

**Town of Channel – Port aux Basques  
1821<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The 1821<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Spencer presiding. Present were Deputy Mayor Strickland, Councillors Battiste, Blackler, Coffin and Lane. Present via phone was Councillor Keeping. Also present were the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

**Delegation – Mr. Greg Sheaves:** Greg Sheaves was present to share his ideas on how the Town can save money and stock pile snow in a better manner.

Mayor Spencer said Mr. Sheaves is going to be meeting with the Public Works Committee as well.

Mr. Sheaves began by stating that the Town needs to have a dump site plan in place so the snow clearing operators know where to go. He said up by the College and the High School they can push out further so there is no need to hire an excavator to cast out. When it comes to the water dump sites operators should always keep it ramped so they don't block themselves out. Always leave a bumper in place so you got that stop block, never push off level that's when you'll get stuck.

Up by BCJ the excavator left the area flush. If he had ramped it you could have dumped out over. You should never travel with a half basket of snow it's a waste of time. In the subdivision get your dump spot then split the street in half to clear. It saves a lot of time. Always push to a pile; it is better production if the basket is full. Never double handle snow because then you are paying double wages and it's hard on the hours on the loader. A snow push off could be done behind Spencer's Auto instead of carrying up to the old elementary school site. Another suggestion Mr. Sheaves had was that if we are selling lots in a subdivision to leave a lot or two for snow dumping.

Mayor Spencer noted we have a vacant lot on Smallwood Drive. Councillor Lane said he's glad Mr. Sheaves mentioned about saving lots because we need a plan for snow push off areas.

Councillor Lane asked so you can build a snow road across a bog. Mr. Sheaves said yes. If you feel the tires start to sink you push more snow to compact better. The Town Manager asked even if the ground is not frozen? Mr. Sheaves said yes as long as you always keep your block in place. Mr. Sheaves noted this is what he used to do out behind the mall when he did their snow clearing for years.

Councillor Lane asked based on your expertise can this be done in Little Bay Park in the area the Mayor mentioned earlier. Mr. Sheaves said as long as you keep ramping up same as by the Dog Park.

Mayor Spencer thanked Mayor Sheaves for coming in and noted the Public Works Committee will contact him when they are meeting again.

**Adoption of Minutes:** It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the 1820<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated and discussed. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Battiste the Special Minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated and discussed. MC Unanimously

Mayor Spencer said we need to send a letter off to Premier Andrew Furey and MHA Andrew Parsons congratulating them on their recent win.

**Stephenville Airport Corporation:** Councillor Coffin said he's had a couple of emails from the Corporation. There is another new member joining the board. Their next meeting in Stephenville is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**NL Power:** The Town Manager advised the light will be installed on LeGallais Street this Thursday.

Councillor Keeping asked if the operators have been taking note of lights that are out. The Town Manager advised yes and the Supervisor gave the list to the office staff who reported it.

**#1 Seaview Lane Reimbursement of Repair Cost to Waterline:** The Town Manager said he sent further correspondence to the residents but no new information has been submitted. Mr. MacIsaac suggested Council make their decision.

**Provincial Weigh Scales Inspection Station:** The Town Manager advised he contacted the OHS person Loyola Power about the lighting. Mr. Power responded back that he would have someone in Corner Brook contact him but he hasn't heard anything back yet.

Deputy Mayor Strickland asked about the three fulltime positions noted in the letter. The Town Manager explained two of these positions are full time and one is temporary. The Town Clerk noted that the third person can't apply for permanent until he is there for two years.

**Crown Lands License Situated at Grand Bay West:** The Town Manager said this application is sent off. Councillor Keeping asked about the \$1,000.00 fine is that for us or the old colonial settlers. The Town Manager said the only fee we paid is the \$172.50 application fee. Mr. MacIsaac said they haven't got back to him about the fine so he's leaving it alone.

**Old Quarry Isle aux Morts Road:** The Town Manager advised CBCL are going to be here in the spring as they'll be doing some work for the harbour project for Marine Atlantic. He said this would be a good time to go down to the site and meet with them because they expressed an interest in using the site.

**Construction of New Salt/Sand Shed:** The Town Manager said this may be able to go ahead this year if we get funding approval.

**Grand Bay West Causeway:** The Town Manager said it will cost \$7,500.00 for the 6" minus stone to build up the embankments on the sides of the causeway.

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

**Canadian Cancer Society:** Correspondence was received from the Canadian Cancer Society requesting financial assistance.

Discussion took place. Councillor Blackler said his recommendation would be we stick with places like the Daffodil House and the Ronald MacDonald House that local residents avail of when needed.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Lane we donate \$500.00 to the Daffodil Place. MC Unanimously

**#4 and #6 Forsey's Lane re Gravel Fill:** Correspondence was received from the residents of 4 & 6 Forsey's Lane regarding maintenance required for their road. They noted that snow clearing from previous years has removed much of the gravel and is risking exposing their waterline causing possible damage.

The Town Manager said in 2019 we put a load of gravel on this lane.

Councillor Lane asked if put another load of gravel there can we cover it with millings so it will last longer. The Town Manager said yes we can.

It was agreed that the Public Works Committee would visit the site to assess.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councillor Coffin presented the Public Works Committee Report of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Councillors Keeping, Coffin, Lane, the Town Manager and Resident on 4 Seaview Lane. The following items were discussed and sites visited:

1. **Resident on 4 Seaview Lane was present to discuss his issues and concerns regarding his property at 4 Seaview Lane.** The Resident explained he sent a letter to the Town Office December 25, 2019 and have not received a response to date. He feels this was unacceptable and feels he was treated unfairly. He explained his issues are regarding his waterline and water stops to his property. Following his explanation and discussion, the Public Works Committee recommended the Town Manager follow-up by having an inspection of his system and report back to the Public Works Committee after which time, we will make a recommendation to Council.
2. **Following the meeting with Resident on 4 Seaview Lane,** the committee discussed snow clearing issues and will be bringing in recommendation in a future meeting. This meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
3. **March 24 Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. meeting by Teleconference –** Purpose of the meeting was to meet with a resident of 23 LeGrow Street to discuss his alleged sewer line issues to his residence

and the plumbers report on the inspection that was done on behalf of Council. The report did not note any issues with the Town's system. The resident still feels it's a Town issue.

The resident is out of Town and will be home in October 2021, The Committee agreed, the Town Manager will have Town Employees check and monitor the sewer manholes on the beach area and in the street where the systems are connected. A record and (pictures if necessary) will be kept and we will present the findings to the homeowner in October 2021, when he's home.

Note these checks on the septic will be carried out more particularly during and after forecast storm surges and warnings. These are the times that the resident feels could cause the sewer line problems.

#1. Resident of Seaview Lane – Councillor Coffin said it's his fault we didn't get back to the gentleman as he was talking to him and forgot to bring it forward.

#3. 23 LeGrow Street – Deputy Mayor Strickland asked what is the issue is now as this has been dragging on for quite the number of years.

The Town Manager explained that our staff put the camera through his system, sewer jetted it and there were no issues. He explained we had an independent plumber camera it and there were not issues. Mr. Macisacc noted the main line is down fifteen (15) feet. The resident feels the water is backing up in our system causing his issue. The Town Manager said in his professional opinion it is not the Town's issue.

Deputy Mayor Strickland said this has been ongoing and bought up six or seven times whose responsibility is this.

The Town Manager said the open cap in his basement could be the cause of the issue.

Councillor Keeping said there is nothing in the report to say it's a Town issue. Councillor Keeping said the resident is alleging when we get storm surges that's what's causing the problem. That's why we are going to follow up and have staff check it out during these periods.

Deputy Mayor Strickland said he feels we've done our due diligence and if we recommended he cap the pipe and he doesn't we are not responsible.

Councillor Lane said this will be the final step in dealing with this.

Councillor Coffin said he has a backflow valve on but he's gone nine months of the year therefore he feels the valve might seize up and when he gets home the water backs up.

It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the Public Works Committee Report of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 be accepted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

**Election 2021:** The Town Clerk advised although this issue was discussed with Council at the Special Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 she wanted it to go in the Regular Minutes so the public are aware of what was decided for this year's upcoming election.

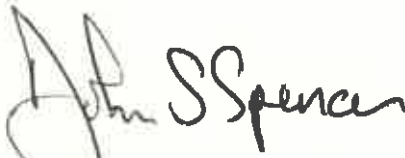
It was agreed that we will have a separate election for Mayor;

Nomination period will be between August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. One day will be held during this time from the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Nominations will take place at the Town Office.

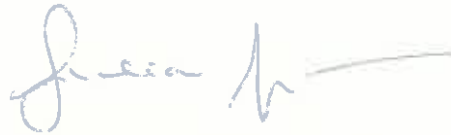
There will be 12 polling divisions therefore 12 Deputy Returning Officers and 12 Poll Clerks will be required. The Town Clerk noted we may need additional people for sanitizing and to be on the door depending on the COVID situation at that time.

Again this election there will be mobile voting offered to residents at the manor, the cottages, seniors' complex and those unable to get out to vote. This will be done by the Returning Officer and a staff member.

**Adjournment:** With no further business it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm MC Unanimously



John Spencer  
Mayor



Julia Ingram  
Town Clerk