

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 13, 2020

Attendance

Councillors: Genevieve Squire, Bill Duffitt, Shannon Powell, Kim Powell, Monica Bull, Arthur Crisby, Mary MacNab

Staff: Kelly Bull

Gallery: David Decker

MOTION:	141-20
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of COVID Stimulus package and a review of development application 031-20.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	142-20
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt
Resolved that minutes from December 09, 2020 be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor MacNab stated that she would have appreciated it if Council had spoken to her about the Town Plan and the regulations around renewing or changing it prior to bringing it up at a public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was much discussion around the recruitment of a new Clerk/Manager. Councillor MacNab felt that the best option was to engage LW Consulting for this process. Councillor Powell felt that the six-week timeframe that LW Consulting requires was too lengthy.

MOTION: 143-20

Proposed by Art Crisby

Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that a job advertisement for a temporary Clerk/Manager (three-month term with possibility of extension) will be posted on January 13 for a one-week period. Salary to be commensurate with experience. No health/dental benefits will be paid.

In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 134-20

Proposed by Kim Powell

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the Santa Claus Parade Committee will be an arm of Council for 2020 in order to avail of the town's insurance coverage.

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION: 135-20

Proposed by Bill Duffitt

Seconded by: Kim Powell

Resolved that Council will donate \$150 to Holy Cross School for a scholarship

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

Councillor Bull left the room, citing a COI under section 207.

MOTION: 136-20

Proposed by Shannon Powell

Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that Council will donate \$50 to the Santa Claus Parade Committee.

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 137-20

Proposed by Shannon Powell

Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that Council will support Pipe Down NL (a noise reduction coalition).

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 138-20

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that there will be no mill rate increase, and the following tax structure be adopted as presented for 2021:

- Residential Property Tax: 5.75 mill; Commercial Property Tax – 7.5 mill (Sections 112(1) and 113(a) of the Municipalities Act, 1999);
- Minimum Residential Property Tax: \$400; Minimum Commercial Property Tax - \$400; (Sections 113(b) and 114 of the Municipalities Act, 1999);
- Property Tax for Public Utilities and Cable Companies: 7.5 mill (Section 3 of the Taxation of Utilities & Cable Companies Act)
- Waste Disposal Fee - \$80 (Section 177 of the Municipalities Act, 1999);
- Water Tax (Residential and Commercial): \$210
- Water Tax on Vacant Land (Residential and Commercial): \$100
- Sewer Tax (Residential & Commercial): \$210
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- Sewer Tax on Vacant Land (Residential & Commercial): \$100
- Water & Sewer Tax on Vacant Land (Residential & Commercial) - \$200 (as per Sections 130 and 131-1(a) of the Municipalities Act, 1999
- Water Tax – Schools and Government Buildings: \$1000
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- Water Tax for Public Utilities and Cable Companies: \$210
- Sewer Tax for Public Utilities and Cable Companies: \$210 (As per Section 4 of the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act);
- Minimum Business Tax: \$200 (As per Section 125-1 of the Municipalities Act, 1999)
- Business Tax for Public Utilities and Cable Companies: 2.5% (As per Section 5 of the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act);
- Business Tax for various classes of businesses (as per Sections 123 (1) and 124 of the Municipalities Act, 1999):

❖ Manufacturing	(Class – TB03)	2.0 mills;
❖ Tourism	(Class – TB01)	3.0 mills;
❖ Agriculture	(Class – TB01)	3.0 mills;
❖ Restaurants and Take-outs	(Class – TB04)	8.0 mills;
❖ Bars & Lounges	(Class – TB04)	8.0 mills;
❖ Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	(Class - TB04)	8.0 mills;
❖ Plant Nurseries	(Class – TB05)	10.0 mills;
❖ Grocery, Hardware & Dry Goods Stores	(Class – TB05)	10.0 mills;
❖ Equipment Sales & Service	(Class – TB09)	10.0 mills;
❖ Garages and Service Stations	(Class – TB08)	15.0 mills;

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❖ Convenience Stores, Gas Bars	(Class – TB08)	15.0 mills;
❖ Funeral Services	(Class – TB06)	15.0 mills;
❖ Construction Companies	(Class - TB06)	15.0 mills;
❖ Heavy Equipment and Building Contractors	(Class - TB10)	15.0 mills;
❖ Pharmacies & Liquor Sales Outlet	(Class - TB07)	17.0 mills;
❖ Direct Mail and Postal Services	(Class - TB07)	17.0 mills;
❖ Heavy Equipment & Snow Clearing Operations	(Class - TB10)	50.0 mills;
❖ Earth Moving Contractors	(Class - TB10)	50.0 mills;
❖ Financial Institutions	(Class – TB02)	75.0 mills;
❖ Business Tax (where no fixed place of business)		1.0%
❖ Direct Sellers Tax		\$150.00
❖ Minimum Business Tax		\$200.00

In favour – 5; Opposed – 1. Abstained – 0. Carried.

Councillor Kim Powell opposed this motion.

FINANCE

The quick stat report, November bank reconciliation and payroll were reviewed and found to be in order.

MOTION: 139-20

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented:

Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1597 – 1600: \$888.57

General Account - Cheque #'s: 8342 - 8366: A/P \$16,822.86; P/R \$7873.85

Total from General Account: \$24,696.71

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

RECREATION REPORT

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Councillor Powell advised that there had been an EP Wellness meeting in December, 2020. There are currently 12 active committee members. The executive members are:

- Roger Bull, Chairperson
- Penney Matchim, Vice Chairperson
- Shane Parsons, Secretary
- Kathy Hodder, Treasurer

Councillor Powell advised that the Chairperson and Secretary would like to meet with the Council to address the Terms of Reference for EP Wellness.

EP Wellness received a \$15,000 grant for Senior Wellness. This will allow the committee to provide socialization and activities geared toward seniors' interests.

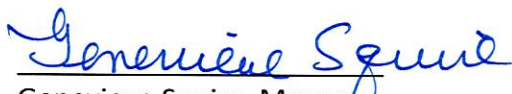
MOTION: 140-20

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2021

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.


Genevieve Squire, Mayor


Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager