

Town of Channel – Port aux Basques
1865th Regular Meeting, January 9th, 2024

The 1865th Regular Meeting of Council convened at 6:00 pm, Mayor Button presiding. Present in Council Chambers were Deputy Mayor Andrews, Councillors Lane, Keeping and Davis. Also present were Town Manager, Nadine Osmond Recreation Manager, Andrew Davis and Town Clerk, Holly Walters. Councillor Ingram attend by phone.

Regrets: Councillor Strickland

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Lane the 1864th Regular Meeting of Council, be adopted as presented and discussed. MC Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

CCCF – Bruce II Fuel Switching & Energy Refit Project: The Town Manager advised she was talking to the consultant and they are on schedule. With Christmas holidays work slowed down, now the biggest part of the job is to install the heat pumps. They've got three or four weeks left of work to do, pending the arrival of the heat pumps. The other couple of things that was listed wasn't exactly to do with the retrofit; the motor for the dehumidification unit for the pool arrived but they didn't send the right part. The correct part was flown down yesterday. Workers are on site and when that part gets here, it will be installed right away. Honeywell is also available to do the testing to make sure all runs fine.

The other item listed there is a pump that came in and was installed in the boiler room this pump that had to be replaced also affected the pool.

Dilapidated properties: The Town Manager advised the former town manager sent her the files for the tenders. She has to go through and do a quick review of that and then we should be able to get it out, if not later this week, early next week. The removal of property on Bungay's Lane and Main Street is proceeding due to lack of repose from property owners. The Town Manager will inform the property owners of the tenders for demolition.

Social / Fire Hall Facility: The Town Manager advised the larger items such as the fridges and similar items are moved into storage. There are some more tables and chairs that has to be moved in. The Town will arrange that with the Superintendent. The Town Manager said Councillor Strickland asked about the bathroom vanities and toilet. If we move that it would have to go into the plant. The Superintendent said there is room on the plant to store those items. The Town Manager spoke with Wilkie Mechanical today and he can be in town within the next couple of weeks to install heat pump depending on the weather.

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

Resident concern regarding the old Eric King Fish Plant: A letter was received from a resident on Charles Street regarding the situation and condition with the old Eric King Fish Plant. She is concerned that the old plant poses a huge safety issue for upcoming storms. She has witnessed debris blowing out across the parking lot and wrap around parked vehicles. The outside of the building facing the ocean is a huge safety issue as it is cracked and falling down into the ocean with a number of pieces of rebar sticking out. In recent storms, the side that was damaged is getting worse. The plywood is slowly blowing apart from the frame of the building. There is also an old boxcar that took significant damages during Fiona and is tilted to the side. Teenagers still visit this area in the evenings posing another safety issue if the boxcar happens to tip over with them inside or someone could potentially go through the floor. The building has

been an eyesore for a number of years now, which has gotten worse since Fiona. She is wondering if anything will ever be done about this building and who will be responsible for the damages.

The Mayor advised that Council had a conversation with the province on this property and he has sent them a copy of this letter. The Mayor also advised he is in a meeting with the province to discuss this property and other items related to Fiona later this week.

Communities In Bloom Invitation: A letter was received from Communities in Bloom. They are a non-profit, charitable, Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification, through community engagement and the challenge of friendly competition. The program nurtures involvement and actions by citizens of all ages, municipal governments, local organizations, institutions, not-for-profit and businesses. It strives to improve the tidiness appearance and visual appeal of our neighborhood, parks, open spaces, and streetscapes through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees. A focus on environmental awareness and the preservation and conservation of the culture, natural, and built heritage elements are also an integral pillar to the success of the program. They are inviting the community to explore the program.

The Mayor advised that The Town has participated in this program in the past. This invitation will be given to the Economic Development Officer to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

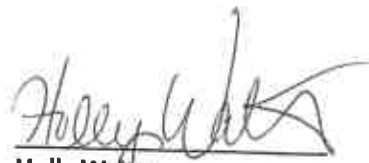
Civic Holiday: The Town Manger advised that we start getting phone calls around this time of the year and leading into the next couple of months. The first Monday in August is August 5th. There are already plans underway for the Astrolabe Festival, which would start on the 2nd of August and go to the 5th of August. We usually pick the first Monday in August to be the civic holiday.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Keeping that August 5th 2024 will be the official civic holiday for Channel-Port aux Basques 2024. MC Unanimously

Adjournment: It was moved by Councillor Lane and seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews that with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm. MC Unanimously



Brian Button
Mayor



Holly Walters
Town Clerk