

Meeting # 2
February 13th, 2018

Present: James Cashin (Mayor)
Eileen Hann (Deputy Mayor)
Elaine Martin (Councillor)
Gordon Johnston (Councillor)
Michael McCann (Councillor)

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 6 p.m

Minutes of last meeting held on January 16, 2018

Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions.

Motion 05-2018 Councillor Johnston / Mayor Cashin

Resolved, that, the minutes of last meeting held on January 16th, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

At this time, Mayor Cashin asked Council to pause our meeting due to the arrival of Mr. John Finn MHA for the District of Port au Port.

Guest: Mr. John Finn MHA accepted Councils request to join our meeting to discuss the condition of Romaines Bridge, Emergency Generators and any issues that council would like to discuss.

Mayor Cashin welcomed MHA John Finn to our meeting and asked if he would be the Towns voice to government, on our behalf in effort to secure Emergency Generators to run our water supply in the event of power outages. Mayor Cashin explained that the majority of residents are Senior's who have no alternate source of heat and we have no water in the event of fire during a power outage. Generators would also help us establish a warming station in the centre of town. There are also concerns regarding Romaines Bridge which, if damaged by flooding or other means, would sever all movement of traffic to and from the peninsula. People would be stranded with no place to stop, charge cell phones, or get a bowl of soup or coffee while they wait to get through. Mayor Cashin also mentioned a lack of response from the Department of Works, Services & Transportation in their efforts to clear ditches prior to the heavy rainfall that we encountered during the last storm.

- Mr. Finn said that Dept. of Works, Service & Transportation were busy and that we could also call Mr. Dan Hynes who lives in Noel's Pond and closer to us to respond to our concerns.

- **Romains Bridge** – Two years ago, an assessment was carried out on the bridge and is deemed to have a ten year life span. Council expressed concern about where the Bridge is located and that the Bay is encroaching more and more each year due to erosion. It seems logical to put a new bridge further in because even this year the shoreline has changed a great deal and we have already doubled our EPA Zone.

Main goals of the Town of Port au Port East are: Pump for the Fire Department, Generators for Emergency back-up power, and Romains Bridge. Mr. Finn said that he would look into replacement of Romains Bridge under the Coastal Erosion Federal Program. He also asked the Fire Department to apply for a pump under the Provincial "Small Communities Fund". Clerk will work with Mr. Wayne Deaves (Deputy Fire Chief) to prepare this application.

Speed Signs – MHA John Finn suggested that we contact the Town of Stephenville to get a loan of their speed signs / data collectors in an effort to increase driver awareness of the excessive speeds travelled on our highways and through town.

Webpage – Suggestion that individual e-mail addresses of Council be added. Clerk will contact Junior Grandy to add this information.

At this point, MHA John Finn left our meeting. Mayor Cashin and Councillors thanked him for meeting with us:

Council then resumed our meeting.

Councillor Johnston gave an update on his meeting in Stephenville regarding Provincial Airlines flights. It is not expected that prices would be any cheaper or that more flights would be added.

Correspondence:

- Porter Airlines doubles Stephenville schedule to 50 flights for 2018.
- New Chair of WRWM – Josh Carey

Finances: Accounts Payable:

Total _____ **\$54,920.57**

Motion 06-2018

Deputy Mayor Hann / Councillor Johnston

Resolved, that, the above amount be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

Permits: General Repairs & Maintenance

- ✓ Ernest Romain – 80 Romain’s Road
- ✓ Charles Barter – 52 Main Street

Motion 07-2018 Councillor McCann / Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, the above mentioned residents be given permits to do General Repairs & Maintenance on their properties.

Motion Carried

Items for Discussion:

- Bacteriological Water Analysis Report January 23,2018 – Satisfactory
- Consolidated Financial Statement as at December 31,2017

Motion 08-2018 Deputy Mayor Hann / Councillor Johnston

Resolved, that, the Consolidated Financial Statement as prepared by Kung & Roberts be accepted as presented.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

- Gas Tax Funding Agreement – December 31,2018

Motion 09-2018 Councillor Martin / Councillor Johnston

Resolved, that, the Gas Tax Funding Agreement Statement as prepared by Kung & Roberts be accepted as presented.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

- Some residents are clearing their driveways and blocking ditches and culverts. This is causing problems when water has no place to flow. Council discussed this and decided that we will send information to all residents (citing appropriate legislation) via website and through the mail.

- Quotes on sizes of Culverts

Motion 10-2018

Deputy Mayor Hann / Mayor Cashin

Resolved, that, going forward, all New Construction and any Renovations to property which includes driveways install the recommended size culvert (Department of Works, Services & Transportation - 600 mm (24") in diameter be installed.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

- Councilor McCann initiated a discussion on the anticipated opening of Town Clerk Position upon the retirement of Mrs. Joanne Ryan. Mayor Cashin informed Councillor McCann that the position would be filled internally. Council is pleased to support Acting Town Clerk Florence Barter in filling this position given her experience, qualifications and willingness to be available throughout the past 16 years. A search would begin to fill the role of Acting Town Clerk.

Other Info:

- Muskrat Falls Project – November 2017 Highlights
- Infrastructure – Volume 23, Number 2
- Import Replacement: Local Prosperity for Rural Atlantic Canada (MNL Info)

Adjournment:

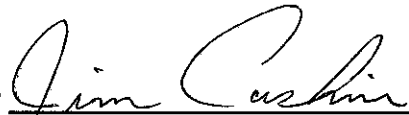
Motion 11-2018

Deputy Mayor Hann / Mayor Cashin

Time of Adjournment 8:55 p.m

Motion Carried

Mayor



Clerk

