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Minutes of Council Meeting

Town Hall January 28, 2020 7 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	Betty Clarke
	Deputy Mayor	Krista Freake
	Councillors:	Stephen Hollett
		Brian Hooper
		Kenneth Tucker
		Perry Pond
		Derek White
	Town Manager	Brian Peckford
	Town Clerk	Elaine Bursey
	Supt. Public Works	Todd Champion
	Fire Chief	Rob Fudge

1. Call to Order

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Agenda

20-015 Hooper/Hollett

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Delegation: Rev. Stephanie McClelland, St. Matthews United Church

Rev. McClelland and members of St. Matthews United Church Sunday School presented each councillor and senior staff member with a 'poverty doll'. The dolls are meant to symbolize that each person deserves to have their needs met; and it was requested that councillors and staff place the dolls on their desks as a reminder to teach love and respect in all issues.

4. Illustrious Potentate

Mayor Clarke, on behalf of Council, extended congratulations and best wishes to Town Manager Brian Peckford on his recent installation as the new Illustrious Potentate of the Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador.

5. Minutes

5.1 Council Meeting December 10, 2019

20-016 Pond/Hollett

Resolved to adopt minutes of the December 10, 2019 regular Council meeting as circulated.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

5.2 Council Meeting January 9, 2020

20-017 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to adopt minutes of the January 9, 2020 regular Council meeting as circulated.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

6. Action Sheet – Tabled.

7. Recreation/Tourism

7.1 Donation Application / Lewisporte Minor Hockey Association

20-018 Freake/Hollett

Resolved to approve the donation request from Lewisporte Minor Hockey Association for two hours of ice time and staff as a charity event to raise funds for families in need.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

7.2 Updates by Deputy Mayor Freake

- Stadium and Bowling Alley maintenance issues being addressed.
- Website review going well.
- Winter Carnival plans well underway.

8. Economic Development

8.1 Updates by Councillor Pond

- MHA Derek Bennett was present at the Economic Development Committee meeting held on Jan 13, 2020.
 - Purpose to discuss the town's Economic Development Strategy.
 - Request for a meeting has been sent to Premier Ball; awaiting a response.
- Discussion held regarding the operational status of the wharf.
 - The Ranger vessel left last week; currently there is no staff present and apparently activity is moving elsewhere possibly because of this.
 - Suggestion that correspondence be forwarded to Minister Crocker requesting government's operational plan now that no provincial vessels are present.

- Also need clarification re shore services and expectations for other ships.

9. Lands

9.1 White/Woolfe Developers

Ms. Woolfrey has requested to advertise her downtown development on the town's website.

20-019 Tucker/White

Resolved that residential developers be permitted to advertise on the town's website providing there is a signed development agreement with the town.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

9.2 Update by Councillor Tucker

RCMP introduced new members at the most recent Lands Committee meeting – Commanding Officer Dan Austin and Central District Commanding Officer Roger Flynn. The new CO will meet with council at a later date.

10. Public Works

10.1 Updates by Councillor Hooper

- Commendations to the snow clearing crew for tremendous work, Mayor Clarke noted the same at the beginning of the meeting.
- Residents and contractors causing problems by putting snow back on roads after snow is cleared.
 - Plan in place to educate the public.
 - Notices have been placed on FaceBook.
 - Two-page question/answer snow clearing sheet inserted with recent tax invoices.
 - Enforcement booklet being generated for staff (after identifying offenders with pictures, times, dates, etc. written correspondence will be mailed to offenders as a first warning. A second offence will result in a fine.)

11. Protective Services

11.1 Fire Protection / Notre Dame Junction

Council concurred that no conflict exists for Councillors Hooper and Hollett during discussion/voting on fire protection requests.

20-020 White/Hollett

Resolved to provide fire protection to 10 lots at Notre Dame Junction, pending visible numbers must be assigned to applicable lots; noting approval from Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue, a signed agreement and fees are in place.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

11.2 Fire Protection / Laurenceton

20-021 White/Freake

Resolved to provide fire protection to Laurenceton, pending approval from Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue, a signed agreement and paid fees.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

11.3 Fire Protection / Michael's Harbour

20-022 White/Freake

Resolved to provide fire protection to Michael's Harbour pending approval from Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue, noting a signed agreement and fees are in place.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

11.4 Fire Protection / Deep Cove

20-023 White/Freake

Resolved to provide fire protection to Deep Cove pending approval from Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue, a signed agreement and paid fees.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

11.5 Task Force

20-024 Pond/Tucker

Resolved to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the establishment of a task force to address fire services in rural areas not covered by municipalities.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

11.6 Updates from Fire Chief Rob Fudge

- 2019 fire calls were up by a very small number.
- Brown's Arm fire station working out well, new members have been secured.
- Junior Fire Fighting Program going well.

11.7 Air Ambulance Group

Councillor White relayed that things are moving well for the group and a motion should be ready for the House in early March.

12. Finance

12.1 Cheque Register

20-025 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheques 38954 to 39125 excluding cheques 38993, 38997, 39080, 39048, 39050, 38958, 38975, 39059, 38062, 39078, 39086, 39098, 39115, 39124 and 39014.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

12.2 Cheques 38958, 38975, 39059, 39062, 39078, 39086, 39098, 39115 and 39124

Councillor Tucker declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

20-026 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheques 38958, 38975, 39059, 39062, 39078, 39086, 39098, 39115 and 39124.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker returned to the meeting.

12.3 Cheque 39014

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

20-027 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheque 39014.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Pond, and Tucker.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor White returned to the meeting.

12.4 Cheque 39048

Councillor Pond declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

20-028 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheque 39048.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Hooper, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Pond returned to the meeting.

12.5 Cheque 38993, 38997 and 39080

Councillor Hooper declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

20-029 Hollett/Freake

Resolved to approve cheques 38993, 38997 and 39080.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Hooper returned to the meeting.

12.6 Cheque 39050

Councillor Hollett declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

20-030 Hooper/Freake

Resolved to approve cheque 39050.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Hollett returned to the meeting.

13. Adjournment

20-031 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved the meeting adjourn.

Time: 8:24 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hooper, Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.
None opposed. Motion carried.

Betty Clarke, Mayor

Elaine Bursey, Town Clerk/Treasurer

