

**Meeting # 8
October 13th, 2020**

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

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m

Minutes of last meeting held on September 8th, 2020
Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions

Motion 61-2020 Councillor McCann / Councillor Johnston

Resolved, that, the minutes of meeting held on September 8th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Correspondence:

- Alex Henniffent - Project Update – Video Production (Pine Tree) – This is not town property and we have no access. Council wishes you all the best but cannot become involved.
- Town of Port au Port West, Aguathuna, Felix Cove – Christmas Social/Incident letter – Council decided to write a letter to the Town of Port au Port West, Aguathuna, Felix Cove stating that we will give each firefighter a gift certificate valued at \$25.00 to acknowledge all that they do to keep the town(s) safe. In regards to the Christmas Social incident, this was properly dealt with by the Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department so, there will be no further discussion on this matter.
- Go Western Newfoundland – (Tourism Development) Seeking \$100.00 annual financial support - will include annual membership to “Go Western Newfoundland”.

Motion 62-2020 Councillor Johnston / Councillor McCann

Resolved, that, the Town of Port au Port East make an annual donation of \$100.00 to “Go Western Newfoundland”.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Finances: Accounts Payable _____ \$ 24,763.76

Motion 63-2020**Councillor Johnston / Councillor Martin**

Resolved, that, the accounts payable as listed above be approved for payment.

All In Favor**Motion Carried****Finances: BMO Bank Statement for August & September, 2020****Permits: General Repairs & Maintenance****Motion 64-2020****Deputy Mayor Hann / Councillor Martin**

Resolved, that, the following property owner be granted a permit to do General Repairs and Maintenance on his property

- 259 Main Street

All In Favor**Motion Carried**

At this time, Mayor Cashin mentioned that our Waste Disposal Contractor is not using town stickers to advise residents why recyclables have not been taken. Clerk will contact our contractor to see why this is happening.

Mayor Cashin also passed along a "Thank You" from the Bay St. George Little League Baseball for their use of McIsaac's Ballfield. They were extremely pleased.

Items for Discussion

- Bacteriological Water Analysis Report – September 8th, 9th and 15th, 2020, Satisfactory
- Service NL – Boil Water Advisory lifted on September 11th, 2020
- Quote from ADT to update Security System – Councillor McCann said that he would do some research to see what else is available.

- Request to Daren from Mayor Cashin (Part-Time Worker) – Number of hours for training. Council discussed this and decided to provide 40 hours for training. In addition, any time there is a water issue, our back-up operator is to accompany Daren to learn how to deal with problems as they arise. During work on the weekends, he is to familiarize himself with shut-off valves etc. throughout town and to start a personal manual for important information.

Motion 65-2020**Councillor McCann / Councillor Martin**

Resolved, that, the town's back-up water operator be given 40 hours for training with various aspects of our water system and that he is to be present with Daren when an issue regarding the water system arises.

All In Favor**Motion Carried**

50+ Club Donation – Mayor Cashin asked Clerk if the Twilight 50+ Club has asked for any type of donation since Covid-19. There has been no request. Council decided to donate \$500.00 to aid in expenses since fundraising this year has been limited.

Motion 66-2020**Councillor McCann / Councillor Martin**

Resolved, that, a donation of \$500.00 be given to Twilight 50+ Club to help with expenses during Covid-19.

All In Favor**Motion Carried**

Proposal for 259 Main Street – Councillor McCann presented two proposals.

1. To build affordable housing (apartments) for Senior's or
2. To sell the land and building to the Town for a reasonable price should Council be interested.

Councillor McCann was asked to leave the room at 7:30 p.m so that Council could have a discussion regarding same. It was decided that Council would go with Option 1. Councillor McCann requested an "approval in principal" letter for 10 water permits should Council decide to go this route. Clerk will write a letter giving the "approval in principal" Councillor McCann then joined our meeting at 7:40 p.m

Water Reading (August 13-September 17) – Higher readings than the previous month. Continue to monitor.

Consultant Fee Request for Romaines Road Waterline – SNC Lavalin was the successful bidder for this project.

Motion 67-2020**Councillor Johnston / Councillor Martin**

Resolved, that, SNC Lavalin (with a bid of \$66,442.56) be accepted to provide Engineering Services for the "Romaines Road Waterline" project.

All In Favor**Motion Carried**

- Budget 2021 items – Clerk will budget for staff raise in the event that one is approved.
- Town of Stephenville – Bus: Setting up a “Board” and “Monetary Support”. Council approved a \$500.00 annual grant and Councillor McCann volunteered to sit on the Board. Council also discussed the stigma that would be caused if only low income seniors are allowed to ride. Councillor McCann will voice our concerns in this regard.

Motion 68-2020

Councillor Johnston / Councillor Martin

Resolved, that, the Town of Port au Port East will donate \$500.00 to The Town of Stephenville towards the cost of running a bus for senior’s & people with disabilities throughout St. George’s, Stephenville Crossing, Stephenville, Kippen’s and Port au Port East. Council will evaluate how much the bus is used by residents of Port au Port East

Updated Background Report – Public Meeting on November 12, 2020 – It was suggested that Council members not attend this meeting but Council decided that they would prefer to be in attendance. Clerk will inform our planner of this decision.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Other Info

- Infrastructure – Vol 25, Number 8 – September 2020
- Recycling Product News – September 2020

Adjournment

Motion 69-2020

Deputy Mayor Hann / Councillor Martin

Time of Adjournment: 8:50 p.m

Mayor Jim Cashin

Clerk Florence Barter