

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
2 MEMORIAL PARK PLACE 5 SEPTEMBER 2019**



PRESENT

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

REGRETS

GUESTS

Consultant Ashley Smith

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Craig LeGrow called the meeting to order at **6:10 pm**.

2.0 AGENDA

Upon review of the proposed Agenda;

MOTION 116 / 2019

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ADOPT** the agenda as presented.*

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

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 GREEN ENERGY, NET-METERING AND ALTERNATE POWER

AIM: To lower green house gas emissions in Town owned assets by converting electrical consumption to Green Energy. Ideally Bauline will maintain 100% of electrical usage through green energy.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Bauline has engaged Fundamental Inc. (Ashley Smith) to determine if it is possible/feasible to take advantage of the new Net-metering program in NL by installing green energy systems in all Town owned assets. The concept is to complete this in a phased approach, with the first phase being the conversion of the new town hall to green energy.

PROJECTED COST: \$775,000.00

ISSUE: The issue is that the Town's application for a 90/10 cost sharing split was approved under a 33/33/33 cost sharing division. This means that the requested funding would have the town share at \$77,500.00 and the approved funding is for \$234,393.00 as the Town's share. Is this project still feasible?

3.2 DISCUSSION

Council discussed this issue for an extended period of time, taking into consideration the following factors:

FUNDING: Bauline has been approved for the following funding applications:

- Diesel Generator 17-MCW-00010 – 50/50 cost share with town's contribution of **\$100,000.00**
- FCM Trans 2050 – approved at approx. **\$38,000.00**
- FCM Staff Grant – approved for 10 weeks of full time assistance **\$10,000.00**
- Green Energy Infrastructure – approved for 33/33/33 cost share with town's contribution of **\$234,393.00** with the Federal government and Provincial government combined share of **\$468,800.00**

- **OUTSTANDING FUNDING**
 - Stream 5 of the Strategic Innovation Fund – Pending Application was submitted by Fundamental Inc. to pay for a portion of the batteries and installation.

- **NOTES:**
 - The Trans 2050 funding may be eligible to be applied to our cost share.
 - The FCM Staff Grant may also be eligible to be applied to our cost share.
 - If any of the other funding applications return positively, the Town may be able to apply it to their portion of the funding.

EXPENDED: Below are the costs of consultant fees to date.

- Strategic Plan and Feasibility Study - \$8,900.00
- Green House Gas emissions inventory - \$1,600.00

FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- What is the likelihood that that the project goes over budget?
- The Mayor is awaiting a response regarding a meeting with the Minister concerning the funding stream.
- Annual light bill for the Building is approx. \$25,000.00, this is projected to significantly increase over the next several years;
- The Town can secure a loan in the amount of the heat bill, which can be used to pay for the loan at a cost neutral plan, however, the amortization will be longer.

- With the MCW approved applications and rejected applications taken into consideration, the Town is still within their current budget.
- Time constraint – response to Minister regarding funding already past due.
- Time constraint - new application end date is 30 September. (the Town should be considering applying for the rejected projects, and other priority projects)
- If the town do not proceed, what is the effect on the two FCM approved funding pieces and the partner towns?

3.3 CONSULTATION

At this point Consultant Ashley Smith of Fundamental Inc attended the meeting. A lengthy discussion and question and answer period took place.

3.4 CONCLUSION

Council deferred entering into agreement 17-RNC-20-00005-Green Energy Project under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program until the following items have occurred:

- 3.4.1 A meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment has taken place;
- 3.4.2 Consultant Ashley Smith to review the approval package for comment and recommendations;
- 3.4.3 Confirmation that the FCM Transitions 2050 funding (\$38,000) can be applied to the town's cost share;
- 3.4.4 Confirmation that the FCM Staff Grant (approx. \$10,000) can be applied to the town's cost share;
- 3.4.5 Confirmation that the previously approved funding for alternate power (Diesel Generator – approx. \$100,000.00) can be applied to the town's cost share.

4.0 TABLE DISCUSSION

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

Mayor LeGrow thanked Ms. Smith for attending the meeting and for providing valuable information. Ms. Smith thanked Council for the opportunity to discuss the matter.

5.0 NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Craig LeGrow scheduled the Next General Meeting for **Tuesday, 17 September 2019 at 7:45 pm.**

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss;

MOTION 117 / 2019

*Councillor Carol King moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting of **5 September 2019.***

Mayor Craig LeGrow adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Craig LeGrow
Mayor
Town of Bauline

Craig Drover
Town Manager
Town of Bauline