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## Minutes of Council Meeting

July 2, 2024 7:00 PM

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

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

Deputy Mayor Hooper brought forward a land acknowledgement.

### 1. **Call to Order – 7:01 pm**

### 2. **Approval of Agenda**

**24-078 Haliburton/Tucker**

**Resolved to adopt the agenda, as presented.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper took the opportunity to wish the residents of Lewisporte and surrounding communities a Happy Canada Day. He said there was a good turnout at the events the Town held on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**3.1 Minutes for Approval - Regular Council Meeting June 4, 2024**

**24-079 Mullett/Pond**

**Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 4, 2024.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

**3.2 Minutes for Approval – Special Meeting of Council June 25, 2024**

**24-080 Haliburton/Tucker**

**Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

**4. Recreation/Tourism Committee**

**Update by Deputy Mayor Hooper**

Deputy Mayor Hooper announced that the summer program started today, there has been a great interest shown in the program.

The summer students staff have been selected and all students are now currently working.

Canada Day celebrations began with a bike parade to the Town Hall where the flag raising, and other ceremonial events took place. The evening festivities at the Mike Austin Arena were well attended, the evening ended with fireworks at the waterfront. Deputy Mayor Hooper thanked all those involved in organizing and hosting the events.

The comfort station at Woolfrey's Pond Campground is open and operational. There were Canada Day activities planned at the campground on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for the weekend campers, the event went over very well.

Deputy Mayor Hooper said the softball field was near completion. It was the decision of Council to leave the field for this season for the sods to take root to create a solid base. The user groups of the ball field were notified of the decision. The lady's softball field was given an overhaul to create a better field for the user groups to use for this summer.

Councillor Pond asked when the **hanging baskets** would be placed on the poles throughout town, the Recreation Manager said it would be starting this week. The Recreation Manager wasn't sure if there would be time to plant all the flowers/shrubs this week at the Welcome to Lewisporte Sign.

## 5. Economic Development

### Update by Councillor Pond

#### Port Development

A start up meeting was held regarding the wharf analysis, after conferring with the consultants, the scope of work for the project falls in line with what the economic development members expected. The analysis is for above and under water, so it will give Council a good idea of what types of investments are needed and any limitations the wharf has. The public can expect to see some activity around the wharf this week. The Town can expect a preliminary report in six to eight weeks, so that Council can have a better understanding of the infrastructure.

Council is working on funding to help support the **Trailway Redevelopment** and currently waiting on funding for **Marina** opportunities.

## 6. Lands Committee

### Update by Councillor White

Last week members of Council met with the planner responsible for updating the Town's **Municipal Plan**. Next steps include a public consultation where the public is invited to give input on what changes they would like to see to the Town's development regulations, this will take place near the end of July, the public will be advised of the date.

Councillor White reminded property owners of the requirement of a **permit** for any outside repairs or construction. Up to today, the Town has issued 75 residential permits, 2 being new construction, and 1 commercial permit. He thanked the staff for being diligent in the process.

Councillor White spoke of complaints that the Town received from neighbouring residents of property owners that have left their **grass** uncut for various reasons. He appealed to the property owners to ensure the grass is cut or suggested if you know that a property owner is not in the position to cut their grass, to help.

## 7. Public Works

### Update by Councillor Mullett

Councillor Mullett reported that the public works staff are working diligently to maintain the Town's streets filling in **potholes** as is needed and as time allows.

Deputy Mayor Hooper took the time to address the **paving** currently being laid by the Provincial Government on Main Street and Premier Drive. He encouraged the public to be patient during the process, it appears to be moving at a good pace, and the results will be well worth it.

Councillor Tucker asked about the pipe that can be seen down by the wharf site. It was said that it is a piece of infrastructure for the **King Street Outfall**. The Town Manager said that the project has a 45 working day turn around and is progressing on schedule. The Town Manager said that the pipe is 170 meters in length when asked by Council.

## 8. Protective Services

### Update by Councillor Tucker

Councillor Tucker reported that the protective services committee has been working on an **agreement** with the Local Service District of Brown's Arm for **fire protection services**.

Another issue the members have been working on is a solution to the live fire **dispatching services** for the Lewisporte Fire Rescue. What the Fire Rescue is temporarily using, "Who's Responding" was of concern by some residents, but Councillor Tucker assured the public that it is a system that the fire department has used for a few years as a backup, and this type of system is what some other fire departments use exclusively. The committee members have found a supplier that will handle calls for the Lewisporte Fire Rescue, it is a live professional dispatching service. Councillor Tucker said it would take approximately four to six weeks to put all the necessary requirements for the service in place.

Councillor Tucker reminded the public that with the changes in the emergency system, Freake's Ambulance Service is no longer operational, do not call the local number. Calls for emergencies must be directed to 911. Because ambulances can be dispatched from other parts of the island, please ensure all residential and commercial properties have their **civic number on it, in a highly visible place**.

## 9. Finance/HR

### Update by Councillor Haliburton

#### 9.1 Cheque Register- Scotiabank (Operating Account)

24-081 Haliburton/Pond

I motion to approve the cheque register as presented, from cheque numbers 03830 to 03902, with the exception of cheque 03834, 03841, 03849, 03859, and 03877 for a total of \$481,324.87.

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried

Councillor Mullett was in conflict and left Chambers at 7:27:55.

**24-082 Haliburton/Pond**

**Motion to approve cheque number 03834.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Mullett re-entered Chambers at 7:28:19.

Deputy Mayor Hooper was in conflict and left Chambers at 7:28:40, Councillor Mullett assumed the role as Chair.

**24-083 Haliburton/Pond**

**Motion to approve cheque number 03841.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hooper re-entered Chambers at 7:29:20 and resumed role as Chair.

Councillor Tucker was in conflict and left Chambers at 7:29:34.

**24-084 Haliburton/Pond**

**Motion to approve cheque number 03859.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker re-entered Chambers at 7:29:51.

Councillor White was in conflict and left Chambers at 7:30:02.

**24-085 Haliburton/Pond**

**Motion to approve cheque number 03877.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor White re-entered Chambers at 7:30:20.

Councillors Haliburton and Pond were in conflict and left Chambers at 7:30:30.

**24-086 Mullett/Tucker**

**Motion to approve cheque number 03849.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillors Haliburton and Pond re-entered Chambers at 7:30:51.

**9.2 Cheque Register – CIBC Account**

**24-087 Haliburton/Pond**

**I motion to approve the cheque register as presented, for cheque number 39350, for a total of \$150.00.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion carried

Councillor Haliburton gave the public an update on the 2023 financial statements that were motioned for approval during a special meeting held on June 25, 2024. The special meeting was held due to time restraints required to approve the statements.

Councillor Pond added that the finance committee has held discussions on moving the current loans held with Scotiabank to a different provider, pending it meets the satisfaction of getting the same or better rates.

Deputy Mayor Hooper brought up the press release that was issued to various media around the island regarding the dissatisfaction and disappointment that the Town has experienced with Scotiabank and their decision to close the Lewisporte branch.

#### 10. Other Committees and/or Business

There was further discussion on the Municipal Plan public consultation, the importance of it and why the public should attend.

#### 11. Adjournment

24-088      White/Haliburton

**Resolved that the meeting adjourn.**

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

Opposed: None

Decision: Motion Carried

Time of adjournment: 7:40 PM.

Next Public Council Meeting to be held on July 30, 2024.

  
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Brian Hooper, Deputy Mayor

  
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Coreen Colbourne, Town Clerk/Treasurer