

Town of Channel – Port aux Basques
1787th Regular Meeting
February 19th, 2019

The 1787th Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Deputy Mayor Strickland, Councillors Keeping, Lane, Battiste, Blackler and Coffin. Also present were the Town Manager and the Acting Town Clerk.

Recreation Committee Report: Mayor Spencer said that someone in the Recreation Department will need to ensure the letter is sent to all user groups to make them aware that wearing a helmet is mandatory.

Come Home Year: Councillor Lane stated there was a meeting held on February 18th and Mrs. Strickland would send out a list of committees to see who was interested in being on which committee.

Adoption of Minutes: It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Lane the Regular Minutes of February 5th, 2019 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC.

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

Charles Street Resident: Correspondence was received from a resident of Charles Street who has plastic pipe in his yard that came from the man hole. The plastic pipe is cracked and the water poured into his basement; which lead to a flood.

The Town Manager said the problem is not from a cracked pipe, there is debris that washed up from a storm. The excavator is on site and they are working on it today.

Request to Move Soil: Correspondence was received from a business owner who requested to have permission to move soil from his land on Grand Bay Road to an area adjacent to Growing Our Future daycare.

The Town Manager replied that someone is moving soil in that area right now and should be finished by the spring. Once this person is finished dumping in the area the business owner will be given permission to dump.

Mayor Spencer answered that permission should be granted in writing.

Fire Department Report: Councillor Blackler presented the Fire Department Report of February 6th, 2019.

The following is the key points that came from the departments meeting on the date mentioned above:

Members in Attendance: 17

Councillor(s) in Attendance: 1 (C. Blackler)

New Items:

Items from the last meeting:

- Fire 1 program is under way. Some progress is being made and interest is being generated
- Snow Clearing remains an issue at both locations. Parking at the Grand Bay site is still an issue. Ice control also needs to be addressed as parking lots are full of ice and very slippery.
- Another First Aid course in the works for March and a number of members are in need of certification or very end to the end of their certification.

Financial Report

- Department is in good financial standing

Correspondence:

- EFAP (Employee and Family Assistance Program) Info sheet presented
- Resignation of one member of the department

New Business:

- SOP for Accountability:
 - A protocol to increase on site safety for the members was presented
 - This new protocol also increase the recording of incident details
- Wreck house Accident:
 - Some discussion on the department's protocol for attending scenes in the wreck house and during inclement weather.
 - The best decision at the time of the call will have to be made
- Smoke House Design:
 - Membership passed a motion to dedicate fund toward the construction of a smoke house. Project partnerships are still being established
- Individual Training records
 - An in house record is being completed to show all the training each member has through FES
- Who's Responding APP
 - Group session on the APP to explore the app more is in planning
- Honorarium Structure
 - A review of how honorariums are awarded is being started. Membership is being asked if any changes are needed in the qualifiers for the honorarium

- Convention update:
 - Planning in place and attendees are being finalized

- Elevator Phone in the Bruce II
 - More signage and education is needed to ensure individuals are not using the phone in the elevator unless in case of an emergency. Public is likely unaware the system is linked with the department calling system

- New Foam Inductor
 - New piece of equipment arrived at the department

Wreck House: Some discussion followed regarding the Wreck House. Deputy Mayor Strickland said there is no protocol it is a judgment that the Fire Department makes at the time to decide if they have to go to the scene or not.

Councillor Lane replied there should be certain criteria. If the wind is 140 or 150 kilometers an hour maybe the Fire Department should not travel over the highway. The Fire Department should not be at risk of getting injured to save someone in the Wreck House area.

Smoke House: Deputy Mayor Strickland stated the Fire Department is waiting for another quote to come back. Chief Musseau will write a letter which will be sent to the Mayor. The Mayor will then write a letter to be sent to Marine Atlantic.

Adoption of Minutes: It was moved by Councillor Coffin and seconded by Councillor Lane the Fire Department Report of February 6th, 2019 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Lane the meeting be adjourned at 6:45. MC.


John Spencer
Mayor


for Tracy Beaton
Acting Town Clerk