

Town of Channel – Port aux Basques  
1779<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The 1779<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Deputy Mayor Strickland, Councillors Blackler, Lane, Keeping and Coffin. Also present were the Town Manager and the Acting Town Clerk.

**Adoption of Minutes:** It was Moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Coffin the Special Minutes of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 be adopted as circulated and discussed. M.C. Unanimously.

**Newfoundland Power:** Mayor Spencer asked if Council could set up a meeting with NL Power sometime in October. He went on to say that the power outages in 2017 left people stranded in their homes over twenty hours.

The Town Manager will contact Newfoundland Power to see if a meeting could be arranged later this fall.

**Adoption of Minutes:** It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the Regular and Special Minutes of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted as circulated and discussed. M.C. Unanimously.

**Outdoor Program:** Deputy Mayor Strickland asked how many outdoor excursions took place and if there was good attendance.

The Acting Town Clerk replied there were four excursions with good attendance.

Mayor Spencer said a thank you letter should be sent to Colin and Cindy Seymour for a great job with leading the hikes.

The Town Manager said a report will be sent as to how the funds were spent for the Outdoor Program.

**Canadian Mental Health Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Mayor Spencer said contact the Recreation Committee and the luncheon could be held at the stadium. He also talked about having Dan Clarke cater the event.

**Charles Street Bus Shelter:** The Town Manager stated the concrete pad for the bus shelter was poured today, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Once the concrete had set the construction of the bus shelter would begin.

**Town Plan:** The Town Manager said he hoped to have an update by the end of September and he would share it with Council at that time.

**Affordable Housing:** Mayor Spencer asked for updates on the project.

The Town Manager replied that a foundation test had to be done. The concrete at the site had to be tested to see if it contained asbestos.

**Public Works Superintendent's Position:** The Town Manager said more applications were received for the position with a closing date of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Waste Management Report:** Deputy Mayor Strickland asked if there was a limit on the number of garbage bags that can be placed at the curb.

Councillor Keeping said there is a limit of three garbage bags. All of the details are not worked out yet with the transfer site to open in October.

The Town Manager said the tender for curbside collection will close on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the expected start date for the contractor is October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Lane asked if the Town could put an information piece in The Gulf News as a lot of seniors do not have access to computers.

Councillor Keeping said he would ask the Western Regional Waste Management board for the answers to some frequently asked questions. For example, a butcher shop would be under different circumstances and place the bloody garbage in black bags and the person collecting the garbage would be aware of this. The issues with the business side are not all worked out yet.

**Correspondence:** It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Keeping the correspondence be read and dealt with where necessary. MC Unanimously.

**Kids Eat Smart Foundation:** Correspondence was received from Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador requesting a donation for Radiothon or in lieu of the Radiothon Council coordinate a Kids Eat Smart Radiothon event in our own town. On November 6<sup>th</sup> the donation will be announced during the Radiothon.

It was moved by Councillor Keeping and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland that a donation of \$100.00 would be given to St. James Elementary and St. James Regional High to help support the breakfast programs.

**Canadian Public Works Conference:** A letter was received regarding the Canadian Public Works Association fall conference that will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The conference will take place at Hotel Port aux Basques and rooms will be reserved at the Hotel until September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Manager asked if Mayor Spencer would bring greetings on behalf of the town at the conference.

Mayor Spencer replied yes.

Deputy Mayor Strickland asked how many people will be in attendance.

The Town Manager replied approximately 50 people from all over Newfoundland and Labrador will be at the conference.

**Cannabis Shop:** An email was received from Oceanic Releaf requesting a business permit to operate a retail cannabis shop at 16 High Street (former Bob's Chicken Coop).

The Town Manager said the area is zoned commercial; which means it is meant for retail business. This type of business is not in Town regulations so it was best to bring it forward to Council for approval.

Councillor Keeping said cannabis will be legalized in October and it will be regulated by the province.

The Town Manager stated the original application was looking for approval to set up business in the old laundry mat. The laundry mat is too close to Andy's Rainbow Park and a business like this has to be 500 meters from schools, playgrounds, etc.

It was moved by Councillor Keeping and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland Oceanic Releaf be given approval to operate a cannabis business at 16 High Street providing all regulations have been met. M.C. Unanimously.

**ATV Use – Grand Bay West Beach:** Correspondence was received from a resident of 488 Grand Bay West Road regarding ATV use on any of the Grand Bay West Beaches.

The Town Manager said the area is encompassed between the stewardship agreement and the province. The only people who are permitted to use ATV's in the area between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> are the two people who own the cabins in the area. The trails have limited access as well.

Councillor Lane said proper signage needs to be placed in the area so the public knows exactly what they are permitted to do and who has the right of way.

**Plastic Shopping Bags:** Correspondence from Minister Andrew Parsons, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment in response to Mayor Spencer's letter to him regarding a ban on plastic shopping bags.

Mayor Spencer stated that Minister Andrew Parsons was not in agreement with the ban as the bags are reused for household and pet waste. If a ban is placed on the bags then people will have to purchase other bags which will have an adverse effect on the environment.

**RCMP Meeting:** Mayor Spencer presented the RCMP Report of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Present at Meeting: Western Head for RCMP David Cook, Officer in Charge PAB Detachment(Temp) Liz Lodge, Councillor Blackler, Councillor Lane and Town Manager, Leon McIsaac.

The purpose of the meeting was to address concerns expressed by Council regarding policing within Port aux Basques.

Council was informed that currently there are 7 members at PAB. This is down from the allotment of 8. The eighth position was re-assigned to Corner Brook. In relation to the highway positions, there are currently no highway positions assigned to Port aux Basques. The emphasis for highway enforcement is now concentrated in the Corner Brook, Gander and Harbour Grace region.

A review of statistical information for the Port aux Basques region indicated that not only has there been a population decline, calls for assistance by the police within the area has also seen a decline. Violent crime, since 2014, is down 35%; Crimes against property, since 2014, is down 40%; Criminal Code traffic offence, since 2014, down by 29%. And considering all areas covered under the Criminal Code, a decline by 37%. Thus, the strategic move to take one position from the Port aux Basques detachment.

An area of concern was drug activity. The statistics for actual offences saw a dramatic rise between 2016 /2017 showing an increase in charges of close to 30%. This will continue to be a

focus point for RCMP resources in 2018.

Council identified excessive speeds, and night time stunting by drivers at certain locations within town as an area of major concern. In that connection, the local detachment will work closely with the town to work out a strategy to curb the speeding by identifying key areas where it has become a problem.

Meeting ended at 2:00 PM.

The RCMP would like to meet with Council regarding the speeding issues and Scott's Cove.

Mayor Spencer stated that Lakeshore Drive has no speed signs.

Councillor Keeping said the Public Works Committee needs to identify where speed signs need to be placed as soon as possible.

The Town Manager advised that instead of placing speed signs on every street a sign could be placed stating that the speed limit is -----KM unless otherwise posted.

Deputy Mayor Strickland said Council should meet with the RCMP more often.

**Driveway-28 Grand Bay Road:** Councillor Lane stated there was a directive to have that driveway fixed and it still isn't fixed.

The Town Manager advised that the pavement that was placed on Grand Bay Road in 2017 should have solved the problem, but it didn't. The gravel being tracked in the driveway is not coming from rainfall it is coming from vehicles.

Councillor Lane said this has to be fixed.

The Town Manager answered there are 8 or 9 properties there. If a swale is placed there it will transfer the debris to the neighbour's property.

**Bennett's Lane:** Councillor Lane said that he has received numerous emails about the leak on Bennett's Lane that has been going on for a year. The leak was dug up and repaired and it kept leaking so it was dug up again. The homeowner is waiting to have it dug up once more so it can be fixed. The lady who is sending the emails said this is not satisfactory as the leak is going through people's homes. There needs to be a time line of when this will be repaired for good. Public Works will have to take a look at this leak.

The Town Manager replied this has been dug up three times since last year. The line will have to be dug up so the line is exposed to see where the leak is coming from. There are recurring leaks and three holes on the municipal line. Unfortunately one property owner has covered the cost of having this dug up and repaired.

**Revised Capital Investment Plan for Citadel Street:** The Town Manager explained that a motion needed to be made to submit a revised Capital Investment Plan for the Paving/Road Upgrade on Citadel Street.

Motion Councillor Keeping/ Seconded by Councillor Lane

Be it resolved:

That the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques submit a revised Capital Investment Plan to the Gas Tax Secretariat for Project 345-2016-5246 Paving/Road Upgrade Citadel Street to change the total Gas Tax Fund allocation from \$16,382.00 to \$20,089.00.

Voted for 6/ Against 0

**Gas Tax Project Revisions:** The Town Manager advised Council that a motion needed to be made to carry out revisions of the Sunset Drive, East Avenue, Allan's Road and the Wilson's Road Project along with the rehabilitation of various streets would have to be submitted to the Gas Tax Secretariat.

Motion Deputy Mayor Strickland/ Seconded by Councillor Keeping

Be it Resolved:

That the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques submit to the Gas Tax Secretariat revisions for the following projects that were under budget:

45-2015-5243 Sunset Drive Road Upgrade Approved GT Funds \$43,867.00 - GT Funds Spent \$25,150.00

45-2016-5245 East Avenue Road Upgrade Approved GT Funds \$6,732.00 - GT Funds Spent \$5,378.00

45-2016-5247 Allan's Road Road Upgrade Approved GT Funds \$12,693.00 – GT Funds Spent \$8,372.00

45-2016-5249 Wilson's Road Road Upgrade Approved GT Funds \$7,144.00 – GT Funds Spent \$5,434.00

45-2017-6320 Road Rehabilitation Various Streets Approved GT Funds \$204,877.00 – GT Funds Spent \$179,416.00

Voted for 6/ Against 0

**Capital Investment Plan:** The Town Manager explained that a motion would have to be made to submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Gas Tax Secretariat for paving and road upgrades to various streets.

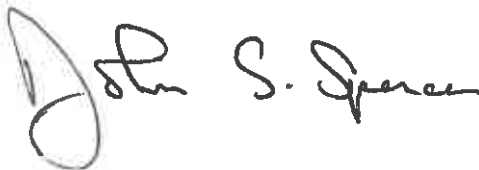
Motion Councillor Lane/ Seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland

Be it Resolved:

That the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Gas Tax Secretariat for Paving/Road Upgrades of various streets for a total Gas Tax Fund Allocation of \$325,407.78

Voted for 6/ Against 0

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss it was moved by Councillor Coffin and seconded by Councillor Lane the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



John Spencer  
Mayor



Tracy Beaton  
Acting Town Clerk