

**Town of Channel – Port aux Basques  
1822<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The 1822<sup>nd</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.

Mayor Spencer read and signed a proclamation for Miles for Smiles.

**Adoption of Minutes:** It was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Councillor Coffin the 1821<sup>st</sup> Regular Minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated and discussed. MC Unanimously

**Mr. Greg Sheaves:** Deputy Mayor Strickland asked if the information Mr. Sheaves provided was useful. Did we already know this and are just not following it?

The Town Manager said we will be meeting to discuss this but there is already Occupational Health and Safety requirements in place that Mr. Sheaves may not be aware of.

Councillor Keeping noted that the Public Works Committee will be meeting to discuss this well before the snow clearing season.

**Stephenville Airport Corporation:** Councillor Coffin said he has been receiving emails back and forth from the Corporation. They have a meeting coming up in Stephenville on April 20<sup>th</sup> as an introductory meeting for everyone.

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

**Resident of 9 Knox Avenue re Upgrades to Forsey's Lane:** Correspondence was received from a resident of 9 Knox Avenue requesting the Town look at Forsey's Lane to request some improvements be made due to the gravel being torn up.

This is in the Public Works Report. The Town Manager noted he has already been in contact with the residents advising that we will be putting in some granulars and pavement millings there.

**New Fire Department Members:** Correspondence was received from the Fire Chief advising that interviews were conducted to fill the three vacancies within the Channel – Port aux Basques Volunteer Fire Department. There were six interviews conducted and three participants were selected.

Council noted it was good to see the interest is out there.

**2 Warren's Road Request for Road Upgrades:** Correspondence was received from a resident of 2 Warren's Road requesting that Council give consideration to paving Warren's Road and installing a proper drainage system that is capable of removing the water from this area.

Mayor Spencer said this is an ongoing issue. The Town Manager said the unfortunate part is catch basins don't work well in gravel roads. Mr. MacIsaac said it's on our Municipal Capital Works Priority list.

Councillor Keeping noted we have been applying through Municipal Capital Works for this street for years. Deputy Mayor Strickland said it's unfortunate that Municipal Affairs gives this low priority because there are only a small number of houses there.

Councillor Keeping commented that this was all Crown Land and the residents were all told when they applied for the land that they would be responsible for all water/sewer connections, road extension and maintenance but everything that has been done up there has been done by the Town, not the residents.

**Public Works Committee Report:** Councillor Keeping presented the Public Works Committee Report of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A meeting of the Public Works Committee convened at 1:30 pm Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Present were Chairperson Chester Coffin, Councillor Keeping and the Town Manager.

**Forsey's Lane:** The Committee visited the area and recommends some fill and pavement millings be put in where the ground has been torn up as well as the apron Council put there previously.

**Outfall on Charles Street:** The Committee visited the area to review the condition of the outfall. The Town Manager will do an assessment of this and report back to the Committee.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Battiste the Public Works Committee Report of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

**Fire Department Report:** Councillor Battiste presented the Fire Department Report of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

There were 19 firefighters and 1 councillor in attendance.

1. First aid course will be done soon.
2. Interviews were done for new fire firefighters and three individuals were selected.
3. A Driver Operator Training Course is going to be done. Now that they have the new truck they want to do the driver operator training.
4. The radio bank is installed in the Grand Bay truck.

5. There are new radios in the Hazmat Trailer and other equipment that was needed is on order.

Councillor Coffin asked how many people were interviewed. Councillor Battiste advised six.

**Cleanup Week:** The Town Manager said this year's Cleanup Week is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>, to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The collection schedule will be posted. Anything that can't be picked up can go up to the Transfer Site.

Councillor Blackler asked what can't be picked up. The Town Manager advised tires, propane tanks, electronics, paint cans, etc.

Councillor Coffin questioned why just one week. The Town Manager said when we have it posted for one week we go into two, if we say two it goes into three.

**Civic Holiday:** The Town Clerk said staff have been receiving calls from businesses questioning when the Civic Holiday is going to be. Mrs. Ingram said in discussions with the Recreation Director on upcoming weeks they both thought we'd keep it the first Monday in August the same as previous years and in conjunction with the Federal Government Civic Holiday.

It was agreed that the Civic Holiday be slated for Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**Adjournment:** With no further business it was moved by Councillor Battiste and seconded by Deputy Mayor Strickland the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 pm. MC Unanimously

  
John Spencer  
Mayor

  
Julia Ingram  
Town Clerk