



MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held February 23, 2021 via zoom teleconference:

Council

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

Staff

Robert Beupertuis, CAO
Mary Greene, Manager of Finance
Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent
Rhonda Power, Mgr. Tourism, Marketing & Hospitality
Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (A), Recording

Absent: Debbie Gear (Medical Leave)

Spectators: Zero (0)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING

Due to the recent change in covid-19 and return to Alert Level 5, Council has closed all Town buildings to the public and reintroduced one-way traffic on the Great Beach Boardwalk to support physical distancing. The Town will keep the shoulders of Veterans Way and the entrances of the boardwalk free of snow and ice for walkers. If you wish to conduct business or have any concerns, you can call the office at 709-227-2151 ext. 0, or email townofplacentia@placentia.ca. Residents are asked to be respectful of all rules and guidelines and are encouraged to download the Covid Alert app on your mobile devices. For accurate information regarding covid-19, visit government website www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/

The Town signed a proclamation to recognize February 15th as Heritage Day and February 15-21 as Heritage Week. Heritage Day and Heritage Week are a time to reflect on the achievements of past generations, to accept responsibility for protecting our heritage and celebrate our rich and diverse heritage. In recognition of Heritage Week, the Town invited residents to post a heritage picture of our Town. There were 4 winners chosen which were Mary Kerrivan Bradbury, Anita O'Keefe, Helen Griffin, and Connie Newhook. Each will get a \$50 gift card. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who took time to enter a picture.

[Handwritten signatures]

Purple Day is a global effort to promote Epilepsy Awareness in countries around the world. Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma, and improve the quality of life for people living with epilepsy throughout the country and globally. The Town has signed a proclamation for awareness and support. Please wear purple on March 26th to support Epilepsy awareness.

March 6 is World Lymphedema Day. Lymphedema is a chronic and debilitating disease that affects many people in our province. March 6 of each year is internationally recognised as World Lymphedema Day to raise awareness about this disease and the treatment options available. The Town has signed a proclamation for support and awareness.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #21-045

Councillor Collins/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held February 23, 2021 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-046

Councillor Fitzpatrick /Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the minutes of January 26, 2021 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Business Arising

The Water System Upgrade Project for Dunville has award pending on review of tender submissions. We are hoping that the award of the contract will be in the next couple of days. The tendering process is dictated by provincial guidelines and is managed by consulting engineers. The current Capital Works project has an additional scope of work to address any water shortages as it will connect three (3) additional sources to Clarke's Pond supply. Gull Pond, Barron's Pond and Little Barron's Pond will be connected by piping to Clarke's Pond to make up for the additional demand of adding the Dunville system to Clarke's Pond. This project scope was created based on the recommendations of professional engineers.

Currently we have limited ability to remove colour from water as we disinfect and do not have a water treatment plant. Weather such as heavy rain and high winds greatly impact water colour and can have a lasting effect as it takes some time to turn over large water supplies. Colour is identified as an aesthetic concern in water treatment but can be an indicator of issues such as large water main break of concerns are in isolated areas. The current colour issues are throughout the town and are related to the water supply. Additional line flushing is scheduled, and water quality should improve as ice has formed on our water supplies. We are also engaging consultants to see if there are other factors or solutions that can be addressed to improve water colour. We are hoping that our efforts and weather conditions bring improved water colour quickly.



Motion #21-053

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Devan Holdings Inc. in the amount of \$2,197.65 for break repairs and maintenance to vehicle GMM 013 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-054

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Infotech in the amount of \$1,107.15 for computer upgrade for CAO is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-055

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Infotech in the amount of \$1,448.86 for annual monitoring of 10 computers is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-056

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Newhook's Transportation 1982 Ltd. in the amount of \$1,150 for delivery of water supplies in January is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Fitzpatrick declared conflict due to family relation and left the meeting.

Motion #21-057

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Provincial Ready Mix in the amount of \$1,453.60 for rental of 40-cylinder dumpster and 8.3 tonne disposal for salt shed building cleanup is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Councillor Fitzpatrick returned to the meeting.

Motion #21-058

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from Quadiant in the amount of \$1,281.90 to replenish the postage meter is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-059

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from S & S Supply Crosstown Rentals in the amount of \$1,007.40 for high-p cold patch is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-060

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$13,085.21 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)



Motion #21-061 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$250,609.07 for cheques numbered 029150 to 029216 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-062 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Accounts in the amount of \$54,192.93 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-063 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated December 30 to January 27, 2021 in the amount of \$202.97 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-064 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve property, water, and sewer tax adjustment to account #LINEC001 in the amount of \$318.88 as per correspondence received that the house was dismantled, and land was cleared in September 2020. The vacant land water and sewer tax of \$100 will be applied to the account is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-065 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the one-time interest relief to account #SPARA001 in the amount of \$771.08, the account is paid in full is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-066 **Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve extension of Discount Period to April 30, 2021 due to the change in COVID-19 Alert Level is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Motion #21-067 **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve in principle permit application from Evan Traverse to construct a house at #21-31 Castle Hill Road with conditions as reviewed is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-068 **Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit application from Hilary Neville to occupy #197-199 Jersey Hill to

operate a retail store and café pending Government Services approvals or exemptions and Food Services License is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-069

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to reject permit application from James Power to construct a shed on property #709-731 Main Road based on information provided is incomplete is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #21-070

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit application from International Suppliers & contractors Inc. (Intersac) to construct a commercial storage building at #117 Placentia Pike Road pending Government Services approvals or exemptions. This is not a permit to occupy the building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Hynes declared conflict for the next two (2) motions due to family relation and left the meeting.

Motion #21-071

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Anne Whelan to complete commercial renovations to #29-37 Battery Road pending Government Services approvals or exemptions. This is not a permit to occupy the building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Motion #21-072

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve application from Anne Whelan to complete commercial renovations to #77 Blockhouse Road pending Government Services approvals or exemptions. This is not a permit to occupy the building is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS: 6 Councillors Present)

Councillor Hynes returned to the meeting.

Motion #21-073

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit application from Sheldon Keefe to construct a garage at #240 Bond's Path 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)



Motion #21-074

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the permit to approve permit application from John Gale for a storage shed at #178-182 Jersey Hill 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)

Motion #21-075

Councillor Collins-Power/Councillor Hynes

Be It resolved that the motion to approve permit application from Michael Muroski to construct a house at #355 Southeast Road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

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, the Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting report.

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 Recreation Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee Meeting report.

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, the Chair provided an update from the Committee Meeting report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Committee Chair stated there were originally two (2) recommendations to bring forward, however, it was decided to defer so Council can review the Business Incentive Program further.

Committee Chair then tabled the following motion:

1. Committee recommends that Council approve Business Tax Incentive as per attached list in the amount of \$48,807.87 as budgeted.



Motion was not accepted by Chair and declared the Councillor in conflict of interest. The Chair's rationale was that the Councillor removed herself from one other motion at the same meeting where the deemed related party would benefit from this motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eastern Waste has closed the Waste Recovery Facility on Fox Harbour Road. Covid-19 is a problem, however social distancing can be maintained, the service is required, and it is pertinent to be open. There is concern that the closure will result in discriminate dumping, which has been an ongoing concern. Council has contacted Eastern Waste and expressed concerns and has requested the facility reopen for residents to dispose of their waste.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Tomorrow, February 24th is Anti Bullying Day or Pink Shirt Day. Please be kind.

Be safe on the ice while skating. Practice ice safety and test the ice before going on it.

There are still options to pay your taxes with closure of the Town Office and the province in Alert Level 5. A notice will be posted on social media.

The Placentia Bridge has snow and ice on the walkways, be careful while crossing the bridge. The Town will contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to address the concern.

Residents are reminded to dispose of masks properly in the garbage. Please do not litter!

Residents can also visit bridgethegapp.ca; which offers many services to support wellbeing, domestic violence or to speak to a trained mental health peer supporter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion #21-076

Councillor Collins/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)


BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR


ROBERT BEAUPERUIS, CAO

03.30.2021
DATE

