

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 2 MEMORIAL PARK PLACE 15 MARCH 2020



PRESENT

Mayor Craig LeGrow
Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen
Councillor Carol King
Councillor Ralph LeGrow (Telecon)
Town Clerk/Manager Craig Drover
Asst Town Clerk Donna Connors

REGRETS

Councillor Chris Palmer

GUESTS

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Craig LeGrow called the meeting to order at **7:35 pm**.

2.0 AGENDA

Mayor LeGrow thanked Council for attending this Special meeting regarding the COVID-19 virus and the affect on town operations and recreation.

3.0 COVID-19 VIRUS

Mayor LeGrow addressed Council and informed them that the Killick Coast Mayor's meeting scheduled for Thursday 12 March was cancelled. He went on to inform Council that he had discussed the recent COVID-19 virus concerns with the other Killick Coast mayor's and it was agreed that the Town of Torbay's CAO, Dawn Chaplin, would be the regional point of contact for all Killick Coast Towns. The Torbay CAO had produced a regional Coronavirus information postcard that would be printed and sent to each regional resident. A Urban Regional meeting along with the Department of Municipal Affairs was attended by the Torbay CAO at 3:00 pm today and information from that meeting was passed on to Council for review. An excerpt follows:

Good afternoon.

The call with Emergency Services was for information purposes only and there was no opportunity to ask questions. There was no roll call – so I couldn't tell who was on the call, but I suspect it was larger than urban municipalities on the Northeast Avalon. This was not identified in advance of the call. Please find below a summary. I will use point form for ease of reference.

- 1. All information regarding COVID-19 will be posted to the provincial government website – link on front page – encouraging everyone to check there for updates*
- 2. Any questions are to be emailed to covid19@gov.nl.ca*
- 3. Future calls – will be broken down – as their phone system was overloaded – one phone line per organization. We will be emailed directly for future call logistics.*
- 4. As per update yesterday – 1 case of COVID identified, other tests ongoing – 161 test requests with 105 negatives, others are self-isolating (no number given)*

5. *Significant wait time on the health line – looking at other mechanisms to address, including on line self-assessment – details to follow*
6. *Advanced Education are working with the Red Cross and Salvation Army to prepare for supports to the vulnerable sector*
7. *Provincial pools and recreation facilities are closed*
8. *Dept of Education is in contact with NLTA and School District – monitoring schools closely, no decision yet*
9. *Service NL – exploring alternate delivery models of offering services, working from home*
10. *Transportation and Works – Ferries (hourly checks on toilet paper, soap and hand sanitizer, cleaning washrooms, rails.) Buildings – following protocols for cleaning buildings unless a community outbreak – then twice a day, trying to provide hand sanitizer where possible, developing protocols for staff to clean own work stations; Air Services – have protocols in place to address response*
11. *Human Resources – will have a FAQ in place within 48 hours and will be placed on the govt website*
12. *Encouraging all to wash hands with soap and water, hand sanitize if soap and water is not available, cough into sleeve/cover.*

Will keep you abreast of anything else I learn.

We are all in this together and need to work towards flattening the curve.

Mayor LeGrow stressed the importance of working together as a region in this unprecedented situation, and to support a consolidated effort. He will be meeting with the Killick Coast Mayors on a as need basis, and have requested that all CAO's/Town Manager's be included in correspondence and meetings as well.

After a lengthy discussion;

MOTION 033 / 2020

*Deputy Mayor Joanne Whalen moved to **CLOSE** the Bauline Community Centre to all town recreational programming, events and rentals until further notice. The Town Office will remain open during normal working hours. General Council Meetings will be closed to the public. Town operations such as waste removal and water operations will be maintained.*

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

4.0 TABLE DISCUSSION

At this point, Mayor LeGrow asked if there were any other points that Council/Staff would like to address?

As there were no other Items...

5.0 NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Craig LeGrow scheduled the Next General Meeting for **Tuesday, 24 March 2020 at 7:45 pm.**

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss;

MOTION 034 / 2020

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting of **15 March 2020.***

Mayor Craig LeGrow adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Craig LeGrow
Mayor
Town of Bauline

Craig Drover
Town Manager
Town of Bauline