

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held August 25, 2020 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Bernard S. Power
Mayor: Keith Pearson
Councillors: Jamilee Fitzpatrick
Lorraine Collins-Power
Jane Hynes
Kay Smith
Noella Collins

Staff

Mary Greene, Manager of Finance, CAO(A)
Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent
Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (A), Recording

Spectators: Zero (0)

Absent:

Debbie Gear (Medical Leave)
Rhonda Power, Manager of Tourism, Marketing & Communication (Vacation)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING

Effective Monday, August 24, 2020 masks are mandatory when entering the Town Hall. To comply with physical distancing guidelines, we ask that there be a minimum of 2 people in the Town Hall foyer at one time. If you are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms, we ask that you do not enter our office. You are encouraged to sign up for our Placentia Aware Community Notification System by visiting our website www.placentia.ca or by calling the front office. Also, masks covering the nose and mouth are mandatory in indoor public spaces in Newfoundland and Labrador. This includes places where municipal or government services are offered. We have received information that masks do not have to be worn by councillors and staff when they are seated and can physically distance, as is the case for this Council meeting. While we are seated, we are physically distanced, and therefore are not required to wear masks. Masks are worn while entering and exiting the building.

The Great Beach Boardwalk is now accessible from all entrances and users are permitted to travel in both directions. Some sections of the boardwalk are less than six feet, so the Town recommends using masks in these areas where physical distancing is not possible.

A boil order is in effect for Argentia, Freshwater and Dunville until further notice. During this period, individuals are requested to bring all water to a boil for five minutes before

drinking, cooking, and dental hygiene. While the boil order is in place, there will be intermittent outages for maintenance and flushing. A 24-hour notice will be provided before outages occur to the areas affected. We apologize for any inconvenience.

On August 11th, Mayor Power attended a meeting in Argentia with Marine Atlantic President and CEO Murray Hupman. Mr. Hupman assured those in attendance that the Argentia Ferry service is in the company's operational budget next year and will be back in operation for the 2021 season with the MV Atlantic Vision which is under lease until 2023. This is good news given the Argentia ferry service is a vital link for the tourism industry in the Placentia region and employs close to 30 workers.

Council extends condolences to Angus Gilbert, our Town Crier, on the passing of his son. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

In the next few weeks teachers and students are returning to school. We wish everyone a safe and successful school year.

Congratulations to Jake's Show N Shine on another successful event in aid of the Autism Society of NL. Ray Griffiths and his son Jake are to be commended for putting off this successful event during these difficult times.

September is Walk for Families Month! The annual Red Shoe Crew-Walk for Families raises funds to provide programs and services for sick children and their families when they need it the most. The event coincides with the anniversary of the opening of the Ronald McDonald House and is the largest annual fundraising event. For more information visit www.WalkforFamilies.ca

The Argentia Management Authority Board renewal process has 4 positions open and are accepting applications until August 28th. We encourage people to get involved and submit applications for the Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #20-185

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held August 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-186

Councillor Collins/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the minutes of June 30, 2020 are adopted as circulated and corrected. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION SHEET

The Provincial Staycation Advertisement Campaign by the Tourism Committee has promoted tourism in our area. There has been an increase of tourists visiting and it is good to see people staycationing in Newfoundland and the Placentia area.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Bernard Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person –CAO)

The Executive Committee had the following recommendation:

Motion #20-187

Councillor Hynes/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved the motion to approve cost-shared funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated July 2, 2020 for the Blivet Retrofit and Upgrades (Project No. 17-GI-21-00093), in the amount of \$792,467 in funding for this project and authorizes Mayor Power and Mary Greene, CAO(A) to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment on behalf of the Town of Placentia in adopted.
(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

The funding for approval of project in the amount of \$792,467 that we just recently received is for upgrades to the Blivet in Southeast and SCADA System for remote monitoring.

The Executive Committee had the following highlights:

The CAO position has now been advertised for the Town of Placentia. We encourage people to review the advertisement and hopefully the position is filled in short course.

The pool project is moving ahead, the RFQ's have been advertised and the selection of contractors to the RFP has been completed. Deadline for the Placentia Wellness Centre design has been extended to September 25, 2020 at which time RFP's will be reviewed and the contractor will be determined.

Executive acknowledged a letter from the Department of Transportation and Works regarding the status of paving for Route 100. The tender has been advertised and closes August 28th. Paving will cover a substantial a portion of Route 100 for approximately 3 kms and approximately 3 kms in Southeast. Council will continue lobbying for paving on the loop road in Freshwater.

The Mayor, Public Works Superintendent and CAO(A) met with Meridian Engineering and Consulting concerning the next steps in the commencement of work with the Capital Works Project Dunville Water Line Connection. Council has stressed the importance of the start and end dates and stressed the importance of getting the tender out for construction by the end of September.

The Town has entered a partnership agreement with the Port of Argentina. This includes lobbying for paving in Argentina. The Port has identified funding and the Town will submit a paving project through Capital Works this fall.

Through discussion on the Wayfinding Project, there were some outstanding issues to be dealt with to have sightlines for the new signage cleared and make signage more visible, as well as additional landscaping of signage areas.

Council has allocated funding for investigations into the flooding on the flats of Jersey side. Public Works has dealt with many issues regarding water breaks and this work will commence as soon as possible.

The CAO(A) has contacted resource managers and respective Committees to get revised budgets for September considering the drop in revenues due to covid-19 restrictions. There will be a revised budget for the next Council meeting in September.

Through discussions on collections and receivables, the CAO(A) will compile revenues collected to date and draft a report on all outstanding taxes. The CAO(A) will initiate a policy for collection of outstanding accounts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person-Mgr. of Finance)

Meeting Date: July 22, 2020

Motion #20-188

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Devan Holdings Ltd. in the amount of \$1,059.84 for 4 tires and tire levy for Public Works vehicle GML 122 is adopted. **(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict and left the meeting due to family relations on next business item.

Motion #20-189

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix in the amount of \$2,031.36 for rental of dumpster and disposal during clean-up week is adopted. **(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting

Motion #20-190

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved the motion to approve payment of invoice from S & S Supply Crosstown Rentals in the amount of \$1,006.83 for 70 bags of Cold Patch for Road Repairs is adopted. **(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)**

Motion #20-191**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Universal Environment Services in the amount of \$1,380 for services rendered is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-192**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment from Windco Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$1,171.90 for 12 Canada Flags & 12 NL Flags is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-193**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated July 20, 2020 in the amount of \$58,623.57 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-194**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$124,900.83 for cheques numbered 028682 to 028758 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-195**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$245,381.46 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-196**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement expenditure for the period of May 28, 2020 to June 27, 2020 in the amount of \$272.62 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Meeting Date: August 19, 2020

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person-Mgr. of Finance. Absent: Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson due to personal commitments)

Motion #20-197**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Madsen Construction Equipment in the amount of \$8,158.69 for repairs to the Town's Backhoe is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict and left the meeting due to family relations on the next business item.

Motion #20-198**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix in the amount of \$3,174 for rental of

vac/sewer jet combo for investigation and repairs at the Regatta Grounds Lift Station on July 17th and July 21, 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting

Motion #20-199

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated August 18, 2020 in the amount of \$19,400.23 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-200

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$125,130.47 for cheques numbered 028759 to 028800 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-201

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$4,595.16 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-202

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve Visa Statement dated June 30 to July 27, 2020 in the amount of \$741.71 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-203

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #WAKEK001 in the amount of \$298.28, the account is paid in full, is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-204

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #BEREH001 in the amount of \$173.49, the account is paid in full, is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-205

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment of interest accrued in account #PLACE001 in the amount of \$288.44, the account is paid in full, is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-206**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #O-REL002 in the amount of \$267.60, the account is paid in full, is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-207**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #LANNG007 in the amount of \$437.82, the account is paid in full, is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-208**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the award of Splash Pad Project to Skyline Contracting Ltd., who was the lowest bidder of tender in the total amount of \$60,375 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-209**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a donation of \$100 to the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation as per past practice is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-210**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of laptop for the Fire Department in the amount of \$689.99 from the Fire Department budget is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-211**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the sale of surplus assets as per the advertised Asset Sale closed July 20, 2020 to the highest bidders, Joseph Cleary – 2005 Venture Boat Trailer – bid price \$3,053.03; Terry Walsh – 2009 Chev Silverado 1500E – bid price \$672.90; Jason Ryan – 2008 Ford F150 SuperCab – bid price \$1,005.58 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-212**Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of Town promotional items including clip on hand sanitizer from Swagger Promotions in the amount of \$1,625 plus HST and Town and Town pencils from Crown M5Advertising in the amount of \$295 plus HST for a total amount of \$1,920 plus HST as budgeted, for the #RespectOthers Campaign for Laval and St. Anne's students is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-213**Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve invoice from Placentia Area Development Association in the amount of \$10,800 for the 2020 PADA Virtual Summer Recreation & Beautification Program is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-214**Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be It resolved that the motion to approve request from Public Works and Safety Committee to purchase 10 garbage bins at a cost of \$400 a bin as quoted, to be placed around town to try to alleviate garbage is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

The cost of \$400 a bin includes labor and lumber to design good quality bins to match those that are currently around town. Public Works will ensure monitoring of bins for routine dumping. Approval is to proceed with the price quoted and the Public Works Superintendent will decide how to proceed with the fabrication of the bins.

Highlights from the Finance Committee meeting:

There were town (2) requests for tax adjustments that have been referred to Executive for review.

There was a request that was not approved from the Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee for a staycation Advertisement Campaign on VOCM at a cost of \$2,966 plus HST. Committee discussed that it is too much of an investment at the end of the summer season and the money should be allocated for advertising at the beginning on the next season.

The PADA Recreation student employees created videos which provided a virtual tour of attractions in the area to promote tourism. The videos included a walking tour of the Backlands Trail in Argentia, the Great Beach Boardwalk and Castle Hill. The students are presently working on a video featuring all attractions and communities in our region.

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Lorraine Collins Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Resource Person - Public Works Superintendent. Councillor Noella Collins was late due to work and joined the meeting at 7:45pm)

Meeting Date: July 29, 2020**Motion #20-215****Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Gerald and Kim Flynn to construct a patio at #21 Swan's Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-216**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Wayne Perham to construct a patio at the rear of the house and

construct a front step at #16 Bruley Avenue is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-217

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Arthur Brooks Jr. to construct a shed at #116 Southeast Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-218

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Rosie Cahill to construct a patio at #50 Larkin Drive is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-219

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Holly King to construct a garage at #327 Southeast Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-220

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from NL Power to install 3 (three) poles and 4 (four) anchors at G & M Family Farms on Old Settlement Hill is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-221

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Joseph Bohlke to construct a fence at #21 Hannon's Street is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-222

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Ramona Coish to install a sea-can at #25 Hunts Road with the stipulation that access to sewer line and easement must be maintained and siding is complementary to the house is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Sea-can permit installations will be followed up by Public Works to ensure they are following the stipulation of siding being complementary to the house, update will be provided at next Public Works meeting.

Motion #20-223

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Bursey Excavation & Development Inc. for demolition of Building #7A and Building #81 in Argentia is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-224**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve vendor permit application from Helen Careen for Helen's Cleaning Services is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-225**Councillor Collins-Power/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from PADA to construct a shed at the Dunville Lions Club at #1 Lake's Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-226**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Darrin Mills to construct a fence at #27 Freshwater Crescent is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-227**Councillor Collins-Power/Deputy Mayor Pearson**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Gerard Smith for residential development at #25 Hunts Road with the stipulation that the road be developed to Municipal Town standards and turned over the Town prior to development is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Highlights of the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting:

As per the Municipalities Act, a person will need to acquire a permit from the Town for any land developments which include the digging or construction of ditches, drains or culverts; make greater use of existing ditches or culverts; or connect to an existing storm drainage system, whether publicly or privately owned. A Council shall not approve a permit for these developments without proper written approval of the Department of Environment and Labour. This work did not require a permit before, however, is a requirement of the Municipalities Act. Going forward this type of work will require permit approval from the Town prior to development.

To try to alleviate littering, the Town is creating a bylaw for businesses to be required to have a waste bin outside their business.

Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

(Councillor Lorraine Collins Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person - Public Works Superintendent.)

Motion #20-228**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Phontroy Cooper to construct a shed at #13 Frecker Place is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-229**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Phontroy Cooper for residential extension/overhang at #13 Frecker Place is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-230**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from John and Sandra Walsh to construct a fence at #184 Harbour Drive is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-231**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Placentia Area Theatre d'Heritage for extension of "The Hut" at #68 Orcan Drive is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-232**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Judy Patterson to construct a shed at #31 Patterson Drive is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Motion #20-233**Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith**

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Lorraine White to construct a garage at #167 Freshwater Crescent is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

Highlights of the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting:

The RCMP Report for July was circulated and reviewed. There are 59 files open, many of which were to assist other detachments.

A letter was received from residents on Atlantic Avenue regarding a leak on the road in front of their property. Public Works had to tear up the road and the lawn of the resident to repair the leak. The property owners were very pleased with the manner of the repairs to their lawn and noted that it was a job well done by all workers involved. Councillor Collins-Power reiterated the comment and stated that the Public Works Committee commends the good job that the Public Works employees do.

CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick was absent due to work)

The Town has many properties which are maintained by Public Works and the Cleanup Crew. It is recommended by Committee that a new industrial ride-on mower should be purchased in next year's budget as well as a landscape edger for cutting back sod around Orcan Drive Promenade.

The Placentia 350 Inc. had a meeting with another being scheduled soon.

There was a drive-in Fire Circus Band Smoke Show in the Town Square on August 15th which had good reviews. The Town hosted the event and provided outdoor space and promotion of the event.

The Bernadette statue has been placed in the Community Garden. Upgrades to the site are continuing. Committee recommends purchasing benches for the site in next year's budget.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person – Public Works Superintendent and the Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications (absent); who are taking over the role & responsibilities of the current Recreation Manager while he is laid off)

The Recreation Committee had no recommendations, however, provided the following updates:

Alert Levels were discussed. Council recently reopened the Great Beach Boardwalk. The gym and Arena currently remain closed; however, guidelines will be reviewed to reopening the Arena. With guidelines in place, it will be hard to maintain social distancing in the fitness room so it will be challenging to reopen.

There were some upgrades completed to the Ballfields and softball has been played in the fields.

There has been a lot of beautification work completed around town this summer. Two of our Town employees completed work at Fort Louis, along the boardwalk and a lot grass cutting. As well as the Virtual Recreation Program, the PADA employees completed beautification work by painting the bus stops and the boardwalk. Good job and congratulations to all involved, your work will not go unnoticed and is appreciated by the Town.

The Recreation budget will be reviewed to find areas to save money and continue to keep the services that the Town needs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Councillor Jane Hynes, Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick and Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee had no recommendations, however, provided the following updates:

Congratulations were extended to the graduating class of Laval High School and complements were extended to the organizers that planned a successful prom during these times with covid-19.

Committee reminds residents to contact the Town Hall directly if there are any questions or concerns pertaining to the Town by calling the office at 227-2151 or email towofplacentia@placentia.ca

The Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications has been doing a great job notifying residents of updates surrounding covid-19 as levels change and ease. The Community Engagement and Communications Committee completed a budget review and determined a savings of over 20%.

A back to school package will be distributed to all students in Laval and St. Anne's Academy consisting of safety items and Town swag items including the #RespectOthers Campaign.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; and Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power; Resource Person – CAO. Councillor Noella Collins was absent due to work commitments)

Committee discussed ideas in which the Town can support local businesses that were economically impacted by covid-19. The CAO(A) advised committee that a revised budget has been requested from all departments and a re-evaluation of the 2020 budget will be discussed with Council as a Whole in September. Committee also discussed the possibility of introducing a tax rebate for businesses who stay in business over milestone periods, such as 5 years, 25 years, and 50 years. Committee will continue to work on this initiative.

The next Stakeholders Session is scheduled for September 24th and will take place as a virtual meeting at noon.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received up to August 25, 2020 was referred to appropriate committees and/or distributed to Council via meeting package.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Now that masks are mandatory, we should all practice safe handling skills. Mask guidelines can be found on the Government of NL website at www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/ It is important to teach our kids proper use and storage of masks.

Many children are nervous about the virus and returning to school. Seek medical advice if there is any concern.

Councillor Noella Collins wished her sister Bun a Happy Birthday in the sunny south.

With school opening, drivers are reminded to be cognizant of kids at bus stops.

Residents are reminded to follow the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and do your part to keep covid-19 under control. Wear masks as directed. They are a line of defense from contracting covid-19. There are no active cases today and masks are a precaution to keep it

that way. Be respectful to employees at all businesses, masks are mandatory, not a choice. Please dispose of masks properly and do not litter!

The Dunville Water Project remains a #1 priority for this Council. The project is a process and timelines will be released when finalized.

Residents are reminded to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Thanks, were extended to residents for supporting Council on decisions made during these past months around covid-19 precautions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #20-234

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR

MARY GREENE, CAO(A)

DATE