

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 @ 4:30 pm
Council Chambers

Present:

P. Farwell	Mayor
T. Pollett	Deputy Mayor
R. Anstey	Councillor
G. Brown	Councillor
B. Dove	Councillor
P. Woodford	Councillor

Advisory and Resource:

D. Chafe	CAO
G. Brown	Director of Finance
J. Blackwood	Director of Engineering
N. Newell	Director of Recreation & Community Services
T. Barron	Director of Municipal Works
H. Lowe	Fire Chief
K. White	Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

O. Fudge	Councillor
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Wrongful Conviction Day Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed October 2, 2019 as Wrongful Conviction Day in the Town of Gander.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #19-213

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Anstey and seconded by Councillor Dove that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on September 25, 2019 be adopted.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #19-214

Regular Minutes for Approval

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Dove that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on September 4, 2019 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Recreation & Community Living:

The Recreation & Community Living report was presented by Deputy Mayor Pollett.

The Recreation & Community Living meeting was held on September 16, 2019. The meeting was chaired by T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor. Other members present included: B. Dove, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor; G. Brown, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; D. Chafe, CAO; B. Freeborn, Recreation Director (A).

The following items were discussed:

Art Walker Ballfield Quotes

The Committee reviewed five quotes that were received for the upgrades to the Art Walker ballfield and are recommending that it be awarded to the lowest quote which was from FAD Holdings Limited at a cost \$36,276.75 HST inclusive.

There was \$15,000.00 budgeted, however, the Committee is recommending that the remaining \$21,276.75 be taken from any savings in the Department's budget this year and if there are not enough funds, then to reallocate the amount needed from the Gander Community Fund.

Motion #19-215

Art Walker Baseball Field Reallocation

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pollett and seconded by Councillor Brown that the \$21,276.75 needed to complete the Art Walker ballfield renovations be taken from savings in the Department's budget in 2019; and if there are insufficient funds, then to reallocate the funding from the Gander Community Fund.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 1 – Mayor Farwell

Decision: Motion carried.

Mayor Farwell is not in favour of using the money to finance this project. He feels that the funds should be used for something that will impact more residents.

Motion #19-216

Art Walker Baseball Field Upgrades

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pollett and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the contract for upgrades to the Art Walker baseball field be awarded to FAD Holdings at a cost of \$36,276.75 HST inclusive.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Skate Sharpening Concession

The Town had put out a request for proposal (RFP) for the provision of a skate sharpening business at the Steele Community Centre; however, there were no proposals submitted. Since that time, a proposal was received from Shipshape Skate Sharpening. This business owner currently has a home-based business but feels this service would be a great benefit to the patrons who use the stadium. The proposal states that the operator will run a skate sharpening service, sell hockey related merchandise and he will provide all the equipment required. They have also requested to post three signs throughout the Centre to advertise his business. The operator is asking the town to lease him the space at the Centre at a cost of \$7 per month which would cover the cost of the electricity. The company will provide the \$2 million in liability insurance that was requested in the original RFP.

The Committee agrees that this would be a great service to the public at the Steele Community Centre; however, instead of leasing the space for \$7 per month, they would like the operator to donate \$100 per year to a not for profit organization. They agree to posting three signs at the

Centre; however, the signage cannot be posted in the same areas that are currently contracted out to the Gander Rotary Club to sell.

The location can be worked out with the Administration Office at the Steele Community Centre. They would also like to see a contract between the Town and Shipshape Skate Sharpening outlining the responsibilities of the business and the Town of Gander.

Motion #19-217

Skate Sharpening Concession

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pollett and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the proposal from Shipshape Skate Sharpening be approved with the stipulation that the operator donate \$100 annually to a not for profit organization and sign a contract with the Town of Gander.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Council wanted to ensure that the contract mirrored the terms of the RFP.

Neighbourhood Park – Briggs Street

Council sent a letter to the residents of the Eastgate Subdivision asking for their input regarding the plans to develop the green space area on Briggs Street. There were some great suggestions received and the Department will be taking these comments into consideration when a plan is submitted for approval for the green space in the 2020 budget. The Department would like to thank the residents who responded and anyone else who would like to submit any suggestions are encouraged to send them in as soon as possible.

Nobles Construction Limited – Extension Request

Nobles Construction Limited, who were awarded the tender for the curtain wall replacement at the Steele Community Centre, has asked to extend their contract until September 30th because of material lead time delays. They would like to begin the work on September 23rd. The Committee agreed with the extension; however, due to an event at the Centre, the Department is recommending that they start on September 30th with a completion date of October 7th. Nobles Construction agree with this timeline.

Motion #19-218

Nobles Construction Limited – Extension Request

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pollett and seconded by Councillor Brown that Nobles Construction Limited be approved for an extension for the curtain wall replacement contract at the Steele Community Centre until October 7, 2019.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Gander Rotary Club re Cobb's Pond Maintenance

A letter was received from the Gander Rotary Club noting some maintenance they would like to see completed in the park. Some of this maintenance is part of the Departments plans for the fall.

One of the items noted was to redo the volleyball court. Council had previously suggested that the Department look for an alternate location for the court because the current location is not convenient for the type of sand required for an outdoor court. The Rotary Club will be notified of this decision and the Town will also work with the Rotary Club on all their suggestions.

Youth Advisory Committee Minutes

The minutes were received from the second meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee. Their Committee has suggested some areas for the relocation of the volleyball court at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park as well as some suggestions for the green space development in the Eastgate Subdivision. There was also some discussion on hosting a Youth Forum. The Committee thinks this is a wonderful idea and looks forward to receiving more information on this event.

First Responders Challenge

Council would like to advise the public of a new event which will take place at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park. The First Responders Challenge will be held on Sunday, October 6th from 1 – 4 pm. Come out and cheer on your local first responders as they compete in challenges. Admission is free; however, donations are accepted at the gate and all proceeds will go to the local Kids Eat Smart Foundation. This competition will take place in the parking lot; therefore, the parking lot will be closed at Cobb's Pond from 10 am – 5 pm that day.

Renovation of the Steele Community Centre's Washrooms/Showers

The Committee was updated on the status of the renovations to the washrooms and showers in the dressing rooms at the Steele Community Centre. Most of the work is completed; however, there are still a few items that need to be completed in the showers and the company is working with the Recreation Department on an appropriate time to complete this when the ice is not booked.

Stewardship Association of Municipalities

Councillor Woodford provided an update on the Stewardship Association of Municipalities meetings which is being held in Gander from September 20th – 22nd.

There will be approximately 40 delegates from communities across the province attending with meetings taking place at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park as well as the Steele Community Centre and the Fire Hall.

Upcoming events

- a) Sept 26-29: NL Fire Services Convention
- b) Oct 6: First Responders Challenge
- c) Oct 7 - 11: Give Thanks Campaign
- d) Oct 17: Seniors Wellness

B. Public Safety & Protective Services Committee:

The Public Safety & Protective Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Woodford.

The Public Safety & Protective Services Committee was held on September 17, 2019. The meeting was chaired by P. Woodford, Councillor. Other members present included: T. Pollett, Councillor; B. Dove, Councillor; G. Brown, Councillor; H. Lowe, Fire Chief/Director of Public Safety & Protective Services; L. Small, Administrative Assistant.

The following items were discussed:

Policy A018- Intrusion Alarms at Municipal Buildings

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to Policy number A018, *Intrusion Alarms at Municipal Buildings*. The changes in the document reflect an update to the contact list, addition of the dispatchers, and mostly reorganization of the text.

Motion #19-219

Policy A018 – Intrusion Alarms at Municipal Buildings

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Dove that Policy A018, *Intrusion Alarms at Municipal Buildings* be approved.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Speed Bump Request

A complaint was received requesting a speed bump be installed on Penwell Avenue. The Committee appreciates input from residents regarding speeding, however, they agreed that traffic calming measures would not be considered at this time. The Municipal Enforcement officers will be reminded to patrol the area along with other streets that are experiencing issues with speeding.

C. Public Works & Services Committee:

The Public Works & Services Committee report was presented by Councillor Anstey.

The Public Works & Services Committee meeting was held on September 18, 2019. The meeting was chaired by T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor. Other members present included: G. Brown, Councillor; R. Anstey, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor; P. Woodford, Councillor; T. Barron, Director of Municipal Works and Services; L. Small, Administrative Assistant.

The following items were discussed:

Tender Summary #19-29, Supply and Delivery of One Infrared Asphalt Heater

The Director presented the tender summary for the supply and delivery of one Infrared Asphalt Heater. Two tenders were received with one non-compliant, and the Director advised that one bid that met specifications was submitted by S & S Supply Ltd. and Crosstown Rentals in the amount of \$63,321.00, HST included. This is \$17,421.00 over-budget, however, the cost will be covered by savings in the 2019 Public Works Capital Budget.

The Committee recommends that the tender for the supply of one Infrared Asphalt Heater be awarded to S & S Supply Ltd. and Crosstown Rentals and refers this tender to the Finance and Administration Committee for its consideration.

24 Hamilton Street

The Director presented the Committee with an invoice from the property owner of 24 Hamilton Street who is requesting reimbursement for the costs incurred to investigate a blocked sewer lateral. It was determined the blockage was caused by pipe failure and falls within the Policy MW030 guidelines for reimbursement. It is recommended the owner of 24 Hamilton Street be paid \$230.00 to cover the costs incurred to investigate a blocked sewer lateral.

Motion #19-220
24 Hamilton Street

Moved by Councillor Anstey and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that the owner of 24 Hamilton Street be paid \$230.00 to cover the costs incurred to investigate a blocked sewer lateral.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

D. Development and Tourism Committee:

The Development and Tourism Committee report was presented by Councillor Brown.

The Development and Tourism Committee meeting was held on September 18, 2019. The meeting was chaired by G. Brown, Councillor. Other members present included: T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor; R. Anstey, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor; D. Quinton, Development Director (A).

The following items were discussed:

Business Referral Process

The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that business services offered by the Town are accessible to new and existing businesses in a clear and seamless manner. Optimizing the service for end users requires ensuring that all related departments have access to relevant and timely information pertaining to business client needs and that the information be relayed in a clear precise manner. This should include formalized information sharing between departments as well as direct referral of business clients. The Committee recognizes that this function already exists informally but in the interest of optimizing business services would like Management to initiate a formalized process to ensure standardized service levels for all business clients. The Committee has asked that the Acting Development Director work with both the Engineering and IT Departments to formalize an interdepartmental process for dealing with all business-related inquiries.

9/11 Steel Permanent Display

The Committee would like to acknowledge the recent improvements in the 9/11 steel display at the Town Hall in which the steel was raised from floor level to a more comfortable viewing level. This initiative was identified as a short-term measure to improve the current viewing experience for tourist and community citizens.

Moving forward, the Committee feels that the 9/11 steel warrants a more prominent location and display. In choosing a permanent location, the Committee would like to ensure that issues such as accessibility, aesthetics and site suitability are considered as with other significant monuments throughout Town.

The Committee has asked that the Acting Director of Development to work with both the Engineering and Public Works Departments to identify suitable locations and to determine whether the Town has the resources to design and install the permanent 9/11 steel display. The Committee would like to consider recommendations for moving forward as part of the 2020 budget process.

Economic Activity Update

The Committee discussed the importance of highlighting the positive economic impact derived from events, activities and initiatives that go on regularly within the Town of Gander. With Gander being a provincial hub for such activities, the Town benefits greatly from the many associated economic spinoffs including spending on accommodations, food service, retail and recreation. All this additional activity supports local employment and increases the overall tax base through which the Town can provide high levels of service and maintain infrastructure.

Moving forward, the Committee would like to see greater emphasis placed on sharing these positive outcomes with the public so that as a community we can continue to appreciate and support such activities into the future.

Economic Activity Update - Tourism

With the primary tourism season winding down, all indicators are pointing to a very successful year for tourism visitations to Gander. The Town's emphasis on tourism promotion along with the continued success of the Come From Away musical is having a direct influence in driving visitations to Gander and Area. Indicators Include;

- An overall tourism increase at the local tourist chalet is up 18% over 2018 which was up similarly from 2017. (US visitors increased 50%, International visitors increased 40%, and Canadian visitors increased 25%).
- Visitations are also up significantly at the North Atlantic Aviation Museum with 14,000 visitors to early September up from 11,900 for all of 2017.

- Overall number of bus tours at the Museum have also doubled the total for 2018 with 126 to date with more to come. Gander International Airport has experienced similar growth in bus tours for 2019.

In preparation for the 2020 tourism season, citizens will notice the placement of 12 out of an eventual 15 Come From Away signs posted at various locations throughout Town which were portrayed in the Broadway musical. As part of Town's "Sense of Arrival" initiative these signs will welcome tourist to the community while providing a self-guided tour and photo opportunity.

HBB Application-114 Elizabeth Drive

The Committee reviewed an application from the resident of 114 Elizabeth Drive.

WHEREAS an application has been received from "Lambert's Cement Finishing (L.C.F)" to operate a home-based business office for a cement finishing company.

AND WHEREAS the advertising and discretionary use notices were posted with no formal objections received by the deadline date of September 5, 2019 and it meets all the Town of Gander's Development Regulations.

Motion #19-221

HBB Application – 114 Elizabeth Drive

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that "Lambert's Cement Finishing (L.C.F)" be permitted to operate a home-based business office for a cement finishing company from 114 Elizabeth Drive.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

HBB Application-16 Cotton Street

The Committee reviewed an application from the resident of 16 Cotton Street.

WHEREAS an application has been received from "Yum Yum's Cakes and Confections" to operate a home-based business for the purpose of providing a cake decorating and confections service.

AND WHEREAS the advertising and discretionary use notices were posted with no formal objections received by the deadline date of August 30, 2019 and it meets all the Town of Gander's Development Regulations.

Motion #19-222

HBB Application – 16 Cotton Street

Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that “Yum Yum’s Cakes and Confections” be permitted to operate a home-based business for the purpose of providing a cake decorating and confections service from 16 Cotton Street.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

E. Engineering, Planning & Controls:

The Engineering, Planning & Controls Committee report was presented by Councillor Anstey.

The Engineering, Planning & Controls Committee meeting was held on September 19, 2019. The meeting was chaired by R. Anstey, Councillor. Other members present included: P. Woodford, Councillor; O. Fudge, Councillor; G. Brown, Councillor; J. Blackwood, Director of Engineering; J. Hillier, Administrative Assistant.

The following items were discussed:

Delegation – 33 Wilcockson Crescent

The Committee met with the homeowner of 33 Wilcockson Crescent to discuss his concerns regarding a fire hydrant that was relocated to the front of his property during the reconstruction of Wilcockson Crescent.

The homeowner advised that he did not receive any notification from the Town prior to the relocating of the fire hydrant and now he is requesting that it be removed and installed in its previous location between 29 and 31 Wilcockson Crescent.

The Director explained that the rationale for installing the fire hydrant in front of 33 Wilcockson Crescent was due to the required spacing from the distance between 33 Wilcockson and

Elizabeth Drive. He also explained that the previous location of the fire hydrant was non-conforming to the current Town of Gander's Design Standards for Streets and Subdivisions.

The homeowner understood the rationale however, he said he would have liked it if someone advised him of this before the installation was done.

The Committee advised that when a street is scheduled for upgrades, the Engineering Department sends notification to the affected residents advising them of infrastructure upgrades.

If any trees or landscaping need to be removed, by the contractor, in order to complete the upgrades, is discussed with the homeowner. The Committee expressed their apologies for not bringing the relocation of the hydrant to his attention prior to construction and advised that going forward, relocating fire hydrants will be addressed in future upgrades.

The homeowner expressed his concerns with other issues that he has been having with regards to the contractor leaving materials on his property. The Director advised that there is a Town Construction Inspector on site during the construction and to direct those issues to him or to contact the Public Works Department with any concerns. The Director advised that he will notify the Construction Inspector to make him aware of the concerns brought forward.

The delegation thanked the Committee for their time and left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Shipping Container Regulation – 1st Reading

After many months of discussion and consultations with the local business community and the Chamber of Commerce regarding shipping containers, Council directed the Engineering Department to draft a regulation that would be suitable for business owners, as well as, the residents of Gander.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Shipping Container Regulation, as attached, and recommends it be brought forward for its 1st reading. The Committee had one recommendation which was to reduce the proposed set back from the front building line from 10m to 3m.

The Committee would like to forward this regulation to the Chamber of Commerce for review and would also like to have any comments or concerns regarding this regulation be brought forward to the next Committee meeting for discussion.

Drainage Issues – 12 Bannock Street

The Director advised the Committee that he had recently sent letters to the residents of Bannock Street indicating the importance of maintaining the originally approved grading and to not obstruct the drainage swale at the rear of their properties. The Director advised that he has received several calls from the homeowners following the issuance of the letter and have

received correspondence from the homeowner of 12 Bannock Street asking what measures the developer has taken to ensure adequate drainage and who is responsible for drainage behind his property.

The Director informed the Committee that prior to construction of this subdivision, the developer submitted a design which met the required grading as reviewed and approved by town officials. The drainage swale is located on private property and is therefore, the responsibility of the individual property owners to maintain.

Water Drainage Issues – Mary Brown’s Restaurant, Trans-Canada Highway

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the project manager for the construction of the new Mary Brown’s Restaurant on the Trans-Canada Highway indicating that they have incurred significant cost in stormwater management measures employed in the redesign of their new facility. They feel that neighboring properties will benefit from their efforts and one adjacent property owner has agreed to share the cost. They are requesting that Council contribute financially to their efforts.

The Director advised that there is no land owned by the Town directly adjacent to this development and the Committee felt it would be unfair to burden the taxpayers of Gander with an expense incurred to benefit private properties.

Traffic Study – Cooper Boulevard

The Committee discussed changes that have taken place with the growth of Gander and the increasing pressure this has placed on various streets especially Cooper Boulevard. The 2019 budget included an allowance to conduct a full evaluation of Cooper and the Committee discussed what scope of work they would like to see included in that evaluation. The intent is to design and implement measures and infrastructure on Cooper Boulevard to ensure the safe and efficient movement of both pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic on the street long into the future.

The Committee agreed that a traffic study should be completed for of Cooper Boulevard, however, would like traffic lights for the intersections of Memorial/Cooper and Raynham/Cooper be placed in the budget for next year regardless of the results of the traffic study. The Committee would also like to have cost estimates for a roundabout, as an alternative to traffic lights.

Town of Gander’s Regulations

The Director advised the Committee that the Engineering Department will be reviewing its regulations and will be making modifications to ensure that they are in conformance with the revised format. Once the regulations have been amended, they will be brought forward to

Council for approval. The Director advised that there were several regulations that were time sensitive and recommended combining these revised regulations for adoption in a combined effort at the start of the new year.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Change Order #17

The Committee reviewed Change Order #17 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Build project. This Change Order includes an upset limit cost for the provision of fuel for pumps being used to fill the lagoons in the amount of \$57,500.00.

After discussion, the Committee recommends approval of Change Order #17, as attached, and forwards it to the Finance and Administration Committee for their review and consideration.

Accessory Building Request – 310 Gander Bay Road

The Committee reviewed a development application from the homeowner of 310 Gander Bay Road requesting permission to erect an additional accessory building at the rear of his property measuring 20 x 30 with a 15m building separation as opposed to a 30m separation as indicated in the Accessory Building Regulations.

The Director advised that this area is zoned Rural/Rural Residential and given the size of the lot, it will have very minimal impact to neighboring properties.

Motion #19-223

Accessory Building Request – 310 Gander Bay Road

Moved by Councillor Anstey and seconded by Councillor Brown permission be granted to the homeowner of 310 Gander Bay Road to erect an accessory building measuring 20' x 30' with a 15m building separation.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

F. Finance & Administration:

The Finance and Administration Committee report was presented by Councillor Dove.

The Finance & Administration Committee meeting was held on September 19, 2019. The meeting was chaired by G. Brown, Councillor. Other members present included: P. Woodford, Councillor O. Fudge, Councillor; T. Pollett, Deputy Mayor; G. Brown, Director of Finance.

The following items were discussed:

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL)

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) regarding the nominations for the 2019 Board of Directors. Several positions are available including President, Vice-President and Urban Municipalities Director. Currently, Councillor Anstey is the Urban Municipalities Director for the Province. If Council is interested in nominating anyone, they have to do so by Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

Motion #19-224

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador - Urban Municipalities Director

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Councillor Brown that Councillor Anstey be nominated for the position of Urban Municipalities Director.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Tender – Infrared Asphalt Heater

The Committee reviewed the tender results for One Infrared Asphalt Heater. Two bids were received. The low bidder was S&S Supply Ltd. & Crosstown Rentals.

Motion #19-225

Tender – Infrared Asphalt Heater

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the tender for One Infrared Asphalt Heater be awarded to S&S Supply Ltd. & Crosstown Rentals at a price of \$63,321.00 HST inclusive.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Property Tax Reductions

The Committee reviewed two residential tax reduction applications which were submitted in accordance with Council's policy on tax reductions for residential property.

Motion #19-226

Property Tax Reductions

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the two property tax reductions be approved as attached.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Acting Director of Development

The current Director of Development has been off for a period of time and will be out until at least the end of this year.

Motion #19-227

Acting Director of Development

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that Dave Quinton be appointed the Acting Director of Development effective September 30, 2019 until further notice.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Pomerleau Change Order #17 – Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Committee reviewed Pomerleau Change Order #17 for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Change Order is being recommended by the Engineering Committee for fuel costs required to fill the lagoons at the new Wastewater Treatment Plant with water.

Motion #19-228

Pomerleau Change Order #17 – Wastewater Treatment Plant

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the Pomerleau Change Order #17 for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant be approved in the amount of \$57,500 HST inclusive.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Budget Schedule

The Committee reviewed the proposed Budget Schedule for 2020 which proposes that the budget be adopted at the Council meeting of November 27, 2019. There was some discussion on the timing of the public consultations and the Committee suggested they be held earlier in the process, specifically, October 7 and 8, 2019.

Motion #19-229 Budget Schedule

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Anstey adoption of the 2020 Budget Schedule as attached.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

G. Other Reports:
None

7. ADMINISTRATION
None

8. CORRESPONDENCE
None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Funding Application – New Multiplex and Soccer/Track and Field Facility

For several years Council has been discussing the possibility of constructing a Multiplex facility. It has considered doing so in conjunction with Airials Gymnastics, Gander Tennis Association, Special Olympics, and Broadening Horizons to name just some of the potential partners. In 2019 the Federal government announced a new funding program that would see \$555 million dollars invested in this province over the next 10 years.

The first round of funding applications for this new program closed last December and at that time Council applied for funding for the multiplex as well as a new soccer/track and field facility at an estimated cost of \$29 million. The application was rejected by the Province.

Since then another round of funding has been announced and the deadline for applications is September 30th. Council has decided to resubmit the project but to do it in phases this time so that it will have a better chance of getting the project approved. The first phase would be the sitework along with construction of the soccer pitch and the track and field facility.

Motion #19-230

Funding Application – New Multiplex and Soccer/Track and Field Facility

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the Town of Gander apply for \$7,734,265 in funding for Project #AP-MCW-18385 New Multiplex & Soccer/Track and Field Facility-Phase I.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The CAO left the meeting.

Chiron Tax Agreement

Council has been in discussions with a company interested in setting up a business in the medical field in Gander. Part of the discussions involved municipal taxation of the businesses. One business will construct a building and another affiliated business will provide the medical services from the building.

Motion #19-231

Chiron Holdings Inc. Taxation Agreement

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the Town enter into a taxation agreement with Chiron Holdings Inc. whereby the company will be exempt from property and water and sewer taxes for a period of 15 years. In year 16 they will be charged 20% of the taxes and this will increase by 20% per year until they are paying 100% of the taxes in year 20.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #19-232

Chiron Wellness Centre Inc. Taxation Agreement

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Woodford that the Town enter into a taxation agreement with Chiron Wellness Centre Inc. whereby the company will be exempt from business taxes for a period of 15 years. In year 16 they will be charged 20% of the taxes and this will increase by 20% per year until they are paying 100% of the taxes in year 20.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #19-233

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

P. Farwell, Mayor

G. Brown, Town Clerk