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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members Present:

Mayor:

Curtis Roebotham

Deputy Mayor:

Michael Tiller

Councillors:

Stella Gale

Terry Oakley

Andy Best

Lorenzo Welcher

Barry Tucker

Dawn Stagg

Member Absent:

Councillor:

Gordon White(could not get on call)

Also Present:

CAO:

Pam Preston

Recording Secretary:

Christina Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roebotham called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., welcomed everyone, and thanked them for being so accommodating and connecting through teleconference. He then asked if there were any additions to the agenda, additions as follows:

1. Update on Newtown water situation - Deputy Mayor Tiller
2. Proposed delegate request - Councillor Gale

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 22/001 - DAWN STAGG/STELLA GALE

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of: (1) update on Newtown Water Situation; and (2) Proposed delegate request.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Tiller

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of Council held December 21st, 2021.

MOTION 22/002 - ANDY BEST/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on December 21st, 2021.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Gale noted there was a spelling error on page 2 of the Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council. Noted for Correction.

MOTION 22/003 - MICHAEL TILLER/LORENZO WELCHER

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on December 30th, 2021 with the error correction noted.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Roebotham then noted a motion was required to appoint Christina Sullivan as recording secretary for the meeting as it was overlooked at the beginning of the meeting.

MOTION 22/004 - LORENZO WELCHER/BARRY TUCKER

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

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None.

REPORTS

FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Andy Best noted that while there was no meeting the Committee did meet to review the Accounts Payable prior to the meeting.

MOTION 22/005 - ANDY BEST/DAWN STAGG

Resolved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$50,095.57.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: No meeting.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: No meeting however a telephone call around occurred today, January 4th, 2022 to discuss the arena under the current covid regulations since the province has moved to alert level 4. Councillor Stagg gave Council a review of the regulations, noting that the Committee was recommending closing the stadium until January 17th, 2022.

MOTION 22/006 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved to, based upon the current regulations and guidelines in place by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, close Beothic Arena until January 17th, 2022. It will be re-evaluated at that time and a decision will be made based upon guidelines provided by Public Health.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: No meeting.

EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: No Meeting.

CAO REPORT:

1. COVID-19 Update-

CAO highlighted what procedures the Town had in place for Alert Level 4 last time-the Town Hall was closed to the public but staff was still working. She noted a lot of other Municipalities are already shut down and asked Council how they wanted to proceed.

MOTION 22/007 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved that the Town Hall close to the public with staff still working at the office and from home where possible.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

CAO then asked about the next meeting, teleconference again or in person?

Consensus of Council was for the next meeting to be held via teleconference and determine at that time the plan going forward.

2. Budget Speech/Newsletter

Mayor Roebotham noted his speech will be done and ready to go by end of week. CAO said she was available this week as she is back to work.

CAO informed Council that the cost that was approved for the newsletter had changed as the length of the newsletter had more than doubled. She highlighted some options available for Council to choose from.

MOTION 22/008 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Resolved that in keeping with the green initiative that the Town is working towards, to only print 100 copies of the newsletter to be kept at office and mailed out to anyone requesting a paper copy. Newsletter will also be uploaded to website so residents can read online or print their own copies.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Discussions on if copies should be placed in public at gas bars, etc. Pros and cons were looked at. It was determined that given the current covid-19 situations this was not an option.

3. Newtown Water Update

CAO provided update to Council. Newtown is now connected to the Little Northwest Water supply. The issues we are experiencing is exactly why it wasn't done previously. There is low pressure and low chlorine levels in Newtown. CAO spoke to Service NL and chlorine checks were today (Jan. 4). If a leak occurs, we will need to revert back to the old system. Through calls with the Town's consultant and engineer, it was decided to slowly increase the pressure without placing stress on the old system. We have to take a gradual approach increasing the psi levels slowly and giving system a chance to level off before increasing again. It's a trial and error process. Newtown in to remain on boil order for the foreseeable future.

Discussion ensued on the water issues, projects, and government approvals. Resident comments were also discussed. It seems that the color of the water has improved but the pressure has decreased for both Newtown and Templeman residents. It was noted that there should be more communication on what is actually being done so residents don't feel as if we are not even trying to correct the issues.

CAO noted that as a Council we need to put more pressure on Government to get our water distribution system project approved but we need to be strategic about it. Our residents need to understand that this is a provincial issue and the Town has exhausted all possibilities. It is now out of our control and up to the Government to enable us to fix the problem.

MOTION 22/009 - BARRY TUCKER/DAWN STAGG

Resolved that the Town request a meeting MHA Derrick Bragg and Minister Elvis Stuckless, Dept of Infrastructure.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
Deputy Mayor Tiller

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

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION 22/010 - MICHAEL TILLER/DAWN STAGG

Resolved to adopt the Correspondence Summary for January 4th, 2022 as presented.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
Deputy Mayor Tiller

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Newtown water situation - Deputy Mayor Tiller

This item was addressed in the CAO report to Council.

2. Proposed Delegate Request - Councillor Gale

Councillor Gale noted that a resident that had sent in a proposal to Council last year was disappointed that she did not get to present to Council herself in person. She was expecting to be invited in but then got a letter saying her request was denied. Councillor Gale asked if we could still invite her in.

CAO addressed Council and explained what happened in that particular case as not all of the current Council were here then.

Mayor Roebotham asked if we should rescind the motion.

Deputy Mayor Tiller disagreed with rescinding the motion. We should meet with her first and then decide the next steps.

CAO suggested asking her if she was still interested in coming in to present to Council.

MOTION 22/011 - STELLA GALE/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved to contact the resident and give her the option to discuss her proposal and look in to another area that we can assist her in obtaining.

In Favour 8: Mayor Roebotham **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
Deputy Mayor Tiller

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/012 - LORENZO WELCHER/STELLA GALE

Resolved that the Municipal Policies, Planning and Development Committee gather information for the resident for her presentation regarding other possible areas that may be suitable.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 22/013 - MICHAEL TILLER/DAWN STAGG

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PAM PRESTON
CAO

CURTIS ROEBOTHAM
MAYOR