

**Town of Channel – Port aux Basques  
1784<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The 1784<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Deputy Mayor Strickland, Councillors Battiste, Blackler, Coffin and Keeping. Also present were the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

**Adoption of Minutes:** It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Coffin the Regular Minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

**30 Cox Avenue Request to Purchase Backlot Land for Development:** Deputy Mayor Strickland asked if this is now a dead issue. Mayor Spencer advised no and said that Councillor Keeping had spoken to the gentleman in question and told him if he doesn't agree with Council's decision he is welcome to come in to meet with them to discuss it.

**Digital Billboard Sign:** Mayor Spencer said we are going to have to get this taken down as it's an eyesore. Councillor Keeping said we need to revisit this. Deputy Mayor Strickland asked if the power was now disconnected to the sign to which the Town Manager replied yes.

**Affordable Housing:** Note was made of session MP Gudie Hutchings will be hosting on the National Housing Co-Investment Fund if the interest is there for same. This was discussed in the economic development meeting today to see who was available to attend.

The Town Manager said it has to be written interest sent in for the numbers on who is attending. Councillor Keeping asked if the Economic Development Officer could contact those we've had interest from and confirm if they would like to attend, then we can let the MPs office know.

Mayor Spencer noted that MP Gudie Hutchings wanted to meet with Council at 9:00 am on December 21<sup>st</sup> but he advised her it was not a good time for all Council members.

**ATV Trails:** The Town Manager advised that the Regional Director was here in town and met with him and Councillor Keeping. Mr. MacIsaac said they listened to Mr. Hynes scenario as to why or why not this should happen and gave him our rebuttal which he will take back to the Minister.

Councillor Keeping said he spoke to the MHA as well and he is going to follow up on this.

**#16 Currie Avenue Permit to Establish RV Park:** Deputy Mayor Strickland asked if there is enough physical room to do this. Councillor Keeping said yes. Councillor Keeping advised he spoke to the gentleman and right now he is getting a concept plan done. Councillor Keeping said he stressed to him to get this in as soon as possible before the Town Plan is finalized.

**Town Plan:** Mayor Spencer asked the Town Manager if he had any idea of when the Town Plan will be completed. The Town Manager said we have the plan and once everyone reviews it we will have to meet to discuss it to ensure everything Council wants is in there. Mr. MacIsaac said he will forward the document for everyone's review. The Town Manager also noted that Council will need to see the mapping as well.

It was agreed that we set up a meeting with the planner to discuss. Council will meet the first week of January for their review and discussions.

**McNeil's Lane:** Councillor Keeping said he wanted to correct something on this as the culvert system long after Mouse Island joined the Town. It was put in by grant workers. He noted the gentleman will be coming back in to Council on this issue.

**Port aux Basques Weight Scales:** The question was asked if there is a full contingent of employees there now and the response was no. Councillor Keeping noted the MHA was going to follow up on this. Mayor Spencer asked the Town Manager to do a follow up with the MHA to check on the status of this.

Councillor Keeping said previously when we were going to lose the scales they did a cost efficiency analysis on all of the scales on the island. The Province looked at numbers of trucks going through each one and the numbers that were presented for here were nowhere near what were going through. The data was wrong because the scales were close more often than open. After a long fight based on false information we got our scales back.

Councillor Keeping said we have to stay on this to make sure they have a full complement of staff so this doesn't happen again.

**Southwest Coast SPCA:** The Mayor asked the Town Clerk if she had found any information on the local rescue group.

The Town Clerk advised that the local rescue group have rescued over 200 cats to date, one had to be euthanized. They have also rescued and re-homed dogs. They put out shelters and traps from South Branch to Rose Blanche, transport animals to the vet for treatment, medication, neutering and spaying. They monitor shelters on a regular basis and have people volunteering to feed feral animals on a daily basis. They also house and feed cats until they are ready to be adopted or let back out in the wilderness if they can't be tamed. This group covers all cost through donations and fundraisers. They are now in the process of becoming a registered association.

Mayor Spencer asked the Town Clerk to contact this group and get them to write a letter to Council for support. We will also let the SPCA know we are contributing locally.

**Correspondence:** It was moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Coffin the correspondence be accepted and dealt with where necessary.

**Crown Land Application 2-8 Grand Bay West Road:** A Crown Lands Application for land at 2-8 Grand Bay West Road for the purpose of constructing a restaurant/gas bar was received. It was agreed by Council we sign off on this providing the applicant meets all municipal and provincial regulations.

**2019/2020 Municipal Capital Works Priority List:** The Town Manager presented the priority list for our Municipal Capital Works Funding Application for 2019/2020.

- #1. Grand Bay Bottom Sanitary Sewer System Design & Construction - \$2,474,133.67  
Municipal Cost Share Project 20% - \$494,826.74
- #2. Cox Avenue Road Reconstruction - \$404,835.77  
Municipal cost Share of Project 50% - \$202,417.88
- #3. Carson Crescent Storm Sewer Installation - \$392,589.42  
Municipal Cost Share of Project 20% - \$78,517.88
- #4. Grand Bay Road Storm Sewer Installation - \$262,701.40  
Municipal Cost Share of Project 20% - \$52,540.28
- #5. Warren's Road Reconstruction and Paving - \$279,113.90  
Municipal Cost Share of Project 50% - \$139,556.95
- #6. Blackmore's Road, Button's Lane, George's Road, Payne Street – Road Reconstruction  
\$244,067.25 Municipal Cost Share of Project 50% - \$122,033.63

With reference to #1 Councillor Keeping filled Mayor Spencer in on what has been done to date with grey water.

Councillor Keeping said this wasn't the order they had agreed upon in the Public Works meeting. We had said what is now #6 would be #2 so we could continue with our paving throughout town. Councillor Keeping said with #6 we aren't concentrating all the work in one area of town, we are spreading it around.

The Town Manager said he put them in order of those he felt would get approved as the Province is more inclined to approve water/wastewater projects than paving. If we don't get the funding for #6 we can use our gas tax funds and still get this work done.

The Town Manager said the projects we have coming up in the spring are Bragg's Lane, Walter's Lane, Grandview Crescent, Taylor's and Anderson's Lane, the Dextron unit and roof repairs for the Bruce II. As well we have the low income housing project.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland/Seconded by Councillor Coffin

Be it resolved that:

The Town of Channel – Port aux Basques submit the following priority list for funding under the 2019 Municipal Capital Works Program:

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Voted 6 /Against 0

**Waste Management:** Councillor Keeping said he apologizes because he didn't have this on the agenda but he wanted to give Council an update on the waste management issues.

Councillor Keeping said roofing shingles being taken to the Transfer Site will now be \$60.00 per tonne across the board not \$164.00. Cooking oil in the region – we should be getting a letter tomorrow from Western Regional Waste Management containing information about a company that provides containers to businesses to dump their oil in then they pick it up at no charge. As well there will be a container placed at the site for this. Councillor Keeping said tipping fees will remain at \$164.00. Commercial/Industrial disposals will be looked at in the New Year. The board will be doing consultations with all stakeholders. As for the scales they checked into it and there has been no major issues however they will continue to monitor it. They will also be putting in a debit machine at the site in the near future.

The Town Manager asked about clean up weeks. He said he knows they have some free Saturdays but municipalities don't operate on Saturdays. Councillor Keeping said he will ask this question at the board meeting on Friday.

**Adjournment:** With no further business it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 pm. MC Unanimously



John Spencer  
Mayor



Julia Ingram  
Town Clerk