

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 17, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Attendance

Councillors: Genevieve Squire, Bill Duffitt, Arthur Crisby, Kimberly Powell, Shannon Powell, Alan Holman, Mary MacNab

Staff: Kelly Bull

Delegate: Angus Bradley

At 7:00 PM, Angus Bradley addressed the Council with concerns he has in relation to the excavation of the bank adjacent to Eastport Bay on Clay Cove Road. Mr. Bradley's neighbour, at 8 Clay Cove Road has been excavating land in order to build what appears to be a road to the bay. Mr. Bradley estimated that 25 to 30 tandem loads of material have been removed. He also pointed out that a natural brook had been filled in which had temporarily changed the course of the brook. It appears that this has been remediated. Mr. Bradley expressed concerns with the disturbed ecosystems and the compromised structural stability of the bank, which is a result of the removal of natural iron mine. Mr. Bradley presented photos, maps and a video. He did acknowledge that the relationship between the two parties is acrimonious due to an ongoing land dispute. As Council has not issued any permits for this work, neither Councillors nor staff were aware of this development. Clerk/Manager and Public Works Superintendent will visit 8 Clay Cove Road on Thursday, June 18. Clerk/Manager will follow up with the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment – Water Resources Division and Crown Lands. Mr. Bradley left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

MOTION:	044-20
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of the following:	
- Opening of Eastport Beach	
- Unsightly Properties	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	045-20
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that minutes from April 27, 2020 be adopted.	
In favour – 4; (Mayor Squire, DM Duffitt, Councillors Crisby & S. Powell)	
Opposed – 3 (Councillors Holman, MacNab and K. Powell). Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Councillor MacNab read a statement regarding her concerns in relation to the minutes from the previous meeting. On May 27, there was much discussion around two proposals from contractors who wished to build a septage disposal facility within town limits. Clerk/Manager and Councillor MacNab advised Councillor K. Powell and Mayor Squire that there was a potential Conflict of Interest. Mayor Squire and Councillor Powell did not feel that they were in a conflict of interest because they had not been forwarded the proposal from Feltham's Construction that the other Councillors had read previously. They both felt that they should at least have been able to read the proposal and decide for themselves if a Conflict of Interest existed.

NEW BUSINESS

Council passed the following motion as it relates to the Main Street Water & Sewer – Phase II, 17-GI-21-00047

MOTION:	046-20
Proposed by	Mary MacNab
Seconded by:	Alan Holman
Be it resolved to accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated June 11, 2020 to complete Main Street Water & Sewer – Phase II (17-GI-21-00047). The Town of Eastport agrees to provide \$59,189.00 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk/Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment on behalf of The Town of Eastport.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	047-20
Proposed by	Mary MacNab
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt
Resolved that the Town of Eastport will partner with Tract Consulting to implement Asset Management through a Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding program.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

There have been some concerns raised by residents in relation to an unsightly property. Councillor Holman and Superintendent of Works to visit this property and have a discussion with the owner.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from Ms. Monica Bull. Ms. Bull is concerned about the upkeep of the beaches and specifically feels that NS Beach is the ideal place for an estuary. She is willing to sit on a committee for Environmental Stewardship. Council is receptive to the idea and would like to have further discussions.

Council received a letter from Mr. Larry Samson. His address is 49 A Clay Cove Road, but his next door neighbour's address is 19 Jacob's Hill (a private road). Mr. Samson feels that this arrangement is confusing for EMS and delivery drivers. Council had no objections to residents changing their address. It would be up to each individual to advise Council what they wish to do.

FINANCE

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

MOTION:	048-20
Proposed by:	Alan Holman
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented:	
Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1568 – 1572: \$816.31	
General Account - Cheque #'s: 8140 - 8159: A/P \$54,132.41; P/R - \$7,660.31	
Total from General Account: \$61,792.72	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

PUBLIC WORKS

Lane's Road: Paving is required to repair the damage caused by a water leak. Clerk/Manager to solicit three quotes, as per *The Procurement Act, 2018*.

Babstock's Lane: Clerk/Manager circulated a proposed request for quotes. All agreed this request for quotes was sufficient.

Repairs at Sewage Treatment Plant: Public Works staff has advised that significant repairs are needed. Clerk/Manager to discuss options with Biomaxx Engineering. Biomaxx is the sole source supplier in NL for the particular model of treatment plant in the municipality.

Wheelchair Accessibility at Beaches: Clerk/Manager to discuss options with Public Works Staff.

MOTION:	049-20
Proposed by	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the running boards, a trailer hitch and brake booster will be purchased for the 2020 F-250.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	050-20	
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt	
Seconded by:	Kim Powell	
Resolved that the following development application be approved as presented subject to the approval and recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies:		
007-20	24 Main Street	Build 20 x 24 Shed
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.		

At 9:32 PM, Mayor Squire and Councillor K. Powell left the meeting, citing Conflicts of Interest in the remaining agenda items (Septage Disposal Field & Grading of NS Beach Parking Lot).

Councillor MacNab advised that Northside Beach Parking Lot had not been graded. Town Clerk/Manager confirmed it had been included in the tender package. Clerk/Manager to ask contractor to complete this at their earliest convenience.

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MOTION: 051-20

Proposed by: Mary MacNab

Seconded by: Art Crisby

Resolved that Septage Disposal Facility proposals received from Feltham's Construction and G&R Contracting would be denied, as this type of facility is not compliant with the Town Plan. At this time, Council is not interested in changing the existing plan.

In favour – 4; (DM Duffitt, Councillors Crisby, Holman & MacNab) Opposed – 1 (Councillor S. Powell). Abstained – 2 (Mayor Squire & Councillor K. Powell). Carried.

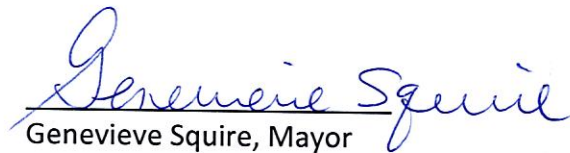
MOTION: 052-20

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Alan Holman

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 15.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.


Genevieve Squire, Mayor


Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager