

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 09, 2021

Attendance

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

Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Harris – Office Assistant

MOTION:	066-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of correspondence from Central Northeast Health Foundation	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	067-21
Proposed by	William Duffitt
Seconded by:	Arthur Crisby
Resolved that the minutes of Regular Council Meeting held on May 12th, 2021 be adopted with the correction of adding 2 opposers for Motion 059-21, (Councillor Monica Bull and Kim Powell opposed)	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Business Arising

a) There was an update provided on the COVID Stimulus funding projects. It was agreed a separate meeting was needed to set priorities and Councillor Monica Bull would revise the timeline of the proposal for Northwest Arm Park/Northside Beach.

b)

MOTION:	068-21
Proposed by	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the lowest tender for Spring Grading/Baxter Drive upgrade be accepted. Bids were as follows:	
- Feltham's Construction - \$7802.75 - G & R Contracting Ltd. - \$7337.00	
In favour – 4; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	
<i>Councillor Kim Powell and Mayor Genevieve Squire left the room citing Conflict of Interest.</i>	

c) Discussion around the Town Plan and what would be needed to renew. Consensus to leave it on the agenda for discussion in the fall after the General Election.

d) Derelict Properties – properties identified to be in a derelict state would be written a letter and asked to clean up. Councillor Monica Bull would send along a list.

e) Babstocks Sewer/Legion Road – Meridian Engineering has agreed to prepare a cost estimate free of charge. Town Clerk/Manager will provide details, along with Public Works Supervisor as needed.

f) Signage Permits – It was agreed to post a reminder on the Town’s Facebook page of Section 197 of the Municipalities act that states:

197. A person shall not, within a municipality, erect a sign except in accordance with the terms of a written permit issued by the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Access to the beach for kelp harvesting – Councils decision to allow access to Northside Beach for pedestrian traffic only remains the same as this is a sensitive area and the slope is delicate. In the interest of the safety of the residents, and to preserve the slope, there would be no use of motorized vehicles on the beach. Furthermore, there would be contact made with Municipal Affairs/Dept. of Environment concerning the erosion on the bank as a whole, and how to mitigate such.

Air BnB Tax/Tourism Levy –The Tourism levy would be a matter of discussion for the Joint Councils.

MOTION:	069-21
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that in the 2021 budget, an Air BnB tax would be added to the tax structure in the amount of \$200.00/year, which is the same amount as the minimum business tax.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	070-21
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Arthur Crisby
Resolved that due to the increase in the number of children using the playground, more equipment is needed, therefore Council will consider purchasing a set of 4 swings for the playground. Town Clerk will obtain prices.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Discussion around the Memorial Veteran Signs located at the playground and what is needed. Councillor Kim Powell will visit the area and make recommendations as to what can be done to beautify the signs/posts.

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation – There was discussion concerning the need for affordable housing for young families and low income families. Consensus to approach NLHC with these concerns and the possible availability of houses for sale in the area that could be used for such purposes.

FINANCE

MOTION:	071-21
Proposed by	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented:	
Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1643-1648; \$1,155.00	
General Account - Cheque #'s 8549-8582; \$26,760.40	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Correspondence

Fr: Federation of Canadian Municipalities-Asset Management Initiative

MOTION:	072-21
Proposed by	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the funding for the Municipal Asset Management Program be acknowledged in the amount of \$50,000.00. The project will rely heavily on the advice and knowledge of the public works staff, and Council would proceed with the project.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Fr: Central Northeast Health Foundation – request for donation

MOTION:	073-21
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that Council donate \$250.00 towards the fundraising effort for a vehicle for Lakeside Homes in that it benefits residents from the Eastport Peninsula that are staying in the home.	
In favour – 5 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.	
<i>Councillor Monica Bull abstained citing COI</i>	

Public Works

MOTION:	074-21
Proposed by:	William Duffitt
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that three(3) prices be requested for two(2) tandem-tandem loads of blast rock delivered and placed along the berm on Babstock's Lane as in previous years. Lowest or any price not necessarily accepted.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Recreation Report

Through a collective effort at the town office, the plots at the community garden are 47/50 confirmed for this season. Consensus that Council and the EP Rec and Wellness Committee work together on what items are needed for the garden.

Town Clerk/Manager Report

MOTION:	075-21
Proposed by	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the Line of Credit at Venture Credit Union for the Town be paid off and a Credit Card be applied for at Venture Credit Union.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	076-21
Proposed by	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the meeting would adjourn and the next Regular Council Meeting would be July 14 th , 2021.	
In favour – 6 ; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Genevieve Squire, Mayor

Chantal Lynch, Town Clerk/Manager