

MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 2 MEMORIAL PARK PLACE – 15 DECEMBER 2020



PRESENT

Mayor Craig LeGrow
Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen
Councillor Carol King
Councillor Ralph LeGrow
Councillor Chris Palmer
Town Clerk/Manager Craig Drover

REGRETS

Asst Town Clerk Donna Connors

GUESTS

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Craig LeGrow called the meeting to order at **7:11 pm**.

2.0 AGENDA

Upon review of the proposed Agenda, Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen requested that item 6.5 be added. After which;

MOTION 150 / 2020

*Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen moved to **ADOPT** the agenda with item 6.5 regionalization added.*

*Seconded by Councillor Carol King
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

3.0 ADOPT MINUTES

Upon review of the minutes of a General Council meeting held **19 November 2020**, two minor typing errors were noted, and requested to be corrected. After which;

MOTION 151 / 2020

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ADOPT** the minutes of 19 November 2020 with the correction of the typing errors as noted.*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 ENGINEERING STUDENT WORK TERM

The Town Manager informed Council that the funding application for this position has been rejected. Council decided not to proceed with this project.

4.2 LIGHT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT – Pouch Cove Line

Council reviewed the information provided by the Town Planner and the Town Manager. It was requested that the applicant be sent an e-mail requesting a detailed plan and complete application for Council's review.

4.3 ACCESSORY BUILDING DEVELOPMENT – MAIN STREET

Council reviewed the information provided by the Town Planner and the Town Manager. The Town Manager was directed to inform the applicant that under the current Municipal Plan, additional accessory buildings were not permitted. If the applicant was interested in requesting an amendment to the applicable development zone, then to contact the Town Office.

5.0 APPLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 APPLICATIONS - NIL

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE

5.2.1 Prime Minister Trudeau – Council reviewed this response to the 14 July letter Council sent to the Prime Minister regarding municipality relief due to the pandemic.

5.2.2 Minister Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities (ECCM) – Council reviewed this response to the new Town's Anti-Litter regulation that was sent for ministerial review.

5.2.3 Pipe Down NL – Council reviewed this request to ratify a resolution, send a letter to the RNC and respond back to the organization with comments regarding loud vehicles especially motorcycles with altered exhausts. After a short discussion;

MOTION 152 / 2020

Councillor Carol King **PROPOSED** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION – EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE

WHEREAS scientific evidence suggests that excessive noise affects hearing long term and negatively impacts a person's health and well-being – especially those who have issues with sensory inputs; and

WHEREAS it has been shown that excessive noise from the exhaust systems on vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs and dirt bikes, etc.) can be a source of distraction for road users and a significant disruption to the peace and tranquility of residents in

*their homes, businesses, cafes, and parks and recreational spaces;
and*

WHEREAS *communities throughout the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador are experiencing problems of excessively loud vehicle noise; and*

WHEREAS *the issue of excessive noise from vehicles with modified exhaust systems has been part of public discourse since at least 2012; and*

WHEREAS *a coalition of concerned neighbourhood groups and citizens known as Pipe Down NL was formed to appeal to the provincial government to change/apply the legislation on noise pollution caused by after-market installation of exhaust pipes on cars, trucks and motorcycles; and*

WHEREAS *this matter is governed under the jurisdiction of the Province's Highway Traffic Act; and*

WHEREAS *regulations, tools and technology are readily available to aid in enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act; and*

WHEREAS *other jurisdictions in Canada have made amendments to regulations and legislation to deal with noise from exhaust systems and that they have sound level meters to measure noise generated from vehicles for the purposes of ticketing and fines.*

BE IT SO RESOLVED THAT *The Town of Bauline continue to lobby the Provincial Government of NL to request that the Highway Traffic Act and/or associated regulations be enforced to ensure prohibition of modifications to exhaust systems that increase noise and to ensure enforcement with fines and ticketing. Further, that the City/Town of Bauline continue to lobby the Provincial Government of NL to ensure adequate resources (technology and staffing) are funded to allow enforcement agencies to effectively apply the legislation and regulations prohibiting excessively loud vehicles.*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

- 5.2.4 Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities (ECCM) – Council reviewed this Proposed St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan amendment for the area of Witless Bay.

- 5.2.5 Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) – Council reviewed this correspondence which announces that the Municipal Infrastructure Website has relocated to the Department of Transportation, with its move from ECCM to DTI.
- 5.2.6 Learning Disabilities Association of NL – Council reviewed this e-mail announcing two new tutoring programs, provided posters and are requesting donations. Council requested that this organization be added to the donation list for later review.
- 5.2.7 Municipal Assessment Agency – Council reviewed this update from the MAA Board of Directors following their 3 December meeting.
- 5.2.8 MP New Westminister-Burnaby – Council reviewed this request for support for Bill C-213 which is known as the Canada Pharmacare Act. Council requested more information regarding this item.
- 5.2.9 Resident Email – Council reviewed this resident e-mail nominating an individual for the Volunteer of the year award. Council requested that this be carried forward in March 2021.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 REPORT FROM TOWN MANAGER

- 6.1.1 Christmas Leave Accumulations - The Town Manager tabled the 2020 Leave Calculation Sheets for both himself and the Assistant Town Clerk. Due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, there were annual days unexpended for both staff in 2020. In addition there were overtime hours (lieu time) unexpended as well. After a short discussion;

MOTION 153 / 2020

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ACCUMULATE** four days for the Town Manager and ten days for the Assistant Town Clerk, which should be expended in 2021. In addition, 43 hours each of lieu time will be paid out as overtime.*

*Seconded by Councillor Chris Palmer
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

- 6.1.2 Manganese Exceedance Report - Council reviewed the Manganese Exceedance report, and the quote to install a filtration system. After a brief discussion, it was requested that additional quotes be obtained.

6.2 REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Council reviewed the written report of the Assistant Town Clerk.

6.3 PCSP ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REQUEST

Councillor Chris Palmer addressed Council and informed them that he had been approached by Mr. Dick Whittaker of Portugal Cove-St. Philips regarding a Linear Park Development project that would encompass several North East Avalon communities. A short discussion ensued. Mayor LeGrow indicated that he would discuss with the Mayor of Portugal Cove-St. Philips.

Mayor LeGrow left the Chair

Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen assumed the Chair

6.4 2021 BUDGET

The Chair of the Finance Committee presented the 2021 budget and Schedule of Taxation and Fees. After a short discussion;

MOTION 154 / 2020

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ADOPT** the 2021 Budget and Schedule of Taxation and Fees as presented.*

*Seconded by Mayor Craig LeGrow
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen left the Chair

Mayor Craig LeGrow resumed the Chair

6.5 REGIONALIZATION

Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen addressed Council regarding the recent media coverages concerning regionalization discussions of municipalities throughout NL. A discussion arose regarding the subject.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 GREEN ENERGY UPDATE

The Town Manager briefed Council on the latest developments regarding the Green Energy initiatives. Councillor Chris Palmer addressed Council regarding the latest FCM initiative regarding EV charging stations, indicating that Bauline should be identified as a viable location for future installation. A short discussion ensued.

7.2 ALTERNATE POWER SUPPLY UPDATE

The Town Manager briefed Council on the latest developments regarding this project.

7.3 CELL TOWER

The Town Manager briefed Council on the latest developments regarding this project.

7.4 AMENDMENT # 6

Council reviewed the Town Planner's letter of 27 November. The amendment has been sent to the Minister for registration.

8.0 FINANCES

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

After review of the Financial Statement;

MOTION 155 / 2020

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ACCEPT** the Financial Statement as presented.*

*Seconded by Councillor Chris Palmer
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

8.2 OUTSTANDING PAYABLES

After review of the Outstanding Payables;

MOTION 156 / 2020

*Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen moved to **PAY** the Outstanding Payables as presented.*

*Seconded by Councillor Ralph LeGrow
Motion **CARRIED** unanimously*

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 NEAJC – Council reviewed the minutes from the latest North East Avalon Joint Council meeting.

9.2 Emergency Response Committee – Chair, Councillor Palmer briefed Council on upcoming plans. He then presented Council with the first aid cabinet and supplies. Mayor LeGrow thanked Councillor Palmer for his efforts.

10.0 TABLE DISCUSSION

At this point, Mayor LeGrow asked if there were any other points that Council/Staff would like to address? There were none.

Mayor LeGrow then addressed Council and briefed them on his meeting with the RNC Chief.

11.0 NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Craig LeGrow scheduled the Next General Meeting for **TUESDAY, 12 January 2021 at 7:45 pm.**

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss;

MOTION 157 / 2020

*Councillor Chris Palmer moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting of **15 December 2020.***

Mayor Craig LeGrow adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Craig LeGrow
Mayor
Town of Bauline

Craig Drover
Town Manager
Town of Bauline