

**Town of Channel – Port aux Basques
1783rd Regular Meeting
November 20th, 2018**

The 1783rd Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Councillors Battiste, Blackler, Coffin, Keeping and Lane. Also present were the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

Adoption of Minutes: It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Lane the Special Minutes of November 6th, 2018 held at 7:15 pm be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Blackler the Special Minutes of November 6th, 2018 held at 9:30 pm be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Keeping and seconded by Councillor Coffin the Regular Minutes of November 6th, 2018 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Keeping and seconded by Councillor Battiste the Special Minutes of November 13th, 2018 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

Pepsi Contract Bruce II Sports Centre: Councillor Keeping asked if there was anything new on this. The Town Clerk advised that Ms. Strickland is still waiting to hear back from Coke.

Digital Billboard Sign: It was noted that the plexi glass is blown out of this sign. The Town Manager advised he will have someone check it out and remove any debris.

Zamboni: Councillor Blackler inquired on the status of the Zamboni repairs. The Town Manager advised the part is supposed to be here this evening. As soon as it is received the mechanic will begin the repair work.

Affordable Housing: The Town Manager advised that he has sent correspondence back asking if the Phase II Environmental Assessment is necessary. If so he will obtain quotes for this.

ATV Trails: Councillor Keeping said he knows that we have talked to the Department of Transportation and Works staff and he understands the Town Manager sent them a proposal along with a cost but can we write them and ask them to come out to a meeting so we can discuss the issue. The Town Manager will write the Department.

#16 Currie Avenue Permit to Establish RV Park: The Town Manager said he wrote the applicant advising that this is in an Environmental Protection Zone and will need to be rezoned before anything

can be done. He also advised the applicant that we would need to see his preliminary concept design before we could consider rezoning the area.

Application for Crown Lands by NL Power: Councillor Keeping advised that the Public Works Committee did not get out to visit the site however there are no issues for us there.

3 McNeill's Lane re Water Issues: Discussion followed on this issue. The Town Manager said he spoke to Mr. Blackmore, a former Town employee, and he advised him that this culvert was put in by the Community of Mouse Island before they amalgamated with the Town. The Town Manager said that Mr. Blackmore advised him that it was put there at that time to protect the sanitary sewer line.

The Town Manager said he went up and visited the site and where the water is running down from is from a natural ditch. He said he had relayed this information to the resident.

Councillor Lane said there is a catch basin there as well that needs to be looked at. The Town Manager said we will have this checked out was well.

Councillor Keeping asked if the culvert was clear so the water can run. The Town Manager advised we have to go up to do this.

Valley Variety: The Mayor said it appears they have stopped work there but noted the easement needs to get cleared. The Town Manager will contact them and ask that they reinstate the easement.

Bruce II Sign: Councillor Battiste asked if the sign had been installed. He noted that the Fire Chief advised him there is a 4 x 8 sign in the Grand Bay Fire Hall for the Bruce II Sports Centre which was on the building before but got removed when the siding was installed on the building. It was agreed that this sign be placed back on the building which will eliminate the need to relocate the current one.

Former Waste Management Site: Councillor Keeping asked if the letter had been sent to the Province about getting the site decommissioned to which the Town Manager responded yes.

NL Power: Mayor Spencer said we have heard back from NL Power and the generator is definitely going to stay here. Councillor Keeping said the jest of the last letter was they were getting a new one and the Mobile Diesel Unit is supposed to stay here permanently.

The Town Manager said we met with NL Power October 26th, 2017 but have had no written response from them regarding this. The Town Manager referenced the Public Utilities Board order.

Councillor Keeping said we need clarification from NL Power that the unit will stay here and we need it in writing. The Town Manager said he will reference the PUB order in his correspondence to NL Power.

Port aux Basques Weight Scales: It was agreed that this needs to be discussed when we meet with our MHA. The Town Clerk noted that a new person was supposed to start yesterday.

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

Southwest Coast SPCA: Correspondence was received from the Southwest Coast SPCA requesting Council's consideration of an annual grant to assist with their operating costs and/or consideration of paying one of their operating bills on a monthly basis.

Mayor Spencer asked the Town Clerk if we have ever done this before to which she replied no.

Councillor Keeping asked don't we have local groups that are doing this now and if so who covers the cost of feeding, housing and veterinarian bills.

The Town Clerk advised there are two local groups that cover the entire area from South Branch to Rose Blanche and they work in conjunction with other such groups. The Town Clerk advised these groups raise money through various means to cover all of their costs.

It was agreed that we should get all the information on statistics and costs from the local group and look at possibly contributing to these groups as opposed to the SPCA in Stephenville. The Town Clerk will contact one of the people from the group to get the noted information.

35 LeGrow Street re Water Problems: Correspondence was received from residents of 35 LeGrow Street regarding ongoing water problems from run off from the Sunset Drive area down through the back of their property via a drain the Town dug there.

Mayor Spencer said the resident called him about this and he did go over and have a look at it. Mayor Spencer noted he did check back through the Minute Book and the issue was there as far back as 1994. He said he could see where the Town went in and dug a trench but it's not funnelling the water away.

The Town Manager noted he's not sure of the ground quality there.

Councillor Keeping said there is a 12" perforated pipe there.

The Town Manager said we can look to see if we can direct this to a catch basin in the area but it would have to be in the Spring before we can do work there.

Councillor Keeping asked if we can get the trench cleaned out before the winter.

It was agreed the Public Works Committee will visit the area to assess the drain and bring a report back to Council.

Crime Prevention Association of NL Bullying Prevention Awareness Guide: Mayor Spencer asked if we have done this in the past. The Town Clerk advised we used to do Crime Stoppers years ago but not in recent years.

Mayor Spencer said he feels we should make a donation if the funds are there as this is a very worthwhile thing.

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Battiste we purchase a ¼ page ad at a total cost of \$295.00. MC Unanimously

30 Water Street East Request for Armour Stone: Correspondence was received from the owner of 30 Water Street East requesting some armour stone or recently demolished sidewalks to help reinforce his property along the shoreline due to coastal erosion. The resident noted that back in 2001 Council had said they had some at the old landfill site that he could have but he would be responsible for getting it and placing it along the shoreline.

The Town Manager advised there is no armour stone at eastern arm. Mr. MacIsaac said there is some at the former waste disposal site that was recently closed but it's not as easy as that. We would need someone at the site during removal and then that opens the doors to everyone.

Councillor Keeping noted we should be able to give him some materials in the spring of next year from sidewalk projects as it would only be a tandem load.

Mayor Spencer noted we also have to take a serious look at the fill from 17A Stadium Road going into the back road so we can get nearer to completing it.

It was agreed that we look at providing some materials to the resident this coming spring.

Fire Department Report: Councillor Battiste presented the Fire Department Report of November 7th, 2018.

1. Smoke machine is being ordered.
2. Pumper operator course is being offered but not date set as of now.
3. Firefighters visited the two schools and the daycare centre during Fire Prevention Week.
4. The inventory on the hazmat trailer has been done and the items needed are ordered.
5. Santa Claus parade is scheduled for December 01 at 1 pm.
6. Training for the firefighter one will begin in January 2019. The province is coming out with regulations that all firefighters must have firefighter one.

Adjournment: With no further business it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Coffin the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm. MC Unanimously


John Spencer
Mayor


Julia Ingram
Town Clerk