

**Town of Channel – Port aux Basques**  
**1795<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The 1795<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council convened at 5:00 pm Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Councillor Battiste, 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 1794<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as circulated and discussed. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Battiste the Privileged Minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented. MC Unanimously

**Bell Aliant Upgrades:** Mayor Spencer noted that there was a written report of the meeting he, Councillor Coffin and the Town Manager had with representatives of Aliant in regards to their future plans for upgrades.

Mayor Spencer asked the Town Manager to contact East Link and invite them to meet with Council to provide an update on any future plans they may have for upgrading their equipment that is located on Allant's poles.

Councillor Keeping and Councillor Lane asked if there were any updates from NL Power in regards to the new line for the Lions Club. They both noted they haven't seen anything done lately. The Town Manager said it has been stagnant lately. Council asked that the Town Manager email Mr. Ellsworth and copy the CEO regarding this line.

**Hardy's Arterial:** Councillor Keeping asked about the status of the pharmacy. The Town Manager said all the paperwork is done, surveys, etc. This all goes back to the Province to provide a deed of conveyance and a bill of sale. The Town Manager noted that there are two different parcels of land we are dealing with the Newfoundland English School Board on and they keep getting them mixed up for some reason.

**Water Treatment Plant Project:** The Town Manager advised this project is 60-70% complete with painting. The contractor has to do this in stages, first they sandblast, prime and paint a level then they move the scaffolding up to the next level.

**Tourism Southwest re ATV Trail:** Mayor Spencer asked if there were any updates on this. The Town Clerk noted that Council were previously advised it was brush cutting only. She noted that she had been talking to the Director of Municipal Services with Stephenville and he advised her project has been started and they did receive monies from other sources. Mayor Spencer said he feels we should put asphalt on the trail on our end up by the hotel. Councillor Keeping said there was asphalt millings put there approximately twenty years ago.

**McNeil's Lane:** Councillor Battiste said that the resident on McNeil's Lane approached him today and said the work has not been done and he hasn't received a letter on the action to be undertaken.

The Town Manager said the work has been done as he checked with the Public Works Superintendent and he had sent the letter out to the resident on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Town Manager said he will review the Public Works Report again to ensure everything the Committee wanted done in that area has been completed.

**Industrial Park:** Discussion followed on the property owners in the industrial park who have still not complied with Council's directive regarding fencing and cleaning up their properties. Councillor Keeping asked if the equipment over there is still on the Town's right of way to which the Town Manager responded yes.

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Coffin the Town take legal action to ensure property owners in the industrial park comply with the Town's Regulations. MC Unanimously

**New Municipal Depot:** The Town Manager advised the work is proceeding on the building, the roof truss arrived yesterday and the steel framing is continuing.

**Transition 2050:** The Town Manager advised that there are monies available through the Climate Change Lens & Funding Initiatives which Fundamentals Inc. will be submitting an application for on our behalf. This is part of the Transition 2050 we are taking part in with five other communities. He noted himself and the Town Clerk looked at the high cost of heating/lighting at the Brue II which can be changed to solar/wind turbine/infrared heating.

The Town Clerk said there were a lot of other things put on the table at the recent sessions in Bailline that included changing all our fossil fueled buildings to heat pumps and possibly infrared heating. The Town Manager advised that our capital portion of this Transition 2050 funding to be applied in our application is \$48,000.00.

**Street Lighting Hardy's Arterial:** Street Lighting along Hardy's Arterial was discussed and the number of lights we should look at having installed. It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Battiste we install LED lights on the poles on Hardy's Arterial. The Public Works Committee will visit the area to see how many we should have installed. MC Unanimously

**Paving:** Mayor Spencer asked if we are finished paving for the year. The Town Manager advised the contractor will be back out in the fall.

**Grand Bay West Trail:** Mayor Spencer noted the area where we placed millings at the entrance needs to be cleaned up.

**Skateboard Park:** Councillor Lane noted there is stuff on social media showing damages and garbage at the Skateboard Park. The Town Manager advised we will get the workers to check it out and clean it up.

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

**Basketball Court Little Bay Park:** Correspondence was received from a concerned citizen asking Council to resurface the asphalt surface, repair the gate and fence at the Little Bay Park Basketball Court. Mayor Spends said the park itself needs to be looked at as he noticed some rusting on the equipment. Councillor Keeping noted a little bit of quick maintenance should fix the court. The Town Manager said he will get the Recreation Director to see what kind of funding is available. The Public Works Committee will also have a look at the park.

**Cox Avenue:** Correspondence was received from a resident of 21 Cox Avenue regarding the condition of the pavement on his street. Mayor Spencer noted we should write the gentleman and advises him that we had applied through Municipal Capital Works and were turned down however we will be reapplying again this year.

**MP Gudie Hutchings re Marine Atlantic:** A letter was received from MP Gudie Hutchings in response to the Mayor's correspondence concerning Marine Atlantic.

Mayor Spencer noted that the MP will be in town next week on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for a meeting with Council and Marine Atlantic so he would appreciate it if members can attend.

Mayor Spencer said that he feels we need to have another meeting with the MP on other issues.

Councillor Keeping suggested we ask the MP to stay after the meeting with Marine Atlantic to meet with Council. He noted it shouldn't take more than a half of an hour.

The Town Clerk will email her office asking for same.

**Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment Grand Bay Bottom Sanitary Sewer:** A letter was received from the Honourable Lisa Dempster, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment advising the funding in support of our application AP-MCW-19442 Grand Bay Bottom Sanitary Sewer System Design and Construction has been approved at a total project cost of \$2,728,318.00 with the Town's share being \$494,827.00.

Moved by Councillor Lane/ Seconded by Councillor Keeping

Be it resolved that:

The Mayor and Clerk are authorized, on behalf of Council, to enter into the Agreement with the Province to accept the approved funding for the Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 17-GI-20-00002 - Grand Bay bottom Sanitary Sewer System Design & Construction at a total approved cost of \$2,728,318.00 with Council's share being \$494,827.00."

Voted for 5/Against 0

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councillor Keeping presented the Public Works Committee Report of July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Public Works Committee met on two occasions July 25 and today August 20, 2019. Present were Councillors: Keeping, Coffin and Lane. Also present was the Town Manager. The following items were discussed, and sites visited:

**1. Baird Street.**

As follow-up to a resident's meeting with council, regarding an extension of asphalt at the end of this street, the committee visited the site and recommends that this approximate 70 ft. of paving be undertaken when our paving contractor returns.

**2. Bragg's Lane.**

Request by residents to have a "No Parking Sign" reinstalled at the entrance to this street. Given the fact that this street is fairly narrow and there is little or no room for on street parking, the Town Manager will have the appropriate sign erected.

**3. Request by Resident for Council to install an 8" sewer line to their commercial property for proposed future Development.**

The committee visited the area and recommends, that if and when the residents submits their development plans to council for approval and if approval is given by council, we (council) extend the 8" sewer once the actual site and foundation work is complete.

**4. Resident of Lillington Ave sewer main problems.**

The committee met with the owner of the property and after a brief discussion it was agreed that given the fact the problem was in the shoulder of the road and it was a simple fix the town would undertake this work. It should only take 2 men, 1 day to complete this work and the residents agreed to pay this one-day cost.

**5. Offer of sales to the Town by a resident for his commercial property in the vicinity of Scott's Cove Park.**

The committee discuss this and recommends Council purchase this property to eliminate parking problems along Scott's Cove Park. If the seller is agreeable with our offer and all taxes are paid in full before or during the sale, we proceed with this transaction.

**6. Stadium Road Draining System.**

The committee previously visited this area regarding a portion of the system creating problem for a resident. The Town Manger will have our workers flush the system to determine if there are any blockages.

**7. LeGrow Street - Resident request to purchase back land and a right of way adjoining his property.**

The committee visited and meet the property owner. It was our recommendation that we sell the back land abutting his property and the right of way. Also, it is to be stated that there is to be no activity to interfere with the drainage system in that area and a culvert is required and would be at his full cost.

**8. Industrial Building.**

The committee visited the building and it's our recommendation that the following repairs be undertaken A.S.A.P.

1. Replacement of the asphalt shingles on the old ice storage shed.
2. Complete the painting of the eaves and replace the damaged section of eaves toward the floating docks.
3. Replace wooden steps leading down to the shed.

**9. High Street Sidewalks in the area of the old Chicken Coop and Service Canada Building.**

The Committee meet with the owner for his input before we commence work and his suggestion would be to construct a low block curb along this area. He will install concrete blocks to direct traffic onto his property. This will alleviate problems with tractor trailers parking there.

**10. Other Items Discussed:**

- A. New Asphalt recycled budget items 2020.
- B. Grand Bay West Storage Garage - budget item 2020  
Roof and siding replacement  
Note - Town Manager to get estimates.

It was noted we will need this building for storage should we sell the industrial building.

Reference #6 - Mayor Spencer asked about the sewer camera. The Town Manager said the screen is order. It is coming out of the United States through Quebec.

It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Lane the Public Works Committee Report of July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

**Waste Management Update:** Councillor Keeping advised we have to move forward and send a letter to the Minister to have our former waste disposal site decommissioned. The Town Manager noted we have to move our garage off site before this.

Councillor Keeping also advised the Regional Board will be hiring an outreach education officer through the ICI Program late this fall. This person's job will be to help implement the program and continue the education strategy. This is a three year position through MMSB.

Councillor Keeping said we have to set the rates for commercial businesses for waste collection before the end of the year.

**Adjournment:** With no further business it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Lane the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 pm MC Unanimously

  
John Spencer  
Mayor

  
Julia Ingram  
Town Clerk

