

Town of Channel – Port aux Basques
1841st Regular Meeting
July 13, 2022

The 1841st Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Button presiding. Present in Council Chambers were Councillors Ingram, Keeping, and Lane. Also present were the Town Manager and the Town Clerk. Councillor Strickland attended by Google Meet.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Andrews and Councillor Davis

Mayor Button congratulated local YBC bowler, Mya McNeil for her accomplishments at the nationals in Oshawa. She was part of a Trio that won Gold and she placed 5th in Singles. It was also noted that she was recognized by the organizers for her sportsmanship when cheering on her team mates.

Adoption of Minutes: It was moved by Councillor Ingram and seconded by Councillor Keeping the 1840th Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

Business Arising from Minutes:

Multi-Purpose Court: The Mayor asked if any work was done on this court. The Town Manager advised that the asphalt company has not been able to confirm a price as the plant is not open yet. Mayor Button is hoping the asphalt company is in the area soon so the multi-purpose court can get some use before the summer is over.

Grand Bay West Gablon Cages & Rain Storm: The Mayor asked for an update on the work to the Grand Bay West Trail. The Town Manager advised that work is proceeding but has been a bit slow due to the amount of damages. Councillor Lane asked if the work will be completed before Come Home Year starts but the Town Manager said that we don't have enough workers to get it all completed before then.

Councillor Ingram asked if we should install some signage that the trail is being worked on. The Town Manager advised that some signs were in place but like other signage in town, such as the ATV signs, they often get torn down. The Town Manager noted that some of the post installed to mark the ATV trail had to be fixed. Mayor Button expressed his frustration regarding some of the vandalism that has happened when we are trying to make improvements.

Marine Atlantic re Cost Recovery: Mayor Button advised that Council had a productive meeting with Minister Hutchings. We discussed quite a few items that we hoping to get response on in the near future.

Community Market: The Mayor asked for an update on the Community Market. The Town Manager advised that the roofing material should arrive in a week. A fence will also be placed at the back of the structure.

Newfoundland Power Submission to Relocate Poles & Lighting on the Grand Bay West Causeway: The Town Manager advised that the poles for street lighting with LED lights are in place. The poles have been strategically placed to accommodate a walking trail on the side of the roadway.

Tender for Salt Shed: Mayor Button asked for an update on this tender and the Town Manager advised we are waiting to hear from the Minister.

Raw Materials and Supply Chain Update: The Mayor asked for an update on our line painting. The Town Manager advised that most of the lines throughout town are done. The line painting company does have to make another trip out as soon as there are a few days of dry weather together in the forecast. Line paint has to be applied to dry pavement. The line painting should be completed in the next trip to the area.

RV Park: Councillor Keeping advised that public works made a visit to this RV Park development and confirmed that work is still being done.

Downtown - Scott's Cove Park: The Mayor asked for an update for work in the Scott's Cove area. The Town Manager advised that the boards on the stage area are being replaced.

Clean up Week: Mayor Button said he took a few calls from people saying there is still some garbage from clean up week that has not been picked up. The Town Manager advised that this is most likely from people that put items out after clean up week was over. Councillor Strickland noted that some of the items are electronics which we don't pick up and has to be carried to the depot or the waste management site by the residents. The Mayor asked if the town could pick up some of these items to get it cleaned up for Come Home Year.

RCMP: The Mayor advised that communication regarding the RCMP is continuing. This topic was also discussed in our meeting with Minister Hutchings and the Minister confirmed that her office is communicating with the RCMP as well.

Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy: The Mayor asked if we responded to the letter we received. The Town Clerk advised that the letter was given to the Economic Development Officer and will follow up with her.

Come Home Year Tent: The Mayor asked if the tent is out of storage. The Town Manager advised that the tent is out and has been looked at and he will get more steaks ordered for keeping it in place.

Adoption of Special Minutes: The Mayor advised of a request from a property owner regarding a credit on a water invoice.

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Keeping that the property owner of 1 Legallais Street did not provide the additional information to reverse Council's original decision. MC Unanimously

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Keeping that the Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

Correspondence: It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Keeping the correspondence be accepted and dealt with where necessary.

Letter from Infrastructure Canada: A letter was received from Infrastructure Canada informing the Town of approval in principle of the project for the Regional Trail Network. The Mayor advised this project has been in the works for a while and is good to hear that it is approved. This funding is for a consultant to review the possibility of connecting all the trails on the southwest coast.

Government of Newfoundland & Labrador – Environment and Climate Change: A letter was received from the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador, Department of Environment and Climate Change approving the request for an increase in contributions to the Town's Central Fire Hall project from the Climate Change Challenge Fund. The Department recognized and acknowledged that supply chain issues have caused significant increases in materials, supplies and labour.

Skate / Scooter / Bike Park: A letter was received from a young resident stating why there should be a skate / scooter / bike park at the old Town Garage site. The Mayor said he likes to see letters to Council from young residents and appreciates them taking time to write them. This letter will be passed along to the Recreation Committee for discussion. There have been no solid plans made for the now vacant land at the old town garage site. It has been discussed that it will be a green space but no details have been planned.

Crosswalk and road repair request: An email was received from a resident of Sunset Drive concerned about a crosswalk and road repair in the area near the Public Library. This will be reviewed by the Public Works Committee and report back to Council.

Letter from a resident who incurred damages to a vehicle: A letter was received from a resident of Grand Bay advising that he had incurred damages to his vehicle due to striking a fire hydrant on the parking lot of St. James Regional High. The resident stated that the fire hydrant was low and the marker was on the ground. Councillor Lane advised that the markers applied to hydrants are for snow clearing purposes and this marker was missed in the spring when they are removed. The Town Manager advised that this will be discussed with the Finance Committee and he will consult with our insurance company on the matter.

Letter from residents of Grand Bay West: A letter was received from some residents of the Grand Bay West area expressing concern about the excessive speeding along Grand Bay West Road and safety of children. This has been an ongoing issue in several parts of town and Councillors agree that this area is definitely an area of excessive speeds. The Town Manager advised that the mobile sign that records speed has been placed in the area and this report was given to the RCMP. The Town will place the mobile speed recorder there again and the Public Works Committee will visit the area for other possible recommendations.

Correspondence received from a former resident: An email was received from a former resident requesting permission to place a memory bench in memory of her father on the water front in the area behind the Post Office building. The Public Works Committee will review this area for a recommendation but they would like some clarification from the resident. The Town Clerk will respond to the email requesting some additional information.

Letter from resident of Kyle Lane: A letter was received from a resident of Kyle Lane asking this Council to consider Grand Bay West Beach to be a day use only camping area since they are frustrated with all the campers at the Beach. Mayor Button left the room for this discussion as he felt he was in conflict of interest and asked Councillor Lane to chair the discussion on this issue.

Councillor Lane advised that there have been a number of discussions on this with Council already and clarified that not all information in this letter is correct. Some of the signage that the resident refers to in her letter was not placed there by Council. Councillor Lane advised that in a public meeting several months ago that if and when an RV Park were to be developed in the area then we would consider installing no overnight parking signs and Council asked the public to be patient. Councillor Lane advised that Council needs to revisit the minutes from the previous meeting that this was discussed and the correspondence sent to the group. Councillor Strickland added that past Council and current Council were unable to confirm any of the photos that were provided by this group of residents. Councillor Strickland is concerned about installing no overnight parking signs as we can't police it and it can't be policed by the residents. Councillor Keeping added that we can't drive tourist away from this town. If we install a no overnight parking sign we need to inform them where to park. Councillor Keeping said that Council needs to discuss this at time when all Councillors are available. Councillor Lane advised that this letter will be deferred for further discussion with all of Council in person.

Public Works Committee: The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, at 1:00 pm. Present were Councillors Ingram, Keeping, Lane and the Town Manager. There were a number of items tabled for discussion and sites visited:

1. **12 First Avenue:** Public Works visited the area and agrees that the property needs to be cleaned up. It is recommended that the Town Manager write a letter to this resident asking for the property to be cleaned-up according to our regulations.
2. **School Bus Shelter that was relocated near "Butterfly Book Boutique" on Main St:** The Committee revisited this issue and made a couple of phone calls. One of the issues is the distance between bus stops. However the issue for the Town is that the previous location for

this bus stop is on private property with a new owner. The Department of Education will not discuss it until later in August, closer to when school is opening in the fall.

3. **Future Commercial Development on Hardy's Arterial:** The Committee did an assessment of possible locations for future commercial developments along Hardy's Arterial starting at the back of the College of the North Atlantic. There has been some interest in this area for future development so after the assessment is complete, the committee will review with Council.
4. **Grand Bay West Beach:** The committee followed up on a couple of items for the beach area. A couple of concrete blocks have been placed to define the parking lot. This is a temporary measure; once the funding for the storm damages are approved then a wall will be installed to protect the parking lot from wash outs. The foot wash pad was also checked on and as soon as the grant workers start, this will be installed. The size of the parking lot was discussed as well as it is often full this time of year. An expansion of the parking lot will be discussed further.
5. **Dilapidated Shed on Gale's Lane:** The committee visited Gale's Lane to review a dilapidated shed. The Town Manager will contact the owner.
6. **Gazebo at the old Base:** The committee did a site visit as they would like to see some story boards installed at this location displaying information on the American Base site. The committee will follow up with the Economic Development Officer.
7. **The back access road along Andy's Rainbow Park:** The committee did a site visit to see the progress of the material placed on this back road adjacent to the old town depot site. Councillor Keeping confirmed that this is an access road and it was never discussed to be one way.

Mayor Button commented on the foot wash pad that was discussed. Deer Lake has one at their beach that is motion activated that we could possibly look into.

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Ingram that the Public Works Reports be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

New Business:

Healthcare: Mayor Button advised that he met with Dr. Thomas and other officials who are putting a proposal together to recruit doctors. An action committee has been formed to work on getting doctors to our area and he wanted to keep Council aware of the work. There are some hurdles and the action committee is working to find resolutions.

Motion required for Brook Street Storm Sewer Upgrades & Reconstruction: The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation sent a letter asking the Town for a motion to clarify the scope of work for this project.

Motion # 20220713 Brook Street Storm Sewer Upgrades & Reconstruction

Moved by Councillor Lane, seconded by Councillor Keeping

Be it resolved that the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques accepts the Project Amendment Request from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure dated the 13th day of July, 2021, for Project #17-RNC-22-00009 – Brook Street Storm Sewer Upgrades and Reconstruction. This amendment is to clarify the scope of work for the project only; there is no change in the funding values.

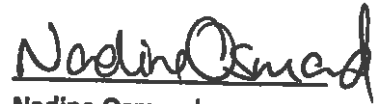
In favour 5 / Against 0 Motion Carried

Urban Municipalities Meeting: Mayor Button asked if another Councillor could attend this meeting as he is not able to attend. Councillor Lane said he will attend but if another Councillor wants to go he will step down from attending.

Adjournment: It was moved by the Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Ingram that with no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm. MC Unanimously



Brian Button
Mayor



Nadine Osmond
Town Clerk