



MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held October 27, 2020 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Bernard S. Power

Mayor: Keith Pearson

Councillors: Noella Collins

Kay Smith

Jane Hynes

Lorraine Collins-Power

Staff

Mary Greene, CAO(A)

Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent

Rhonda Power, Mgr. Tourism, Marketing & Hospitality

Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (A), Recording

Spectators: Zero (0)

Absent: Debbie Gear (Medical Leave)
Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick (Personal)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING

The accounting department is stepping up measures on collections for payment of business, property, water, and sewer taxes. Council depends on the collections for operations. Taxpayers in arrears to the Town will be notified with a course of action including water shut-off notice, property seizure, garnishment of rental income or collection agency referral. The Town understands that people go through hardships, residents in arrears are advised to contact the accounting staff to make arrangements for payment by visiting the office or by calling 709-227-2151.

Residents are reminded that the Town Office is a place of respect for employees and the public. Bullying, verbal abuse or any threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Please respect others.

Council and staff extend condolences to Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick and her family on the passing of her father. Mr. Wayne Browne was a well-known long-standing businessman in the community that employed many in the area. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Browne and Picco families.

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On behalf of Council, condolences are extended to the family of late Rita Power. Rita was well known in the community for volunteering, offering support and helping others. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Laval High School's AAA Boys Slo-Pitch Team who won gold at the Sectional Tournament on October 17th, the AAA Boys Soccer Team who won gold at the Sectional Tournament; and to the AAA Girls Softball Team who also won gold at the Sectional Tournament over the weekend. Great job done by all!

The Kids Eat Smart Foundation will be hosting a radiothon on VOCM November 4th. Many families are struggling with no food at home, and no way to feed their children. Every \$1 raised will give a child breakfast. Please donate to this important foundation.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology have announced \$30 million in funding to provide financial support to eligible small businesses and non-profit community organizations to provide relief for the impacts felt because of the covid-19 pandemic. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis until December 15, 2020 or until funds are exhausted. To find out more information on the Small Business Assistance Program, visit www.gov.nl.ca/iet/small-business-assistance-program

Congratulations to Constable Sarah Bass on winning the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Police Officer of the Year Award for 2020.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #20-265

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held October 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-266

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the minutes of September 29, 2020 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

ACTION SHEET

- The review of the Star's request for Heritage Designation is completed.
- The purchase of the camera for the skate sharpener at the Arena will be included in next year's budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Executive Committee had the following recommendations:



Motion #20-267

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve to hire Genesis Employment Worker for the Unity Parc, Town Hall, and Arts Centre on a week to week basis with no contract at a cost of \$6,396 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-268

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve revisions to the approved purchasing policy to include the Public Works Operations Foreman to have authority to issue P.O's with a pre-approved limit of \$500 and to reverse authority of the Municipal Enforcement Officer as no P.O authority is required for this position is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

In the absence of the Public Works Superintendent the Public Works Foreman will now have authority to issue P.O's during daily operations. The MEO reports to the PWS and the PWF so there is no requirement for the MEO to issue P.O's.

Motion #20-269

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the recommendation of LW Consulting in the recruiting process for a CAO and advise LW Consulting to proceed with a letter of offer as presented to the successful candidate is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Highlights from the Executive Meeting:

The RFP for the pool project closed 2 weeks ago, the review process is ongoing and should be completed by October 30th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #20-270

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Cimco Refrigeration in the amount of \$3,183.44 for Compressor Refit at the Arena is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-271

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Devan Holdings Inc. in the amount of \$1,136.20 for 2 backhoe tires is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)



Motion #20-272

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Edward Collins Contracting Limited in the amount of \$5,106 for Emergency Road Repairs in Southeast on September 23, 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-273

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Jet Ice in the amount of \$1,577.08 for 7 20kg boxes of jet ice white 3000 ice paint and 4 3.78L pails of jet ice blue line paint is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-274

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix Inc. in the amount of \$2,458.13 for 4hr rental of Vacuum Truck on September 25th at Super One Stop and 5.5hr rental of Vacuum Truck on October 1st for Lake's Road in Dunville is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-275

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix Inc. in the amount of \$1,086.76 for 3hr Combination Truck rental on October 9, 2020 at Freshwater is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-276

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated October 19, 2020 in the amount of \$14,999.34 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-277

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$92,704.65 for cheques numbered 028842 to 028909 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-278

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$60,516.98 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-279

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated August 28 to September 28, 2020 in the amount of \$847.20 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)



Motion #20-280

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time only interest adjustment to account #KELLR005 in the amount of \$476.75, the account is paid in full is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-281

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve business tax adjustment in the amount of \$100 to account #D0JSE001 as the account ceased operation as per correspondence received Oct. 9, 2020 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-282

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a \$150 donation towards the Laval High School Scholarship fund for the 2019-2020 school year is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-283

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve \$8,000 for the purchase of filter sand and anthracite for Dunville water system and minor upgrades is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

The purchase of filter sand and anthracite being purchased is a treatment to resolve some of the issues with the discoloration of Dunville Water.

Motion #20-284

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible arena rental fees on account #AAA00001 in the amount of \$1,254 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-285

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business taxes on account #ARGEN006 in the amount of \$5,406.24 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-286

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business taxes on account #CLARK001 in the amount of \$1,308 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Uncollectible business tax is taxes unpaid after a business ceases operation and the business does not have a property tax that can be recovered with collections. The write-off's voted on at this meeting have been recommended by the Finance Committee as uncollectible.



Motion #20-287

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #CROU.001 in the amount of \$1,135 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-288

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #DIVIN001 in the amount of \$377.40 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-289

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #FIVES001 in the amount of \$1,416 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-290

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #EASYC001 in the amount of \$1,023.11 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-291

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #GRAND002 in the amount of \$1,588.33 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-292

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible interest on account #HUNT-001 in the amount of \$675 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-293

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible commercial property tax, water & sewer tax, business tax, commercial renovation tax, and quarry tax on account #HYNES001 in the total amount of \$32,730.84 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-294

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #JENNI001 in the amount of \$2,940.55 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

- Motion #20-295** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible marshalling yard tax on account #KENTH001 in the amount of \$14,715 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-296** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #LITTL001 in the amount of \$2,348.56 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-297** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #MALTH001 in the amount of \$983.27 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-298** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible arena sign rental fees on account #MOLS001 in the amount of \$240 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-299** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #PLACE009 in the amount of \$1,639 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-300** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #PREMI001 in the amount of \$2,360 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-301** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #RMKSE001 in the amount of \$15,231.51 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)
- Motion #20-302** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible interest on account #SNC-D001 in the amount of \$445.73 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)


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Motion #20-303

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #SPARR002 in the amount of \$6,205.03 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-304

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #THESH001 in the amount of \$436 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-305

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible business tax on account #TIPSA001 in the amount of \$570 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-306

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the write-off of uncollectible marshalling yard tax on account #UNITE009 in the amount of \$5,675 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-307

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of \$4,000 to the Placentia Area Historical society as budgeted is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Motion #20-308

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Gerald Barry to construct a garage at #180-188 Southeast Road with the stipulation that municipal regulations are met; the building must be less than 6m in height and less than 80% of the square footage of the main building. The new structure must be complementary to the primary building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-309

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Steven O'Keefe to construct a patio at #66-70 Jersey Hill is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-310

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from 84647 NL Corp for commercial renovation to building located at #10-12 Prince William Drive. This is not a permit to occupy the building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-311

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve occupancy permit application from Reno V Services at #3-9 Freshwater Crescent for renovations and repairs on campers pending all Government Services Centre approvals or exemptions are received and with the stipulation to keep the outside section of the building free of salvage and parts is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-312

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve fence development application from the Star of the Sea at #22-26 Jubilee Street with the stipulation that the Town is not responsible for any damages that may occur from snow clearing, etc. due to the closeness of the fence to the road and that any lighting does not cause imposition to vehicular traffic or sight lines of drivers is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-313

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Donald Fitzpatrick for residential extension at #15-21 Southeast Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-314

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Lester & Valerie Power for residential extension at #14 Orcan Drive is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-315

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve occupancy permit application from Joanne Cochrane and Jamel Knight for home-based business, Bay Chalets at #1551 Main Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-316

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Jason Seay for commercial renovations to building at #28-30 Prince William Drive. This is not a permit to occupy the building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-317

Councillor Collins-Power/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve Capital Works Priority List in order as presented: (1) Station Road Flooding; (2) Battery Road Flooding; (3) Freshwater Sewer Outfall; (4) Dunville Water Line is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #20-318

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the sale of surplus assets as listed: 2009 Ford F-350 with Hydraulic Dump, reserve amount \$2,000; 2009 Ford Ranger Truck; 1956 Firetruck; 4 Portable Wheeled Extinguishers (2 Amerex & 2 Flag); SnowPro Sander with Control Module; 2012 Compare L- Series Airstation Compressor, Tank & Dryer, reserve amount \$2,000; 2013 Compare L-Series Compressor, reserve amount \$1,900 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Highlights of the Public Works & Safety Committee Meeting:

The RCMP report for August was circulated and reviewed by Committee. There were 90 files open in September within our Town and assisting other detachments.

The Municipal Enforcement Officer has been communicating with the RCMP regarding ATV's on the public roads which is a safety concern. Efforts are ongoing to get the issue rectified.

CULTURE, TOURISM & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Councillor Fitzpatrick; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)

The Culture, Tourism and Beautification Committee had no recommendations, however, provided the following updates:

The Three Sisters Building has been designated as a Municipal Heritage Structure and the Star of the Sea building as a Municipal Heritage Landmark in our Town. Plaques will be presented in recognition of their designations.

Unightly properties are a continuous issue to tourism in the area. Public Works have taken initiative to get the properties cleaned up.

The Legendary Coasts of Eastern Newfoundland Annual General Meeting is taking place October 28th from 10 am – 12 pm as a virtual event.

Placentia 350 Inc. hired two students to record local artists for the voices exhibit. If restriction allow, Voices will host concerts over Christmas.

The Archbishop informed the Town that the request for convent land has been forwarded to the Sacred Heart Finance Committee for review. A meeting for the Convent Committee will be scheduled once new information is received regarding the land.

The Santa Claus Parade can go ahead this year with some changes. The parade route will be revisited and the event with Santa at the Arts Centre may have to change. The Town will meet with the Dunville Lion's Club to finalize coordination.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person – Manager of Recreation and Community programming)

The Arena reopened October 15th for the season. There were some minor obstacles with the new guidelines as our arena has stricter guidelines than others; however, safety is our main priority. Workers and users need to adjust and comply with rules around covid. The return to play document is posted on the Town website. Rules are being modified as need be. The Manager stated that he was pleased with the group effort from all Town staff for working together to make the opening successful. Thanks to everyone for their help.

The provincial government has announced funding for arenas in response to covid-19. Funding was approved through the Special Assistance Grant program to provide a one-time grant of up to \$10,000. The application will be submitted before the deadline of December 11, 2020.

The skate sharpener is in operation at the Arena. All workers are trained to use the skate sharpener. Both hockey and figure skates can be sharpened at a cost of \$8 a pair.

Planning is in progress and the opening of the fitness room may be the next phase. The recommendation will be brought forward if and when the decision is made.

Protocols are being reviewed to determine if the Music and Friends group can utilize the Arts Centre. Guidelines from the Chief medical Officer will be followed.

The Town will not be hosting a Truck or Treat this year; however, will be hosting a virtual Halloween activity for kids. Photos of kids dressed in Halloween costumes or doing a fun Halloween activity are to be submitted by October 31st. The Town is accepting prize donations, such as gift card, iTunes cards, etc., for the draw.

The overview report and financials of the virtual summer recreation program was reviewed by the Committee. The total project was 40% underbudget. The Town is very pleased with the work PADA did hosting the program, the partnerships that were built and are looking forward to another successful program next year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Motion #20-319

Councillor Hynes/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of \$1,648 plus HST to App Promotions for renewal of the Town app contract as budgeted is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Highlights from the Meeting:

Residents can find the Municipal Highlights on the Town's Facebook page or website and it was shared through the Placentia Aware Notification System. Paper copies will once again be distributed through outside venues. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Placentia Aware Notification System for alerts and updates by visiting the website placentia.ca, contacting the Town Hall office by calling 227-2151 or email townofplacentia@placentia.ca.

The Town Hall office has returned to regular schedule, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The Arts Centre and Unity PARC are also open. Safety guidelines are in place for users to follow. For safety of our residents and staff, if you are experiencing cold/flu like symptoms we ask that you do not enter any Town facilities. Residents are reminded to obtain accurate information regarding covid-19 from the government website at www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/.

Packages including hand sanitizer, pencils and hand washing reminders that included the #RespectOthers campaign were distributed for students at Laval High and St. Anne's Academy. The bags are recyclable for kids to reuse. Thanks to Councillor Smith for helping prepare the bags.

There will be a virtual pre-budget consultation for residents to ask questions to Council and offer suggestions for budget 2021. Forms will be available online or at the Town office for residents to fill out and submit. Future virtual sessions will be scheduled, and the dates will be announced to residents. Residents are reminded 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 townofplacentia@placentia.ca.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Councillor Noella Collins and Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power attended via teleconference; Resource Person – CAO)

Next year, the Town is reviewing a business initiative of introducing a tax rebate for businesses who stay in business over milestone periods, such as 5 years (bronze), 10 years (silver), and 25 years (gold). An incentive discussed was a plaque from the Town to celebrate the 25th anniversary which would be presented during Small Business Week 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

There is some asphalt patching remaining that the contractor will complete. There are other items and repairs identified that are to be completed before winter.



There are some matters for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to address. Shoulders of the roads have some washouts due to flooding and culvert issues which the Town is requesting to be addressed. The Minister has been invited to the area to see the issues firsthand.

Capital Works update, Dunville residents are concerned about the condition of the water. There was a boil order in effect which has been lifted, however, the color of the water is not satisfactory to residents or Council. Council have been successful in achieving the funding required to get Dunville connected to the Clarke's Pond pump station. The approximate cost of the latest project is 3.4 million dollars. Engineering has been completed for the connection from the pumphouse to Clarke's pond, for upgrades to the pumphouse and connection of the ponds. The engineering designs are now with the government for approval. Once approval is given from the provincial government, the tender will be announced in the paper and awarded accordingly. It is a slower process than Council wanted, covid did have an impact. Meridian Engineering, the engineering firm selected for this project, have stepped up to the plate and succeeded in getting the submission into the government by the deadline of September 29th as outlined. Once the project is awarded it should be completed by spring 2021. Public Works Chair Councillor Collins-Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson and Mayor Power attended a meeting with the Route 100 Committee and the Dunville Needs Clean Water Committee and outlined what Council has been doing to correct the issues. The project will be awarded soon and Dunville will have better, cleaner water. Council has been very successful in getting to this stage and are at the final stage to get Dunville connected to a better water source. Thanks to Dunville residents for their patience and cooperation while this project is being completed.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

It is the time of the year when the evenings are short and is a hard time for some people, including our seniors. If you need help or someone to talk to you can visit the provincial government's site at www.bridgethegapp.ca . There are links to mental health and wellness resources for families and individuals.

Kids will be trick-or-treating on Saturday. They are going to be excited and have masks on so be respectful, keep your distance, be careful while giving out treats and drive safe. There will be no trick-or-treating at the Lion's Manor this year which will be different for residents. Hopefully, next year we are back to normal so Halloween can be enjoyed by all. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

The food bank is taking donations. Please donate if you can. There will be a lot of people in need this year.

If you know someone who contracts covid-19, please be kind and respectful.

This is the time of year when there are a lot of leaves around. Please clean up around your house and treat them as garbage so they do not clog storm drains and cause issues.

November 11th, Remembrance Day is approaching. This year the Legion will be holding a private ceremony for the wreath laying at the cenotaph. Please buy and wear a poppy in memory of those who fought and died so we can be free.

Snow tires can now be installed.

You can now get the flu shot. Eastern Health will have a clinic set up at the Freshwater Community Centre on November 23rd, you can make an appointment at the pharmacy, by calling 1-833-951-3904 or online at www.timefortheshot.ca.

Residents are reminded to confirm your house number, so they match with your property assessment notice. Make sure it is in clear view for emergency services.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion #20-320

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Collins


Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)



BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR



MARY GREENE, CAO(A)



DATE