

Minutes

A public council meeting held at the Massey Drive Town Hall on Tuesday February 1st, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Mayor: Don Brown
Deputy Mayor: Penny Piercey

Councilors: Dianne Wiseman
Gary Warren
Elizabeth Chaulk
Kerry Ryland
Roger Targett

Clerk/Manager: Rodger Hunt
Assistant Town Clerk: Pennie Oke
Residents:

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7PM

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Targett/Chaulk

06-23 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of the January 10th, 2023 public council meeting as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Mayor Brown presented the labour and safety reports.

Warren/Piercey

07-23 Be it resolved that council will accept the labour report and safety report, with 4480 days since last lost time accident, as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Wiseman/Chaulk

08-23 Be it resolved that council will proclaim March 26, 2023 as Purple day for Epilepsy.

Motion Carried Un

Council asked that a notice go on the sign and social media to recognize the day.

Council reviewed the accounts payables.

Piercey/Ryland

09-23 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills in the amount of \$16,879.50 as presented and to ratify the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$ 2338.18 as identified.

Motion Carried Un

Council reviewed the donation list for the past 5 years and Councilor Chaulk said she has done a little research on donations and said that national and provincial charitable organizations are usually supported by the residents of a community and that as a town maybe our town should look more towards setting the town's priorities on how the donation effects the town and its residents. Council decided to form a committee consisting of Councilor Chaulk, Councilor Wiseman and Deputy Mayor Piercey to meet and come up with a policy recommendation and bring it back to council at the next public meeting.

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Council discussed a donation request from Snowboard NL for the team attending the Canada Games in February 2023. Council was informed that there are residents from Massey Drive attending the games for snowboarding.

Ryland/Chaulk

10-23 Be it resolved that council will donate \$200.00 to Snowboard NL for the Canada Games Team. **Motion Carried Un**

It was noted by council that there was no conflict of interest for Councilor Targett as the donation was for Snowboard NL Canada games team.

Deputy Mayor Piercey thanked everyone for all their help with The Young at Heart Dinner. She informed council that meetings has started for the ATV Grad parade for this year. She then told council that she thought they should look into getting the hall's heat pumps professional cleaned to make sure they are mold free. Rodger H. will check on pricing for cleaning the heat pumps.

Councilor Wiseman no new business

Councilor Chaulk mentioned that the events calander on the town's website is empty and asked if we could start using it more. Rodger H. said he would look into it. Councilor Targett said he thought that the official website should be used more and updated regularly as some people will go to the website that do not use social media at all.

Councilor Ryland informed council that he had done the orientation training and he said that some committees that are a branch of council and some are stand alone committees and there are differences between the two. Council discussed and agreed that when recreation wanted to hold an event and wanted to use some of the \$25000.00 that was budgeted for those events, they will come to council and council will pass a motion on how much money out of the budget would be spent on that event. He then mentioned that he thought that there would be problems with the new truck if the operators keep driving it aggressively. Council discussed and Councilor Targett told council that there is equipment that can be bought that tells the speed, location and time that the equipment is being used. Rodger H. informed council that there is an online operator's course online that the operators could do. Council asked Rodger H. to speak to the operators. Councilor Targett told council that he was going down main road hill the other morning and had to go up into the snow bank to avoid the blade on the plow. Rodger H. explained to council how the blade on the new truck is longer. He then said he had a resident approach him concerning a town employee cleaning out their own driveway in front and back. He was told that the employee allows the town to dump snow on his property in both the front and the back to help with snow clearing around town property in that area. Rodger H. told council that they try and put snow as close as possible to keep time and cost down but they can stop putting snow on the employee's property. Council discussed but decided to leave things as they are as it benefits the town.

Councilor Targett Thanked the recreation committee for all the work on the Young at Heart Dinner he said it was a great time and he really enjoyed it. He told council that the budget they passed had no discount for seniors but the City of Corner Brook offers one. He also asked why no discount for early payment anymore. Council discussed. He asked about getting a blue tooth speaker for the town hall and Rodger H. said he would look into it and look at the speaker already in the hall. He informed council that February 22 is Pink Shirt Day for anti bullying and asked for it to go on the town sign. He asked if the town employees were still being held back from doing excessive snow clearing. Rodger H. told him that they are keeping roads open and widened but still only going as needed.

Councilor Warren asked for the yearend report for budgeting for 2022 and was told the clerk would get it done as soon as possible. He asked if the sidewalk on Link Pond Drive was getting concrete put back cause the asphalt that was put there is getting tore up. Rodger H. said where it was in front of the road access he wasn't planning on putting concrete back but that would be up to council.

Rodger H. informed council that Councilor Chaulk was working on finishing up the policy manual but the Code of Conduct portion needs to be done and ratified by council before March 31, 2023. Council agreed to look at that and get it passed. He asked if all of council was good with the budget summary and could he go ahead and put it out to the public. Council agreed. He then asked council about the permit application from Gale's Firewood to expand the business to include doing work on vehicles besides their own. Council agreed to advertise for the discretionary use and council could discuss it at that time. He then asked council about the request for use of Tipping's Pond for a Winter Carnival Event. They would not be able to have exclusive use of the pond. Mayor Brown will put them in touch with Deputy Mayor Piercey to coordinate with the recreation committee.

Mayor Brown set the next meeting for February 21st, 2023 at 7PM.

Chaulk/Warren

11-23 Be it resolved that the meeting will adjourn at 8:53PM

Motion Carried Un

Mayor

Assistant Town Clerk

