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Minutes of Council Meeting

July 6, 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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. noting the main purpose of this meeting is an Economic Development Committee update.

2. Agenda

20-118 Hollett/Hooper

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 June 16, 2020

20-119 Hooper/Freake

Resolved to adopt minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular Council meeting as circulated.

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

Councillor Pond proposed it was inappropriate to have messages from the MHA read in the council meeting and reflected in the public minutes as the MHA was not a delegation and proper protocol should be followed for all delegations. Mayor Clarke responded that the MHA was invited to a meeting and assumed the update would be appropriate based on that.

4. Economic Development

4.1 Update by Councillor Pond

Councillor Pond wished to clarify a recent Telegram article and differentiate between the Town's Economic Diversification Strategy and Lease Arrangement, to which he made the following comments:

- Prior to the end of the coastal service, the Dept. of Transportation and Works had a third party contractor to operate the coastal service, part of which was the operation of the port itself.
- Since the elimination of the coastal service, there has not been a third party operator.
- The Town has requested to become that operator to look after the port for both the Dept. of Transportation and Works and other potential users.
- Thus, the lease arrangement is totally separate from the Economic Diversification Strategy to which the town is looking to receive funding to offset the loss experienced over the last 15 years as a result of the Labrador coastal service closure.
- The strategy proposed is assuming the wharf infrastructure is fully functional; and the Town is willing to accept funding believed its owed in order to put in place that piece of infrastructure.
- The Town has not received any formal lease agreement, nor funding confirmation to operate the site.
- The Town is currently moving forward based on lack of commitment for any funding for its Economic Diversification Strategy (i.e. port upgrades) and considers it is time to enhance public pressure through a series of radio ads questioning government's position.

4.2 Radio Advertising

20-120 Pond/Tucker

Resolved to prepare an ad, highlighting dissatisfaction with the current government and run for seven consecutive days during the VOXM Open Line show at an approximate cost of \$5000.

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

5. Finance

5.1 Cheque Register

20-121 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheques 125-158, excluding cheques 141, 144, 146 and 157.

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

5.2 Cheque 146

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

20-122 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheque 146.

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

Councillor Pond re-entered the virtual meeting.

5.3 Cheques 141, 144 and 157

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

20-123 Hollett/Hooper

Resolved to approve cheques 141, 144 and 157.

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

Councillor Tucker re-entered the virtual meeting.

6. Adjournment

20-124 White/Pond

Resolved the meeting adjourn.

Time: 7:35 p.m.

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

Betty Clarke, Mayor

Brian Peckford, Town Manager