

Town of Channel – Port aux Basques

1850th Regular Meeting, February 28, 2023

The 1850th Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm Mayor Button presiding. Present in Council Chambers were Deputy Mayor Andrews, Councillor Lane, Ingram and Strickland. Councillor Davis and Keeping joined via Google Meet. Also present were Town Manager, Leon MacIsaac and the Town Clerk, Nadine Osmond.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mark Andrews and seconded by Councillor Lane the 1849th Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Fish Plant Building: The Mayor asked for an update and the Town Manager advised that work has progressed and the facility will be ready for the lobster season. The Mayor said this is great news.

Email received from Faculty of Medicine: Mayor Button advised that the medical resident that was originally coming to Port aux Basques has chosen to go elsewhere but we may have another candidate soon.

Letter received from resident of Dennis Road: Councillor Lane said that Public Works met at the Dennis Rd site with the resident that is interested in developing an apartment building. Public Works gave some direction so the resident can provide a plan with more details. The resident may decide to scale down to a smaller building from the 10-unit originally planned. The Town Manager can provide some assistance to the resident to develop his plans.

Request for Proposal Submission Review: Mayor Button advised that there was an initial start-up meeting with the consultants from both projects so they can get their work started.

Special Meeting: Mayor Button advised there was a Special Meeting to discuss a couple of issues in more detail. One discussion was on the housing needs for medical residents and the other was the use of the back door of the Bruce II Sports Centre for the Rec Hockey and the Mariners. There were motions made in both discussions and Councillors still supported their motions and all were in favour.

It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Strickland that the Special Meeting of February 14, 2023 be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

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

Letter received from resident of 16 Stadium Road: A letter was received from a resident of Stadium Road hoping to operate a pet setting business. The resident is well trained in pet care and has years of experience. The resident feels it is a much needed service in the town. She is currently in a rent to own contract with the home owner and he grants permission for her to conduct this business. The Town Manager advised that a daily pet setting business is a permitted use but keeping animals for extended stay is considered a kennel service which is not permitted.

Letter received from resident of Avalon Lane Extension: A letter was received from a resident explaining that a vehicle slid into his house on Avalon Lane Extension and is asking for installation of guard rail to extend beyond his property. He noted that it was a snowy day and his neighbour did not make it all the way up the street, and then sled backwards into the corner of his house. There was no major damage and no one was hurt. The Public Works Committee will visit the property and make a recommendation.

Email received from Crown Lands: An email was received from Crown Lands regarding an application to acquire a parcel of land on First Avenue. The land is in the applicant's deceased spouse's name and needs to get the ownership transferred. The Town Manager advised that a motion is not required for this request. Crown Lands asked if there were any objections to the application. Council does not have any objections.

Email received from RNC Association 33rd Annual Crime Prevention Guide: An email was received asking if the Town would be interested in advertising in the 33rd Annual Crime Prevention Guide entitled "Teenagers Drug Abuse Prevention Handbook". Council decided they would rather donate money to the local high school if there was a program on drugs.

It was moved by Councillor Strickland and seconded by Councillor Ingram to keep the money in the Town and donate to a high school program with the same theme of drug education.
MC Unanimously

New Business:

Municipal Plan: The Town Manager reviewed the process so far. We have advertised the amendment to our Municipal Plan for a couple of weeks and the only comment received was in favour of the amendment. The Municipal planner has prepared a motion for Council to adopt in principle the text amendment to our Municipal Plan which will then go to the Province for review. If the Province is in favour then we will proceed to the next step which is to have a public meeting.

Moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Strickland

Be it Resolved that the Town Council of Channel-Port aux Basques hereby adopts-in-principle the resolutions for Channel-Port aux Basques Municipal Plan Amendment Number 1, 2023 and Channel-Port aux Basques Development Regulations Amendment Number 1, 2023, and authorizes the Planning Consultant to submit, on behalf of the Town, a written request to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for a review of the proposed amendments against Provincial policies and interests and a release from further review.

Motion Adopted. 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Code of Conduct: The Town Clerk advised that the Code of Conduct was circulated to Council for review to approve at this Council Meeting. The Code of Conduct documents are templates that were provided by Municipal and Provincial Affairs and many communities so far have approved the templates as presented. We also need to complete the required training modules by September.

Councillor Keeping noted section 3.1.2 and Councillor Strickland noted section 3.1.9. Both Councillors asked for clarification of these two sections. The Town Clerk will call Municipal and Provincial Affairs to discuss and follow up with the Councillors.

Moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews

Be it resolved that the Town of Channel-Port aux Basques adopts the Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials and the Code of Conduct for Councillors presented, subject to clarification from Municipal and Provincial Affairs of point 3.1.2 and 3.1.9 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Motion Adopted. In favour 7 / Opposed 0

Adjournment: It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Councillor Strickland that with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm. MC Unanimously



Brian Button
Mayor



Nadine Osmond
Town Clerk