



MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held October 17, 2023 in the Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Keith Pearson
Deputy Mayor: Wayne Power
Councillors: Jamilee Fitzpatrick
Jennifer Richardson
Kay Smith
Mike Williams (Zoom)
Gerard Wilson

Staff

Mary Greene, CAO(A)
Jennifer Bennett, Mgr. T, M & C
Rodney Cooney, Public Works Foreman
Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (R)

Spectators: Zero (0)

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when the community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive. All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development. Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and wellbeing of not only children, but also the adults they become. Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future. Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations, and government entities. This month, emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect and commit to learn more about the behavioral and physical signs of possible abuse. The Town of Placentia proclaimed the month of October to be National Child Abuse Prevention Month and urged all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #23-189

Deputy Mayor Power/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held October 17, 2023 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-190

Deputy Mayor Power/Councillor Richardson

Be it resolved that the minutes of September 18, 2023 are adopted as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

New Business

Amendment of the Following Motion:

Motion #22-204

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Richardson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the award of tender to purchase a Rescue Unit firefighting vehicle as per agreement with Fire and Emergency Services division of the Department of Justice and Safety Project No. FES-NL210006 to sole bidder Metalfab Ltd. The project is based on a 70/30 cost share agreement at a total project cost of \$429,370 plus HST. The Town's portion of project of the 30% cost share is \$134,331.84 plus HST Rebate \$46,002.70 will be paid from own Town sources is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

PORT OF ARGENTIA UPDATE

The Mayor provided an update on the Port of Argentia.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power, Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person – CAO(A))

The Executive Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #23-191

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve Deputy Mayor Power and Councillor Richardson to be voting delegates at the 2023 MNL Conference, Trade Show and AGM in St. John's October 25-28, 2023 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-192

Deputy Mayor Power/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve to proceed with application to the Community Collaboration Grants program for the Fire Training Centre is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Councillor Mike Williams, Councillor Gerard Wilson; Resource Person – Manager of Finance)

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- Motion #23-193** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from the Municipal Assessment Agency in the amount of \$16,965 for forth quarter assessment fees is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-194** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated October 10, 2023 in the amount of \$71,794.66 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-195** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$604,456.62 for cheques numbered 031586 to 031682 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-196** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Special Projects Accounts in the amount of \$599,518.35 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-197** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of visa statement dated August 29, 2023 to September 27, 2023 in the amount of \$3,425.86 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-198** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve business tax adjustment to business located at source #133846 in the amount of \$563.33 as the business ceased operations as per letter received September 18, 2023 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-199** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time interest forgiveness to source #134135 in the amount of \$181.20 is adopted. The account is paid in full. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)
- Motion #23-200** **Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick**
Be it resolved that the motion to approve a one-time interest forgiveness to source #'s 133169, 133171, 134234, 134762, 135092, 261886, and 267943 in the amount of \$485.36 is adopted. The account is paid in full. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

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Mayor Pearson declared conflict for the next motion due to involvement with the Curling Club.

Motion #23-201

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of a nipper for the Unity PARC Curling Club in the amount of \$2,500 plus HST is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Mayor Pearson returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Gerard Wilson, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith, Councillor Mike Williams; Resource Person –Public Works Foreman)

The Public Works Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #23-187

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Richardson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Freshwater Outfall Project #17-MYCW-22-0060 in the amount of \$10,665 including HST to install asphalt swale for erosion control on the shoulder of the road is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-202

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion that the Town of Placentia accepts the cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project letter approval dated October 12, 2023 with a total value of \$1,000,147. This Council agrees to provide the required share of 20% of the overall allocation for approved projects is adopted. Council authorizes Mayor Pearson and Town Clerk, Mary Greene to enter into the funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Placentia. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-188

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to Change Order #2 for the Harbour Drive Storm Sewer Upgrades Project in the amount of \$32,242.18 including HST is adopted. This was for new catch basins, adjust 3 curb stops, increase the size of manhole, repair sanitary sewer manhole, adjust unit quantities and restore property due to grade change. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-203

Councillor Wilson/Deputy Mayor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve reallocation of engineering fees in the amount of \$17,171.56 to be transferred to cover additional construction overruns on the Harbour Drive Storm

Sewer Upgrades project #17-MYCW-22-00061. (MOTION WAS RESCINDED FOR REVIEW)

Motion #23-204

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permission for Meridian Engineering to revisit the plan for Station Road Erosion Control project #17-GI-22-00094 to implement a new approach to reduce the residue on Station Road, improve inground infrastructure to direct runoff to the existing culvert on Main Road and to avoid any encroachment on private property is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-205

Councillor Wilson/Deputy Mayor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a new Multi Year Capital Works application from the 2023/2024 and 2025/2026 allocations of one million one hundred forty-five dollars (\$1,000,145) for upgrades to the sanitary sewer on the Main Road in Dunville estimated for application purpose at \$1,174,371 which includes construction, engineering, contingency and HST is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-206

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to award the Station Road Erosion Control project to the low bidder, Maher's Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$435,275 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #23-207

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the sale of land on Swan's Road across from Matt's Garage as requested by the owner of the garage for a fair market value on condition that the new owner have the property surveyed at their own cost and with the stipulation that the property continue to be maintained to the new owner at the standard they have been maintaining in the past. (MOTION WAS RESCINDED FOR REVIEW)

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power, Councillor Jennifer Richardson; Resource Person – Manager of Tourism, Marketing & Communications)

The Recreation Committee had the following recommendation:

Motion #23-208

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Richardson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the award of Unity PARC Canteen rental for 2023-2024 operating season to Weiner Wagon

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with operation to commence with the opening for the arena is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

TOURISM & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Wayne Power Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person – Manager of Tourism, Marketing & Communications)

The Tourism & Communications Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Mike Williams Chair; Councillor Gerard Wilson; Councillor Jennifer Richardson; Resource Person – Public Works Foreman)

The Planning, Development & Community Enhancement Committee had the following recommendation:

Motion #23-209

Councillor Williams/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the following permit applications is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

- (a.) accessory building permit at #21 New Settlement Hill for a new shed.
- (b.) new home construction at #519 Southeast Road pending receipt of septic approval from Service NL.
- (c.) home-based business hair salon operation at #513 Southeast Road for Electra Studio.
- (d.) residential extension at #77 Freshwater Crescent as submitted.
- (e.) accessory building permit for the construction of a shed at #12 Humphrey Street.
- (f.) the following requests from NL Power to install poles at #304 Ferndale Road, Blockhouse Road, Freshwater Crescent, and Blanche Street for the purpose of new home connection or replacement of deteriorated poles.
- (g.) the replacement of transmission lines on a crown lands easement 345 meters from Wyse Little Pond.

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jennifer Richardson, Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power; Resource Person – Manager of Tourism, Marketing & Communications)

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The Economic Development Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

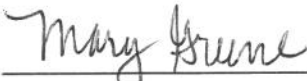
Motion #23-210

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Richardson

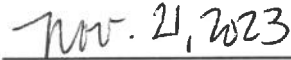
Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)



KEITH PEARSON, MAYOR



MARY GREENE, CAO(A)



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