

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –
MARCH 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 10, 2020

Attendance

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

Staff: Chantal Lynch

MOTION:	0030-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented with an addition of a letter from the Fire Dept presented by Bill Duffitt	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	0031-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that minutes from a regular meeting held on February 10, 2021 be adopted, adding that no names be mentioned in accordance with Privacy Laws.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

BUSINESS ARISING

The Town Clerk is meeting with Judy Powell of Happy Adventure to discuss the Back Hoe tender at Judy's convenience.

COVID-19 Stimulus Funding Plan – consensus there would be a special meeting to discuss the particulars on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at the EPVFD.

MOTION:	0032-21
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the new Photocopier Unit would be leased from Central Office, the E-Studio 400ac, as it was the lowest bid of \$79.00/month, and more suited to the needs of the office. The other quotes came in at \$89.99/month from Central Office for an E-Studio 2010ac, and \$99.99/month for a Sharp MXC303W from Modern Business.	
In favour –6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

NEW BUSINESS

The Town office will open to the public on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021. One person at a time will be permitted in the lobby. The cleaner would be contacted to do a thorough cleaning prior to opening to the public and continue with the usual cleaning schedule thereafter.

Tax Exemption for Non-Profit businesses – It was noted that each year, the business would be charged and then request (in writing) for a credit. There is no policy in effect at the current time for tax exemption for non-profit groups.

Road Grading – Due to the weather and road conditions, road grading would be deferred until after the frost is out of the ground. Decided that the road grading tender will be offered on a yearly basis and not on a per road/as needed basis.

Fire Dept – William Duffitt presented a letter from the Fire Chief expressing that the AED was a necessary piece of equipment and in their budget for replacement, he also requested that in order to control spending he is asking for quarterly updates of the Fire Department expenses.

FINANCE

MOTION:	0033-21
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented:	
Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1621 – 1628: \$3,079.07	
General Account - Cheque #'s: 8470 – 8493: \$28,622.57	
Total from General Account: \$31,701.64	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION:	0034-21
Proposed by:	Monica Bull
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that in response to Ms. Glenda Haynes' request to install a bench in memory of her daughter, she would be notified that in the absence of a policy and specific guidelines, she is invited to place a plaque at the memorial wall located in the playground. The request to place the bench would be denied until such time as a policy is developed.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 1. Abstained – 0. Carried.	
<i>Councillor Crisby opposed.</i>	

MOTION: 0035-21

Proposed by: Shannon Powell

Seconded by: Art Crisby

Resolved that in response to Terry Hammill Royal Canadian Legion Veterans Service Book Advertising request, council would continue to support this in the amount of \$255.00, the same as previous years.

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

Take Charge NL Fundraising application

There was some discussion as to what the town needs and what could possibly fall under this funding category. Council will brainstorm before the deadline.

PUBLIC WORKS

It was noted that the Public Works Committee should meet soon to schedule upcoming work for the spring and summer season.

RECREATION REPORT

MOTION: 036-21

Proposed by: Shannon Powell

Seconded by: Arthur Crisby

Resolved that in response to the funding request from Andrew Poole, Physical Education Teacher at Holy Cross School, the Town would donate up to \$1,500.00 towards the cost of a Grit Freedom Chair, as needed.

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

MOTION: 037-21

Proposed by: Arthur Crisby

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that surveillance signage would be purchased for the Recreation Grounds

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

MOTION: 038-21

Proposed by: Arthur Crisby

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that Councillor Kim Powell move forward with the annual events proposal #eastportevents with the help of the Town Clerk. It will be given a budget of \$2000.00 from the recreation budget and is intended to help engage our residents and encourage a sense of community pride.

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

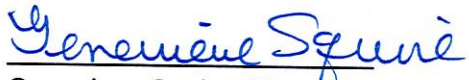
MOTION: 039-21

Proposed by: Arthur Crisby

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:58 PM. The next regular council meeting would be held on April 14, 2021.

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


Genevieve Squire, Mayor


Chantal Lynch, acting Town Clerk