

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Mayor:	Wayne D. Power	CAO:	Charlotte Hickey
Deputy Mayor:	Keith Pearson	Public Works Supervisor:	Harold Power
Councillors:	Noella Collins	Facilities Manager:	Rhonda Power
	Frank Coombs	Admin. Office Manager:	Mary Greene
	Frankie Nash	Executive Assistant:	Debbie Gear
	William Woodman		

Absent: Councillor Dan Greene (Vacation)

Observers: 7

Mayor Power called the public meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. following the privileged session of Council.

Proclamations

The following proclamations were approved by Council:

The month of April was declared *Daffodil Month* in support of all Canadians living with Cancer.

Municipal Awareness Day is May 10, 2017 and the Town will be observing it; hopefully with participation from the local elementary school.

Miles for Smiles also marks the Month of April as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* to encourage all area residents to help reduce child abuse and neglect.

Condolences

Mayor Power expressed condolences to the family of the late Perpetua Collins, sister of Deputy Fire Chief Lorne Collins, cousin of Councillor Noella Collins, former office support worker at the Town of Placentia through Genesis Employment Corporation and friend to many in our community. Council's deepest sympathy is extended to William and Loretta Collins and to their family members.

Congratulations

Placentia representatives of the Avalon North Wolverines Search and Rescue Group recently traveled with other members of their group to Guatemala to meet their sponsor child and to bring assistance to people by building houses and bringing much needed supplies. Mayor Power acknowledged the efforts of local residents Joe Cleary, Matthew Foley and Amanda Kelly.

The Laval Boys Varsity AAA Ball Hockey Team traveled to Pilley's Island last week and come home with the Provincial Banner in their sport. Congratulations to all team members.

Other Acknowledgements

Mayor Power welcomed all teams to the All Newfoundland and Labrador hockey tournament taking place at Unity PARC this week and congratulated the organizing host committee for their efforts. At the opening ceremonies at Unity PARC last night MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh presented Mayor Power with funding approval from the Community Healthy Living Fund offered through the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development, to improve the wellness room at the facility.

On March 31st, the Town of Placentia hosted MP Ken McDonald and MHA Sherry Gambin-Walsh for an announcement at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre that saw the contribution of funds to make improvements to the sound, lighting and general aesthetics at the centre. The funding of just under \$50,000 was approved as partnership between the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, provincial department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation and the Town of Placentia. Mayor Power extended thanks to our government partners in this and all initiatives.

Adoption of Agenda for April 18, 2017

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #17-075

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the agenda for April 18, 2017 as presented prior to the meeting is approved by Council.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2017

The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no errors or omissions noted.

Motion #17-076

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Council meeting are adopted as circulated.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Business Arising from Minutes and/or Action Sheet

At the last meeting, the Deputy Mayor questioned whether new construction on Church Road would affect the water pressure for other residents; he again posed the question; the Public Works Supervisor replied there is no issue, especially with the fact that there are fewer houses there than there used to be.

Councillor Collins questioned if there is an indication of the registration numbers for the YMCA Summer Day Camp program and asked that this be checked. Although this is not a Town program, management will reach out to the YMCA for the numbers for Council's information purposes.

Brief discussion was held on the disposal of the 1970 Ford Pumper Truck that is no longer of use to the Fire Department. Councillor Coombs was in favour of selling it for a little over \$500 however Council agreed that the truck has been well maintained and may be of use to some community with limited resources. If it is to be donated to another municipality, Fire and Emergency Services will facilitate the process.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillor Dan Greene, Resource Person - CAO)

Infrastructure Renewal & Sustainability Agreement (Energy Audit)

The Executive Committee recommends that Council award the Request for Proposals for the Infrastructure Renewal & Sustainability Assessment to Honeywell at a cost of \$550,000.00 and that the Town enter into a Letter of Intent agreement with them to completed a detailed engineering report for this project.

Motion #17-077

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approves award of the Request for Proposals for the Infrastructure Renewal & Sustainability Assessment to Honeywell at a cost of \$550,000.00 and further that the Town enter into a LOI agreement with them to completed a detailed engineering report for this project.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Staff will move forward with the preparation of the Letter of Intent; Deputy Mayor Pearson explained that this project will be funded from savings realized; if savings are not met, the proponent will absorb the costs. Pay back will be clearly outlined in the agreement when it is drafted. Councillor Collins requests that all buildings be included.

Wayfinding Signage

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the award of the Request for Proposals for the design concept and estimates for wayfinding signage for the Town of Placentia to Mills & Wright at a cost of \$7,750.00; recovery of \$5,000.00 of this cost is approved by a grant under the Consultant Advisory Services program from the Avalon West Community Business Development Corporation.

Motion #17-078

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approves the award of the Request for Proposals for the design concept and estimates for wayfinding signage for the Town of Placentia to Mills & Wright at a cost of \$7,750.00; recovery of \$5,000.00 of this cost is approved by a grant under the Consultant Advisory Services program from the Avalon West Community Business Development Corporation.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Returning Officer

The Executive Committee recommends that Council appoint the Town Clerk to the position of Returning Officer for the 2017 Municipal Elections as per the Municipalities Act.

Motion #17-079

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approves the appointment of Town Clerk Charlotte Hickey to the position of Returning Officer for the 2017 Municipal Elections as per the Municipalities Act.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Alternate Returning Officer

The Executive Committee recommends that Council appoint the Deputy Clerk to the position of Alternate Returning Officer for the 2017 Municipal Elections as per the Municipalities Act.

Motion #17-080

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the appointment of Deputy Clerk Mary Greene to the position of Alternate Returning Officer for the 2017 Municipal Elections as per the Municipalities Act.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Election Schedule

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the following schedule of dates for the 2017 Municipal Election:

Notice of Nomination Day	August 19, 2017
Voters List Complete	August 26, 2017
Nomination Date	August 29, 2017
Publish List of Nominees	September 6, 2017
Notice of Advance Poll	September 13, 2017
Advance Poll (1 day, 1 poll station)	September 23, 2017
Election Day	September 26, 2017

Motion #17-081

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolves that Council approves the following schedule of dates for the 2017 Municipal Election:

Notice of Nomination Day	August 19, 2017
Voters List Complete	August 26, 2017
Nomination Date	August 29, 2017
Publish List of Nominees	September 6, 2017
Notice of Advance Poll	September 13, 2017
Advance Poll (1 day, 1 poll station)	September 23, 2017
Election Day	September 26, 2017

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Business Permit Policy

The Executive Committee recommended that Council approve Business Policy for the Town of Placentia as prepared and circulated to Council for review.

Motion #17-082

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approves the Business Policy for the Town of Placentia as prepared and circulated to Council for review.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

FCM Convention

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the expenditure of \$1,786.00 expenses each plus registration fees for one councillor and one staff person to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2017 Annual Convention and Trade Show in Ottawa in June 2017. The cost will cover hotel room, per diem for meals and airfare fees; there is no allowance for loss of wages.

Motion #17-083

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the expenditure of \$1,786.00 expenses each plus registration fees for one councillor and one staff person to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2017 Annual Convention and Trade Show in Ottawa in June 2017. The cost will cover hotel room, per diem for meals and airfare fees; there is no allowance for loss of wages.

Discussion on the Motion

Councillor Collins noted that it is shameful that Council will not cover loss of wages and noted she has no intention of applying to go. She expressed that this was being done because of her previous claim which was denied and indicated that she is not done with that instance yet. She continued that the Municipalities Act says loss of wages can be covered. Mayor Power noted that the provision for loss of wages within the Act requires prior approval of Council. Councillor Collins feels that Council should better educate volunteers and it is shameful Councillors won't support that by approving payment of wages. Deputy Mayor Pearson took exception to Councillor Collins' comments that Council should be shamed stating it is not proper etiquette to speak that way; he stated that he volunteers his time as a Councillor he does not and will not put the burden on taxpayers. Mayor Power agreed that shouting shame against peers is not parliamentary procedure and called for a respectful vote.

Vote on the Motion:

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion; Councillor Collins voted against the motion.)

Registration Fees

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the expenditure of \$264.50 HST included for registration dues for membership in the Canadian Payroll Association.

Motion #17-084

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approve the expenditure of \$264.50 HST included for registration dues for membership in the Canadian Payroll Association.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion; Councillor Collins voted against the motion.)

Councillor Coombs declared conflict as the owner of the property in question on motion #16-331.

Amendment of Motion #16-331

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve amendment of the Minutes of the Public Meeting held in December 2016 to correct the clerical error in the vote recorded for Motion #16-331. The amendment will remove Councillor Coombs from the vote count as he had declared conflict and did not participate in the vote.

Motion #17-084

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Nash

Be it resolved that Council approves amendment of the Minutes of the Public Meeting held in December 2016 to correct the clerical error in the vote recorded for Motion #16-331. The amendment will remove Councillor Coombs from the vote count as he had declared conflict and did not participate in the vote.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Nash, and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Councillor Coombs returned to the meeting.

Municipal Symposium

The 2017 Municipal Symposium is coming up in May and Councillors were asked to advise the Executive Assistant if they intend to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Dan Greene, Chair; Councillors William Woodman & Frankie Nash; Resource Person - Administrative Office Manager)

Accounts Payable Transaction Journal

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated April 10, 2017 in the amount of \$65,655.83.

Motion #17-085

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated April 10, 2017 in the amount of \$65,655.83.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

General Accounts Cheque Register

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the General Accounts Cheque Register dated April 7, 2017 in the amount of \$211,659.68 for cheque numbers 025488 to 025585.

Motion #17-086

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the General Accounts Cheque Register dated April 7, 2017 in the amount of \$211,659.68 for cheque numbers 025488 to 025585.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Special Accounts Cheque Register

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of April, 2017.

Motion #17-087

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of April, 2017.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Visa Statement

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the Visa statement for the period February 28 to March 27, 2017 in the amount of \$3,108.50.

Motion #17-088

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the Visa statement for the period February 28 to March 27, 2017 in the amount of \$3,108.50.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Radar Sign

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the purchase of a radar sign for Townside Placentia from Atlantic Construction Elite Services in the amount of \$4,182.50 plus HST.

Motion #17-089

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the purchase of a radar sign for Townside Placentia from Atlantic Construction Elite Services in the amount of \$4,182.50 plus HST.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

PBIS Sponsorship

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the donation of \$6,000 *Partner Sponsorship* for the 2017 Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase.

Motion #17-090

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the donation of \$6,000 *Partner Sponsorship* for the 2017 Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Regatta Committee Grant

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the release of the grant of \$5,000.00 to the Placentia Rowing Club pending receipt of their 2016 financial statements.

Motion #17-091

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the release of the grant of \$5,000.00 to the Placentia Rowing Club pending receipt of their 2016 financial statements.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Business Tax Adjustment Request

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the adjustment of \$341.93 business tax and related interest on Account # BAILT002.

Motion #17-092

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the adjustment of \$341.93 business tax and related interest on Account # BAILT002.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Sale of Land

The Finance Committee recommends that Council not approve the \$2,500.00 offer to purchase land located at #88D Old Settlement Hill that did not sell during the tax recovery initiative; this amount is less than the tax owing.

Motion #17-093

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council does not approve acceptance of the \$2,500.00 offer to purchase land located at #88D Old Settlement Hill that did not sell during the tax recovery initiative; this amount is less than the tax owing.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Vacant Land Tax Adjustment Request

The Finance Committee recommends that Council not approve the request to write of the vacant land tax on account #WILEK001 as the vacant land tax is mandated by the Provincial Government.

Motion #17-094

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council does not approve the request to write of the vacant land tax on account #WILEK001 as the vacant land tax is mandated by the Provincial Government.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Business Tax Adjustment Request

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the adjustment as requested on Account #ARGEN020 in the amount of \$50,346.90 plus HST of \$3,020.82 business tax as the business ceased operations in 2016.

Motion #17-095

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the adjustment as requested on Account #ARGEN020 in the amount of \$50,346.90 plus HST of \$3,020.82 business tax when other due taxes are received as the business ceased operations in 2016.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Sale of Electric Sander

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the sale of surplus equipment - Snow Ex Electric Sander to the highest bidder, Skyline Contracting at \$812.92.

Motion #17-096

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the sale of surplus equipment - Snow Ex Electric Sander to the highest bidder, Skyline Contracting at \$812.92.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Effluent Monitoring Expenditure

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the expenditure of \$5,865.00 HST included on a quarterly basis for a total of \$23,460.00 for 2017 to BioMaxx Wastewater Solutions to continue effluent monitoring as long as it is mandated by the federal government.

Motion #17-097

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council approves the expenditure of \$5,865.00 included on a quarterly basis for a total of \$23,460.00 for 2017 to BioMaxx Wastewater Solutions to continue effluent monitoring as long as it is mandated by the federal government.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Purchase of Wireless Headsets

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the purchase of 7 Wireless Headsets and Lifter Sets from Bell Aliant for all office staff in the total amount of \$2,972.69 from the approved budget.

Motion #17-098

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the purchase of 7 Wireless Headsets and Lifter Sets from Bell Aliant for all office staff in the total amount of \$2,972.69 from the approved budget.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

FCM Legal Defense Fund

The Finance Committee recommends that Council not approve payment of the invoice from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Legal Defense Fund in the amount of \$96.36 (HST included) as Council is already supported in this way by Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

Motion #17-099

Councillor Nash/Councillor Woodman

Be it resolved that Council does not approve payment of the invoice from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Legal Defense Fund in the amount of \$96.36 (HST included) as Council is already supported in this way by Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Printing of Town Maps

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the expenditure of \$2,500.00 plus HST for the printing of 10,000 Town of Placentia Maps from the Print & Sign Shop.

Motion #17-100

Councillor Nash/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the expenditure of \$2,500.00 plus HST for the printing of 10,000 Town of Placentia Maps from the Print & Sign Shop.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor William Woodman, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & Frank Coombs; Resource Person - Public Works Supervisor)

Residential Extension Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve a permit to extend an existing residence at #11 Bond Street, Southeast as per the application.

Motion #17-101

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the permit to extend an existing residence at #11 Bond Street, Southeast as per the application.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Residential Extension Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve a permit for a residential carport extension at #988 Main Road, Dunville.

Motion #17-102

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the permit for a residential carport extension at #988 Main Road, Dunville.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Accessory Building Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve the application to construct a storage shed at #20 Frecker Place, Dunville on the stipulation that the Newfoundland Power easement is maintained.

Motion #17-103

Councillor Woodman/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that Council approves the application to construct a storage shed at #20 Frecker Place, Dunville on the stipulation that the Newfoundland Power easement is maintained.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Accessory Building Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve the application to construct a storage shed at #1576-1584 Main Road, Dunville as per the submitted application with the stipulation that pegs are put in place and approved by the Public Works Department prior to construction; the homeowner accepts responsibility for any damages occurring as a result of the placement of the structure near the bank and finish design must be similar in material and color as the primary residence. Construction must meet municipal accessory building regulations of less than 80% sq. ft. of primary building and under 6 m in height.

Motion #17-104

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the application to construct a storage shed at #1576-1584 Main Road, Dunville as per the submitted application with the stipulation that pegs are put in place and approved by the Public Works Department prior to construction; the homeowner accepts responsibility for any damages occurring as a result of the placement of the structure near the bank and finish design must be similar in material and color as the primary residence. Construction must meet municipal accessory building regulations of less than 80% sq. ft. of primary building and under 6 m in height.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Occupancy Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve an occupancy permit to operate Placentia Wireless Inc. at Placentia Mall.

Motion #17-105

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves an occupancy permit to operate Placentia Wireless Inc. at Placentia Mall.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Remediation Permit - Argentina

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve the application for a Remediation Permit for the beach in Argentina near the Canadian Coast Guard Building pending confirmation of the contract cost.

Motion #17-106

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a Remediation Permit for the beach in Argentina near the CCG Building pending confirmation of the contract cost.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Quarry Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council reject RJG's application for a Quarry Permit in Argentina on the basis that a precedent was set in 2013 where a similar application from Dexter Construction was rejected.

Motion #17-107

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council rejects RJG's application for a Quarry Permit in Argentina on the basis that a precedent was set in 2013 where a similar application from Dexter Construction was rejected.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Vendor Permit Application

The Public Works Committee recommends that Council approve the application for a Vendor Permit for lawn care, snow clearing, and maintenance.

Motion #17-108

Councillor Woodman/Councillor Coombs

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a Vendor Permit for lawn care, snow clearing, and maintenance.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Nash, Collins, Coombs and Woodman voted in favour of the motion.)

Sewer Line Issue - # 1 Blockhouse Road

The Public Works Supervisor has done some preliminary investigation into the relocation of water and sewer lines at #1 Blockhouse Road. He will meet with the property owner to discuss options.

Waste Management Contract

Management has been information gathering in anticipation of tendering for waste collection services. This will be reviewed and brought to committee for their input.

Placentia Gut Water Line

The work to sink the line in Placentia Gut is now complete; an inspection video will be provided when conditions allow for clear visibility underwater.

Standing Offer - Equipment Rental

The standing offer for equipment rental will be presented to Committee next month.

Hydrant Removal Request - Veterans Way

Councillor Coombs declared conflict and left the meeting.

The Public Works Supervisor reported that the request for hydrant relocation was investigated. The hydrant is not on private property which was verified by examination of the survey provided. The Town will not move and it is not recommended that the owner be permitted to move the hydrant.

Councillor Coombs returned to the meeting.

MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Frank Coombs, Chair; Councillors Dan Greene & William Woodman; Resource Person - CAO)

The Chair reviewed the Municipal Enforcement Officer's report and suggested that there should be no need to chase people for permits for signs; Mayor Power commented that there is because there is a policy in place to follow that mandates enforcement of such permits.

There was discussion on a resident's habitual collection of bundles of garbage and personal issues involving the person in question. Councillor Coombs comments that the person's biggest fault is that he has no way to the recycling depot and questioned if these type issues are enough to warrant the Municipal Enforcement Officer's job.

Councillor Collins suggested that the Town work with the resident as has been done in the past is the reason that the MEO monitors to ensure that the situation doesn't get out of hand.

Deputy Mayor Pearson noted that there is "stuff" there and asked to ensure that everyone in the community is treated the same - enforce fairly.

RCMP Report

Reference was made to the RCMP report that was circulated for Council's information; Constable Peter Daigle's recent posting to the Placentia Detachment was noted.

CULTURE & TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)

Deputy Mayor Pearson advised Council that Promotional Maps will be distributed around town and put on the Marine Atlantic ferry to help increase tourism activity.

The three levels of government have partnered to contribute \$50,000 toward improvements in lighting, sound and aesthetics of the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre.

Canadian Heritage has lowered their contribution to the Voices of Placentia Bay Festival however this event is growing to self-sufficiency as it should be.

Letters have been sent to seasonal staff advising of start dates for this summer's employment. Councillor Woodman asked if the program is subsidized and was advised that it is not and has not been since the archaeology program was last funded.

Invitations have gone out for the Volunteer Lunch will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion this year on April 28th. A representative of the YMCA will be the guest speaker.

Legendary Coasts had two different meetings at the Arts Centre this month dealing with development opportunities - one on tourism and the other on culture. These were deemed to be very informative however there was low attendance from locals.

Planning for officials of Plentzia to visit Placentia are ongoing. This is a twinning exchange as well as culture sharing event. Preparation of two identical commemorative quilts - one for Plentzia and one for Placentia is ongoing. The welcoming ceremony will take place at the Town Hall to be followed by a reception.

Ternua 2017 plans are being formed with four local rowers interested in joining the Basque crew on a leg of their journey. The Facilities Manager is supervising accommodations and other arrangements.

Laval High School is involved in an audio visual program that has been put together by a local person and will be displayed at the Arts Centre. It is hoped that students will make a connection with students from the Basque Country to exchange cultural information.

The Town's Tourism App will be launched on May 12th. The Deputy Mayor described this as one of the better things brought forward that will be beneficial to residents and tourists. Hon. Sherry Gambin-Walsh will be the guest speaker at the presentation event.

Training in the administration of a new message alert system is ongoing by staff; this mass notification network will not only send emergency alerts but will be able to advise consenting residents of upcoming events and information messages via telephone, text and/or e-mail. Promotional information on the application will be made available to the general public and assistance with registration will be offered in the near future.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Frankie Nash; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Resource Person - CAO)

Councillor Collins advised Council that the All NL Midget D hockey tournament is taking place at Unity PARC arena from April 17 - 19, 2017.

Residents were encouraged to follow the *Find Your Fit* calendar posted around Town and on the Town's social media sites.

Beach/shoreline cleanup is taking place on April 22nd; residents are encouraged to adopt a beach area and clean up.

The local Community Youth Network has been nominated for this year's Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador's Volunteer Group of the Year award for their outstanding effort and contribution to the development of recreation.

The LaFontaine Club's annual fishing contest is scheduled for May 27th; the Town will provide promotional items.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Frankie Nash, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Councillor Noella Collins; Resource Person - CAO)

Councillor Nash reported that the Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase is set for September 20 and 21, 2017. The Town will be a sponsor in this event.

The Age Friendly Fair is June 9 and 10, 2017. The Town will support this event and has reserved a booth at the proceedings.

The Town will host representatives from the Governor General Leadership Conference Study Group on June 8th. They will briefly tour the area and take part in a social and discussion session.

COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Councillor Coombs thanked Mayor Power for attending his Mother’s birthday celebration and bringing a certificate from the Town commemorating the occasion. It was much appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Pearson asked that consideration be given to relocating an unused bus stop in Southeast from one spot to a location where it would better serve students. This will be investigated and brought to the attention of the school board.

Deputy Mayor Pearson also noted that the issue of the composting facility on the Argentia Access Road is back in the news. Council is still opposed to this development being located in close proximity to our municipality.

Mayor Power advised Council that he met with Hon. Judy Foote in Argentia a short time before she went on leave and a number of issues were discussed with her and MP Ken McDonald. The Mayor will work with MP McDonald’s assistant, Ken Andrews on follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 9:05 p.m. with the close of business.

MAYOR WAYNE D. POWER, MAYOR

CHARLOTTE HICKEY, CAO

DATE