a clause that says when they are finished with the site, the Town has the first opportunity to buy it back for \$1.00, regardless of what they spent to maintain it.

22-228 Pond/Tucker

I so move that we proceed with the disposal of the former Government Wharf to Clyde and Bobby Noble as detailed in the terms of reference and their proposal.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

The economic development committee is currently waiting on various Government departments to move forward with some of the Town's initiatives.

Marina

The Town is still waiting for Transport Canada to formalize their process on the acquisition of the Marina, we are still optimistic that there will be a response before Christmas.

Craft Shop/Museum/Dinner Theatre

The Town Manager is continuing to work on the terms of reference for the Marina expansion, which takes in the Dinner Theatre and Craft Shop.

The RFP for the disposal of the old museum is being worked on, the economic development committee is hoping that it will be out before Christmas.

Port Development

The economic development committee has requested an update from the MHA to the Town's proposal to address the commercial port infrastructure.

Mayor Freake let the public know that a letter was prepared to be sent to Minister Loveless requesting an official update, the last correspondence with his department was on July 5th, 2022. There was also a request sent to MHA Bennett on November 8th for a meeting.

Councillor Pond also informed the public that the Town's former oil and gas consultant is still presenting the Town of Lewisporte as a viable option at any conference he attends.

6. Lands Committee

Update by Councillor White

There was no report from the Lands Committee, but Councillor Tucker had a question for them. He wanted to know what the progress was on the expropriation of land on Pelley Street. Councillor White and the Town Manager responded. The money for the expropriation was paid into the courts and it has been held up there. The lawyers did not agree how it was paid into the courts, and there has been no further updates. The Town is left at the mercy of the legal system before getting everything worked out.

7. Public Works

Update by Councillor Mullett

Councillor Mullett reported that the Town has decided to proceed with an engineered design for the King Street sewage outlet.

Councillor Mullett gave a very detailed report on the snow clearing regulations for the Town.

8. Protective Services

The fire protection agreement between Lewisporte and Campbellton has been finalized and is now in effect.

There has been discussion about communication systems in the event services are down in an emergency. There will be research put into a way to get information out to the public in such a situation.

The Town Manager reached out to the local RCMP Detachment on November 3rd, to request a meeting. Corporal Paul, the officer in charge of the Lewisporte Detachment, along with two officers from Gander District Office met with the protective services committee and Deputy Mayor Hooper. At this meeting, all of Council's concerns were presented, there was some discussion on ways of addressing the problems. They understood our concerns and suggested that the excessive speeding would be addressed by the local detachment performing patrols, and the traffic services in Gander (that patrols the highway) making some detours down to Lewisporte. The illegal use of ATV's was more challenging due to liability concerns, the RCMP suggested that they go to the schools to talk to the youth and call some of the parents of known riders. One of the officers, Staff Sargent Turner, thought he might join Council at one of our meetings to report on community policing.

Councillor Tucker mentioned that the Regional Fire Rescue would be holding their annual awards presentation and banquet the next evening.

9. Finance/HR

Update by Councillor Pond

9.1 Cheque Register - Scotiabank

22-229 Pond/Hooper

Motion to approve the cheque register as presented from cheque numbers 002285 to 002343 for a total of \$241,443.47 with the exception of 002285, 002303 and 002343.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper was in conflict and left Chambers.

22-230 Pond/Mullett

Motion to approve cheque number 002303.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper re-entered Chambers.

Councillor Pond was in conflict and left Chambers.

22-231 Tucker/Hooper

Motion to approve cheque numbers 002285 and 002343.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Pond re-entered Chambers.

Councillor Pond made an appeal to residents and business owners to get their tax accounts paid off by the Town's year end of December 31.

22-232 Pond/Tucker

I so move to write off doubtful accounts in the amount of \$124,061.37.

Councillor Pond explained that a large portion of the doubtful accounts was for an accounting error, it was for a piece of land that was sold and not taken off the Town's role.

Deputy Mayor Hooper asked if finance had exhausted all measures in the collection process, they had.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Pond mentioned that finance and department heads have been working on the budget and hope to make a presentation to Council in the next week.

10. Other Committees and/or Business

10.1 Municipal Assessment Agency

There was a memo sent out from MAA with an update from the Board of Directors.

Councillor White brought up the frustrations felt by residents over how difficult it is to speak to a representative at the Family Medical Clinic or see a physician to get the medical attention they need for even simple things such as getting prescriptions filled for sometimes life saving medications. Councillor White feels that it is time for Council to step in and contact Central Health to see what can be done to alleviate some of this. There was further discussion by Council over this matter. Mayor Freake said she has been in regular contact with the CEO and Vice-President of Central Health and will reach out to those people. She also mentioned that she has been attending meetings on the retention and recruitment of physicians to the area, and she is in process of speaking with Cheryl Peckford on the Community Advisory Committee and recruitment and retention.

Mayor Freake spoke on her attendance at the Women's and Gender Diverse Leadership Summit through MNL in Gander, she felt it was a very moving experience to hear from an extraordinary panel of people who are involved in Municipal politics. She gave a shout out to Dr. Deatra Walsh, who is the director of advocacy and communications at MNL, who presented at the summit, on being such a phenomenal speaker.

Mayor Freake reminded residents to pick up their parking pass for the sensory friendly zone on the parade route, the Town will be monitoring the parking area. She also reminded residents and businesses that if they wanted to get involved in the parade to call the Town Office.

Deputy Mayor Hooper spoke on the Lewisporte Collegiate Scholarship Fundraiser Gala, he said it was a stellar event, and commended the organizing committee. He spoke of the guest speaker, Dr. Ian Sutherland and what a pleasure it was to hear him speak. Mayor Freake said that those who attended were very generous with their giving, Councillor Pond thought the amount raised was around \$20,000.00.

In closing, Mayor Freake reminded the public that the Town's tree lighting would be held on December 1st and the parade would be on December 3rd.

11. Adjournment

22-233 Pond/Tucker

Resolved that the meeting adjourn.

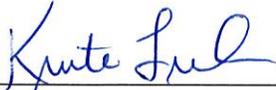
In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 7:49 PM

Next Public Council Meeting to be held on December 13, 2022.



Krista Freake, Mayor



Coreen Colbourne, Town Clerk/Treasurer