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Minutes of Council Meeting

December 7, 2021 7:00 PM. Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	Krista Freake
	Deputy Mayor	Brian Hooper
	Councillors:	John Mullett
		Perry Pond
		Ken Tucker
		Derek White
	Town Manager	Todd Champion
	Town Clerk	Coreen Colbourne
	Recreation and Tourism Manager	Ashley Ivany
	Superintendent of Works	Ivan Bridger
Regrets:	Councillor	Rhoda Hannem

Mayor Freake brought greetings to those watching on Facebook and to Council.

1. Call to Order

21-250 White/Hooper

Resolved to call the meeting to order.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

21-251 Pond/Tucker

Resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

3. Minutes for Approval

3.1 Regular Council Meeting November 16, 2021

21-252 Mullett/White

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 16, 2021, as attached.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Mayor's Update:

There was a meeting with interim NDP leader Jim Dinn on November 19, 2021, and one with PC leader David Brazil on November 29, 2021, to discuss the Town's economic diversification plan and communicated issues in trying to obtain a meeting with the Premier. Both leaders and their staff supported Council's plan. Letters have been sent to the Premier by both individuals.

The Mayor had a conversation with Mr. Fred Hutton, chief of staff for the Premier, he assured the Mayor that the Premier is well versed in the subject and there will be a meeting and response in due time. The Premier has departmental officials working on a solution to be presented to the Town of Lewisporte.

The Mayor pointed out that some Council members attended the tree lighting service at Kingsway Living and the Town's tree lighting service as well.

Congratulations were extended to the Town's staff for their efforts in the tree lighting, the Santa Claus parade, and there has been a lot of positive feedback from the Town's residents on the Town Hall decorations. The Mayor apologized for the oversight of not including a sensory section in this year's Santa Claus parade, the Town will endeavour to make all activities accessible to all persons.

4. Recreation/Tourism Committee

4.1 Update by Deputy Mayor Hooper

- Thanks was given to the office staff and outside staff for the fantastic decorating job of the Town Hall and downtown area. There was a lot of positive feedback from residents. The parade was a huge success and feedback from residents was very positive, the staff was thanked for putting together such a tremendous float. There was a great turnout by the community in terms of parade floats as well as attendance by residents.
- The stadium opened for full operation on November 15, everything seems to be working well. The recreation committee wanted to thank the staff and senior management and the stadium team for bringing it all together.

- A reminder was given that anyone attending a Town facility, that vax passes are mandatory for users or visitors.
- There is a delegation coming into this Thursday's recreation meeting.

It was noted by Mayor Freake that the winners of the floats were announced on the Town Facebook page, congratulations were expressed to the winners and to those that put so much effort into their floats.

5. Economic Development

Update by Councillor Mullett

- 5.1 Vendor Permit; JPJC Holdings Inc. (Mister T's); Permit No. 21-003V to occupy 405-413 Main Street for the period of Dec 20, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021

21-253 Mullett/Pond

Motion to accept the application from JPJC Holdings Inc. for a seasonal permit to occupy 405-413 Main Street.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Mullett reiterated Mayor Freakes' thoughts on the parade, it was well attended, and an excellent job was done on the floats. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lands Committee

6.1 Update by Councillor White

Councillor White informed residents that the railbed was being upgraded from the Industrial Park to Monroe's Pond. It was felt that the upgrade would be a great economic draw to the Town by UTV, ATV and quad owners.

Under the municipal development plan the south side of Lewisporte is designated as residential rural, as section 3.2.2.3 of the Lewisporte Municipal Plan states and at the discretion of Council, a resident can have a small-scale hobby farm. There must be a motion of Council to be approved as a discretionary use.

Approval has been requested to keep chickens at the property of 181-185 Road to the Isles.

21-254 White/Tucker

Motion to approve the request for a small-scale hobby farm with the following stipulations:

- **Maximum of 4 hens**
- **No rooster permitted**
- **Facility and grounds to be maintained in a cleanliness state**
- **Hens are not permitted to roam freely on the property**
- **Enclosures be constructed to provide adequate shelter from the elements**
- **Town forces to conduct periodic inspections of facilities and condition of the shelters**

The Town also retains the right to revoke the permit if these stipulations are not maintained.

Deputy Mayor Hooper asked if the particular application did meet all residential rural qualifications, the answer was yes.

It was explained to residents why the south side was able to have a small farm versus someone on the north side not.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

7. Public Works

7.1 Update by Councillor Pond

- Residents were advised that the budget process was started.
- Residents were reminded that winter snow clearing regulations were put in place on December 1, off street parking is requested from 12:00 am to 8:00 am.
- The new dump truck has been picked up and presently in use.

8. Protective Services

8.1 Update by Councillor Tucker

There was a meeting held on December 2, 2021

- Time was taken to go over the budget proposal of the Regional Fire Department with the Town Manager, he noted any changes or suggestions by the committee, and he would be in consultation with the executive to go over any changes that may need to be made.

- It was felt now that the Regional Fire Department has been in place for a couple of years, committee members want a complete review of the regional operations starting early in the new year. It is the committees hope to bring forward a report within six months from the start.
- It was suggested by Mayor Freake that we would reach out to the government officials that helped establish the regional fire department to get clarification on what is and can be expected in maintaining a Regional F.D. There was an agreement with the regionalization which the Town Council feels the F.D. may be missing out on.
- On August 5, 2021, there was a meeting between the protective services committee and senior officials from the RCMP in regard to the lack of policing in the area, the officials thought that in the fall things would improve but as of now it is felt by committee members and Council that there has been very little improvement. It has been noted by residents that there was no representation at the Remembrance Day Ceremony or at the Santa Claus Parade, and no one working at the Detachment on Saturday evening. Public security and safety are of great concern, and it is felt that Council would reach out to the RCMP again with their growing concerns, and possibly to the Provincial Government through our MHA because the Provincial Government pays 70% of the wages. The Town Manager was going to reach out to the RCMP to see whether we would expect better policing over the Christmas season.

9. Finance/HR

9.1 Cheque Register - Scotiabank

21-255 Hooper/Pond

Motion to pass the cheque register from cheque numbers 001384 to 001409, with the exception of cheque numbers 001397.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker was in conflict and removed himself from Chambers.

21-256 Hooper/White

Motion to accept cheque number 001397.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Tucker re-entered Chambers.

9.2 Cheque Register - CIBC

21-257 Hooper/Pond

Motion to accept cheque number 39348 for the cheque register for the CIBC Bank in Lewisporte.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

9.3 Water Tax Exemption

21-258 Hooper/Pond

Motion to approve the water tax exemption for 71 Main Street for the period of November 23, 2020 – November 23, 2021.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

9.4 Water Tax Exemption

This is a correction of motion 21-246 made at the November 16, 2021, Public Council Meeting, the motion read as follows:

Motion to approve the water tax exemption for 1356 Main Street from the period October 29, 2020 - October 29, 2021.

21-259 Hooper/Pond

Move to approve the water tax exemption for 356 Main Street from the period October 29, 2020 - October 29, 2021.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Council and residents were informed that budget preparations are under way. The department heads are compiling the various expenses and revenues, the committees can expect discussions at their meetings to bring the budget figures together.

Deputy Mayor Hooper reminded residents that if they have outstanding taxes/invoices with the Town, they should make every attempt to get in to get their accounts cleared. There was also a note to businesses that are no longer in operation to let the Town staff know so that it can be updated in our system.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Congratulatory correspondence was received from PMA to the new Council.

Mayor Freake informed residents that if they have any questions, concerns, or feedback to please contact the Town office, the Town's Facebook page is not monitored regularly and that it is not the place to ask questions, it is for informational purposes only.

A healthy and happy holiday season was wished to the residents of Lewisporte and surrounding areas from the Mayor and the rest of Council.

Season's Greetings were passed along to all Council, management, and staff from Mayor Freake.

Deputy Mayor Hooper passed along the winners of the Santa Claus Parade.

A thank you was sent out to the Lion's Club members for the use of their facility and help during the Santa Claus parade.

11. Adjournment

21-260 Hooper/Pond

Resolved that the meeting adjourn.

In favour: Mayor Freake, Deputy Mayor Hooper, Councillors Mullett, Pond, Tucker and White.

Decision: Motion carried.

Time: 7:40 PM

Krista Freake, Mayor

Coreen Colbourne, Town Clerk/Treasurer