

Town of New-Wes-Valley

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 07th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor:

Curtis Roebotham

Councillors:

Lorenzo Welcher

Gordon White

Stella Gale

Barry Tucker

Terry Oakley

Andy Best

Dawn Stagg

Member Absent:

Deputy Mayor:

Michael Tiller (*work*)

Also Present:

CAO:

Pamela Preston

Recording Secretary:

Christina Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roebotham called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and noted a motion was required to appoint Christina Sullivan as recording secretary for the meeting.

MOTION 21/510 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to appoint Christina Sullivan as recording secretary for the meeting.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Roebotham then asked if there were any additions to the agenda, there were none.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 21/511 - ANDY BEST/GORDON WHITE

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of Council held November 16th, 2021.

MOTION 21/512 - DAWN STAGG/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on November 16th, 2021

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Best presented the report from meeting held December 4th, 2021.

MOTION 21/513 - ANDY BEST/STELLA GALE

Be it resolved to donate \$75.00 to the Badger's Quay Lions Club and Newtown Social Club for their Breakfasts with Santa.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/514 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Be it resolved to donate \$75.00 to organizations that the Town donated to in the past for Christmas events i.e. Breakfast with Santa and Kids Christmas; and \$250.00 for the Christmas food hampers.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/515 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Be it resolved to increase the Deputy Fire Chief annual stipend to \$500.00 commencing 2021.

Discussion ensued on stipends and the amounts. It was noted that currently the Deputy Fire Chief is receiving the same amount as all other fire fighters but he is expected to fill in for the Fire Chief when the Chief is unavailable. The added responsibility should be reflected in the stipend amount.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

CAO noted that Deputy Mayor Tiller, who also holds the Deputy Fire Chief position, wanted it stated for the record that he suggested a review of all fire department stipend amounts, not just the Deputy Fire Chief amount.

MOTION 21/516 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to refer the review of stipend amounts, as well as how they are determined, back to the finance committee for review and recommendation.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/517 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to approve Cal LeGrow monthly invoice in the amount of \$6874.20, the Town Clerk is to inform Council of any changes to this amount.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/518 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Resolved to adopt the 2022 Budget with revenues and expenditures of \$2,516,744.00, this approval also includes the 2022 Municipal tax rates with the following changes:

Residential Water rate increased by \$100.00
Commercial Water rates increased by \$100.00 in each category

and, the addition of the following fees:

Town Plan Amendment Fee \$1,000.00
Town Plan Amendment Fee (public hearing required) \$2,000.00
Development Regulations Amendment Fee \$1,000.00
Public Notice (Discretionary Use, Variance, etc.) \$300.00.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/519 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to bill property located at 14 Welchers Lane water/sewer tax commencing in 2022.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/520 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved not to advertise in the RNC 31st Anniversary Community Guide.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/521 - ANDY BEST/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to approve account adjustment in the amount of \$4.05 for account #WELCH002.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/522 - ANDY BEST/STELLA GALE

Resolved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$32,536.45.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/523 - ANDY BEST/STELLA GALE

Resolved to adopt the December 03rd, 2021 Finance and Administration Committee report as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Tucker presented the report from meeting held on December 1st, 2021.

MOTION 21/524 - BARRY TUCKER/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved that this Municipal Emergency Management Plan for the Municipality of New-Wes-Valley has been approved by the Director of Emergency Services and has now been adopted during a sitting of the Council on the 7th day of the 12th month of 2021. It is also explicitly recognized that this MEMP is valid for a period of only 3 years at which time will require a full review and approval.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/525 - BARRY TUCKER/STELLA GALE

Resolved to adopt the Public Works and Protective Services Committee Report as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

RECREATION, TOURISM AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: No meeting.

MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor White presented the report from the meeting held on December 1st, 2021.

MOTION 21/526 - GORDON WHITE/DAWN STAGG

Resolve to approve the Crown land application no.158737 - C . Spurrell pending approval from all government departments and compliance with our Municipal Plan and Development Regulations

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/527 - GORDON WHITE/TERRY OAKLEY

Resolve to include a review of protocol for applications and/or developments in our Seasonal Development Area in our regulations review in the spring of 2022.

Discussion on current protocols for applications and developments for our Seasonal Development area. Taxation in the area was discussed as well as trails/roads and what is acceptable for assessment purposes.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/528 - GORDON WHITE/TERRY OAKLEY

Resolve to adopt the Municipal Policies, Planning and Development committee report as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: No Meeting.

MOTION 21/529 - GORDON WHITE/DAWN STAGG

Resolve to refer to Events Planning Committee the idea to review options for rotating the fireworks locations from year to year.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

CAO REPORT: CAO, Pam Preston presented the report.

1. Back Country Line Project-

CAO has been working with the consultant and contractor to have the site specific plans completed and signed off by the department. The consultant's SSSP is completed and sent to the department and the contractor SSSP will be done by the end of the week. By having this done in the off season will prevent any project delays.

2. Shore Rides -

CAO is working with the Transportation Coordinator on the follows items ; Bus trips to Gander shopping etc, recruitment of volunteers to operate the bus, a request to cover the expense of gas, hand sanitizer and masks. These items are now being paid from the funding from the province. The request is sent to Central Health for review. The CAO and Transportation Coordinator is working on developing a relaunch plan to all of the neighboring towns and user groups.

3. Beothic Arena -

CAO and Recreation Director met with the Town Clerk of Lumsden and they have a request being submitted to council for review.

4. Procurement Audit -

This item is being re-scheduled as the department will be commencing with training first, followed up by an audit within 9-12 months.

5. Union Contract -

The union met with our outside workers and a proposal for consideration is expected next week. Once received a meeting will take place with the public works and protective service committee for review and recommendation to council.

6. Budget Correspondence -

Draft presented to Council for review.

7. GIS Mapping Project-

All information requested from the consultant has now been submitted. Training will likely take place in Q1 of 2022.

8. Annual Inspection of 2007 Sterling Dump Truck/Plow -

MOTION 21/530 - BARRY TUCKER/STELLA GALE

Resolve to proceed with the annual inspection and repairs to the 2007 Sterling Truck in the amount of \$6999.59, HST included.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION 21/531 - DAWN STAGG/GORDON WHITE

Resolved to approve the 2021-2022 Town of New-Wes-Valley SSSP, to pick up ice control materials at the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Depot in Lumsden, as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/532 - DAWN STAGG/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to adopt the Correspondence Summary for December 7, 2021 as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 21/533 - DAWN STAGG/GORDON WHITE

Resolved to refer the Business Achievement Awards nominations to Recreation, & Heritage Committee to submit.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Roebotham attended the GIAA meeting on November 24th, 2021 . He gave a brief overview of the meeting and noted how pleased he was. New-Wes-Valley was mentioned numerous times with much positive feedback and knowledge on our area. The “Staycation” prompted by COVID-19 has had tremendous influence on getting our area noticed for tourism and creating much chatter on social media sites.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Consensus of Council that there will be a brief meeting on December 21st, 2021 and January 4th, 2022 for accounts payable and time sensitive matters only. Regular meetings of Council with Committee reports will resume January 18th, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 21/534 - DAWN STAGG/STELLA GALE

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:

Councillors: G. White, S. Gale, B. Tucker, T. Oakley, A. Best, D. Stagg, L Welcher

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

PAMELA PRESTON
CAO

CURTIS ROEBOTHAM
MAYOR