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Minutes of Council Meeting

June 1, 2020 7 p.m. Via Zoom

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Agenda

20-095 Hollett/White

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. Minutes

3.1 Council Meeting May 12, 2020

20-096 Hooper/White

Resolved to adopt minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular Council meeting as circulated.

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

4. Economic Development

4.1 Updates by Councillor Pond

- Economic Diversification Strategy – next step is a letter to Premier Ball detailing frustrations with file not moving forward and press release to the media. Information packages will also be sent to both Liberal Party leadership contenders.
- Woolfrey’s Pond Municipal Park will undergo upgrades and construction this fall for next season opening.
- Awaiting formal transfer of port land from Transport Canada which will present great opportunities for marina development. The committee met with the LMAA to discuss marina initiatives.
- Dr. Haggie (Minister of Health and Community Services) has agreed to meet with Council after Level 3 of the NL COVID-19 Alert Level System, to discuss community health concerns.

4.2 Offshore Oil and Gas

- Funding received several years ago for phase 1 of a Marketing and Development Program during which a consultant was hired to help with development opportunities. An application for phase 2 has been submitted which includes funding to attend the Houston Trade Show, the NOIA Annual Trade Show, further marketing materials and further involvement with industry players, etc. Phase 2 was formally rejected by the province; however Minister Davis agreed to review. Town is hopeful to receive the funding in near future.
- Recent media interest regarding federal lack of attention to this industry – oil and gas is a large part of the NL economy, but currently going through turbulent times with the COVID-19 situation, drop in oil and lack of demand; and the capital investment money is starting to dry up.

20-097 Pond/Tucker

Resolved to support NOIA by writing the Prime Minister and local MP’s encouraging them to give the offshore oil and gas industry the attention it deserves and to develop initiatives to get through these times.

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

4.3 Economic Development Certification

20-098 Pond/Tucker

Resolved the Town Manager be approved to attend the Economic Development Certification Training, Phase 2 (currently virtual), taking place June 2020.

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

5. Recreation/Tourism

5.1 Updates by Deputy Mayor Freake

- The next Recreation Committee Meeting will look at what Level 3 will mean for the town recreation areas and facilities.
- Canada Day and Mussel Bed Soiree activities will be discussed.
- A new Recreation Manager will be in place for June 8, 2020.

6. Lands

6.1 Updates by Councillor Tucker

- Three sets of regulations are being reviewed: Fence, Commercial Parking, and Accessory Buildings.
- Pursuant to the Town of Lewisporte Development Regulations and the Municipalities Act, copies of all three will be made available to the public for seven days during which comments can be received before Council proceeds with next steps for adoption.

7. Public Works

7.1 Updates by Councillor Hooper

- Work continues on water main flushing, street patching and repairs, prep work on ball fields, ATV/Snowmobile trail, etc.
- Asphalt concerns in the Industrial Park are being looked at.
- Residents reminded to adhere to permit regulations prior to commencing work on their properties.

8. Protective Services

8.1 Updates by Councillor White

- Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue continues with training for its members.
- The Air Ambulance Group will meet again in next several weeks.
- Central NL Waste Management has called tenders for Cell 3 and for a garage to house its fire truck. Also awaiting policy for the three towns providing fire protection to the waste management site.

9. Finance

9.1 Cheque Register

20-099 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheques 59-91, excluding cheques 80 and 85.

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

9.2 Cheque 85

Councillor Pond declared a conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

20-100 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheque 85.

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

Councillor Pond re-entered the virtual meeting.

9.3 Cheque 80

Councillor Hooper declared a conflict and was removed from the virtual meeting through audio and visual disconnection.

20-101 Hollett/Freake

Resolved to approve cheque 80.

In favour: Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Freake, Councillors Hollett, Pond, Tucker and White.

None opposed. Motion carried.

Councillor Hooper re-entered the virtual meeting.

10. Adjournment

20-102 White/Pond

Resolved the meeting adjourn.

Time: 7:50 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