

**MINUTES
TOWN OF CUPIDS
February 7, 2017**

Minutes of the 850th. meeting of the Council of the Town of Cupids, held at the Cupids Community Centre on February 7, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Christine Burry
Councillor Kevin Connolly
Councillor Gordon Power
Councillor Michael Power
Councillor Francis Walsh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NIL

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Clerk, Ivy King

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Burry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting including spectators Winnie Bishop, Connie Penney, Doug Furey & Raymond J. Fowler and asked that all cell phones be turned off.

ADOPTION OF AMENDED AGENDA:

Motion #10-02-2017 - Walsh/Power, M.
Resolved that the amended agenda be adopted as presented. **In favour: All / Motion carried**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Regular meeting - January 17, 2017
Privileged meeting - January 17, 2017

Mayor Burry asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of these meetings which had been circulated with the agenda.
Motion #11-02-2017 - Power, G./Walsh
Resolved that the minutes of these meetings be adopted as circulated.

In favour: All / Motion carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Councillor Connolly advised that he spoke with the Manager at the Town of Bay Roberts and he advised Councillor Connolly that they do not allow ditches to be dug across the road for sewer installations. They have to tie into the manholes and the water systems. He also advised Councillor Connolly that Government did not allow this since 2014.
Councillor Connolly then discussed with Council the condition of the town water. It is brown and the Town of South River has indicated this as well. He suggested getting a water filter installed at the town pumphouse on the outside of the building. Council said that this should be installed at the water source at

Brigus. They suggested that the Water Committee meet with the Town of South River and the Town of Brigus to discuss cost sharing a water filter for the town water system.

Further to decision made at the privileged meeting on January 17, 2017 and Councillor Mike Power's discussion with Maintenance Man Tony Coleman.

Motion #12-02-2017 - Power, G./Power, M
Resolved that maintenance man Tony Coleman's lay off be effective January 27, 2017.

In Favour: All / motion carried.

Councillor Connolly then discussed the permanent maintenance man, David Peddle's working hours. It was decided that if he works 40 hours he will be paid for 40 hours, if less or more then he will be paid for the hours worked.

DELEGATIONS:

Geraldine Curran, Gould's Rd.

Mrs. Curran attended the meeting to discuss the town's financial situation. She discussed with Council of instances where they can possibly save money. She questioned why the Town was building a garage when they can use the town garage at the Community Centre. She was advised that this was to be renovated into the Town Office/multipurpose meeting room. She also asked Council to consider lowering the minimum tax, as well as, the mill rate before the next general election. She returned to the gallery at 7:35.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Brenda McAuley, Canadian Postmasters & Assistants Assoc.

File - No action taken

Kelly Campbell, Royal Canadian Legion

File - No action taken

Paul Tucker, Gas Tax Secretariat

Motion #13-02-2017 - Walsh/Connolly
Resolved that Deputy Mayor Power proceed with the tender for the renovation of the town office/multipurpose meeting room to be allocated from the gas tax funds.

In Favour: All / motion carried.

The Town has \$140,150.97 remaining in gas tax funds to March 31, 2019 to be allocated towards a project(s).

Gordon Power, Chairperson, Joint Council's Assoc.

It was discussed that Council join the committee that will initiate a discussion about regionalization in CBN. Deputy Mayor Power will be the town's representative.

Donna Linthorne, Recreation Committee

All of the current members of the Cupids Recreation Commission will retire effective March 1, 2017. It was decided that a poster be put up asking if anyone is interested in forming a new Recreation Group to carry on the activities of the current group including the weekly card games. A letter to be written thanking Donna Linthorne and her committee for their many years of dedicated service.

David Peddle, Harris & Associates

The Public Works Committee will get together to decide what their priorities are for Municipal Capital Works funding so our Engineering Firm can prepare cost estimates.

NF Power Inc.
Eastlink

Motion #14-02-2017 - Power, G./Connolly
Resolved that the 2016 gross revenue in the amount of \$970,061.86 for NF Power, and the 2016 gross revenue in the amount of \$308,168.37 for Eastlink be accepted. Invoices to be forwarded.

In Favour: All / Motion carried.

Lori Evoy, Municipal Affairs

Town Clerk was instructed to forward to Municipal Affairs the 2017 Municipal Budget and Tax Structure that was adopted at the December 6, 2016 meeting. It was delayed being sent as Council was anticipating an additional expenditure. A revised Budget can be sent any time, however, tax rates cannot be changed after March 31, 2017.

Winston Bishop, Cupids Boat Owners Assoc.

Two tentative dates decided on to meet with the Cupids Boat Owners Assoc. Executive are: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 & Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Town Clerk to notify Mr. Bishop.

Municipalities NL
Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting

Motion #15-02-2017 - Walsh/Power, M.
Resolved that Mayor Burry and Deputy Mayor Gordon Power attend the Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting at the Capital Hotel in St. John's on March 24th. and 25th.

In Favour: All / Motion carried.

Terry Taylor, Trio Benefits

File - for information purposes.

Community Foundations of Canada
(Canada's 150th. Anniversary)

File - no action taken.

Anthony Smith, Accountant
Re his view of the possible forensic audit.

Town Auditor will be instructed to start the 2016 Financial Audit on the same basis as prior years and have the financial statements drafted but will not be completed pending completion of the forensic audit.

- Jarrett Reaume, MDD Ltd. Dated Feb. 1st.
- Copy of correspondence submitted by Councillor Mike Power
- Jarrett Reaume, MDD Ltd. Dated Feb. 6th. & 7th.

The Mayor read the reasons for the forensic audit submitted by Councillor Mike Power.

- Review of all third party arrangements with the town ie. Cupids 400 Inc.; Cupids Legacy Centre, Cupids Recreation and Cupids Soiree.
- Circumstances of the acquisition of all government funding and expenditure thereof (Pointe Beach)
- Review of miscellaneous expenses.
- The audit would include the updated items listed in the correspondence, received from MDD Ltd. on Feb. 6, 2017.
- Third party payments
- Acquisition of government funding
- Review of miscellaneous expenses For the years 2009 to 2015 only.

Quote received from MDD Ltd. on February 7, 2017 indicating that they would adjust their bill arrangement to cease of work at \$20,000 + HST pending further approval.

It was decided to proceed with the audit, however, the Mayor and Town Clerk advised that three quotes were required.

Dan & Lucy Furlong, 432 Seaforest Dr.

No action taken as this case is being reviewed by Municipal Affairs.

FINANCES:

Motion #16-02-2017- Power, G./Walsh
Resolved that the Town Clerk pay bills totaling \$27,410.73. **In favour: All / Motion carried**

PERMITS ISSUED:

NIL

PERMITS REQUESTED:

NIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NIL

ACTION LIST:

1. **Crown Land Issue** - Still ongoing
2. **Pumphouse Building** - Letter sent to Municipal Affairs on January 24, 2017 requesting utilization of the surplus funds in the amount of \$39,425.78 to be allocated to an over head crane/hoist.
3. **Emergency Plan** - Contact Fire & Emergency Services re changes to our plan.
4. **Town Hall Renovation** - Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
5. **Town Garage** - Put on hold for the time being.
6. **Bishop's Lane** - Deferred to the Spring.
7. **Municipal Capital Works** - PWC will get together to discuss projects to be applied for under the 2017 Capital Works Funding.

NEW BUSINESS

New Streetlights

Motion #17-02-2017 - Walsh/Power, M.
Resolved that nine (9) 100 watt streetlights be installed as per list submitted by Councillor Walsh. **In favour: All / Motion carried**

Pam Parsons, MHA

Councillor Kevin Connolly advised Council that Ms. Parsons will be holding a dinner for the Liberal Party at the Lions Club, Bay Roberts, on March 30th, if anyone would like to attend.

Quay Road Resident

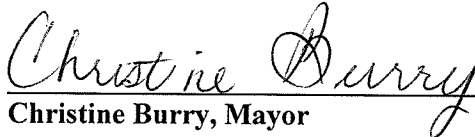
The broken fence will be repaired in the Spring.

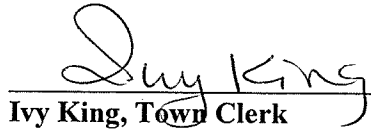
NEXT MEETING

Motion #18-02-2017 - Power, G./Connolly
Resolved that council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Community Centre.

In favour: All / Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Christine Burry, Mayor


Ivy King, Town Clerk