

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 @ 4:30 pm
Council Chambers

Present:

C. Elliott	Mayor
C. Abbott	Deputy Mayor
G. Parrott	Councillor
S. McBreairty	Councillor
B. Dove	Councillor

Advisory and Resource:

D. Chafe	Chief Administrative Officer
G. Brown	Town Clerk
J. Blackwood	Director of Engineering
P. Fudge	Fire Chief
R. Locke	Director of Development
B. Freeborn	Director of Recreation & Community Services (A)
C. Newhook	Director of Municipal Works (A)
E. Fisher	Council Youth Representative

Regrets:

R. Anstey	Councillor
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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Volunteer Week Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed April 23 – 29, 2017 as Volunteer Week in the Town of Gander.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Gander.

Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed April 23 – 29, 2017 as Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week in the Town of Gander.

Canadian Cancer Society Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed April 1 – 30, 2017 as Daffodil Month in the Town of Gander.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST ALLEGATION

In March of this year Council received a complaint from a resident that Councillor Lorenzen was in a conflict of interest as the result of a vote that he cast regarding a tax agreement between the Town and NavCanada at the November 25, 2015 Regular Council meeting. Once the complaint was received we consulted with our solicitor as well as the Department of Municipal Affairs as to how to proceed. They both advised that a hearing would have to be held at which the evidence would be presented to Council and Councillor Lorenzen would have a chance to present evidence as well as ask questions of witnesses.

This hearing was scheduled for April 3rd, 2017. Councillor Lorenzen submitted his letter of resignation on March 31, 2017. At that point Council once again talked to Municipal Affairs as to whether the hearing should go ahead given the circumstances. They advised us to get outside legal advice which we did and the advice was to proceed with the hearing which we did yesterday.

At the hearing the evidence was presented. As indicated in the allegation Councillor Lorenzen did vote on the tax agreement between the Town and NavCanada at the November 25, 2015 meeting while still an employee of NavCanada. Section 207(1)(d) of the Municipalities Act states that “..a Councillor shall not vote on or speak to a matter before the Council or a committee of the Council where the councilor is an officer, employee or agent of an incorporated or unincorporated company, or other association of persons, that has a monetary interest in the matter.” It is quite clear that he was in a conflict of interest when he voted on this matter.

Section 206(2) requires that “..a Council shall , by resolution, declare vacant the office of an elected Councillor where that Councillor..(b) discusses or votes on a matter on which he or she has a conflict.”

Motion #17-060

Conflict of Interest Allegation

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abbott and seconded by Councillor Dove that the seat held by Councillor Lorenzen be declared vacant pursuant to Section 206(2) of the Municipalities Act.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Abbott said this is an ongoing issue. Wayne Lorenzen has 21 days to appeal during which time Council will not be making any further statement.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #17-061

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Parrott and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on April 12, 2017 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

5. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #17-062

Minutes for Approval

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abbott and seconded by Councillor Parrott that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on March 22, 2017 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

7. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Recreation & Community Living:

The Recreation & Community Living report was presented by Councillor Dove.

The Recreation & Community Living meeting was held on April 5, 2017. The meeting was chaired by R. Anstey, Councillor. Other members present included: B. Dove, Councillor; N. Newell, Director of Recreation & Community Services; K. Sceviour, Special Events Coordinator, J. Knee, Community Events Coordinator.

The following items were discussed:

Freedom of the City

The Special Event Coordinator updated the Committee on the Freedom of the City event taking place on May 1-2, 2017.

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of 103 Search and Rescue, the coordinator is working with the Royal Canadian Legion to plan a concert featuring renowned RCAF band JET STREAM. The Town of Gander is providing in-kind assistance consisting of waiving the building rental and providing staff to help with the event. The concert will be held May 2nd at 9:00 pm and tickets are just \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. This event is for those 19 years of age or older and we encourage everyone to come out and support the Legion and celebrate such a significant occasion for 103 Search and Rescue.

Festival of Flight

The Special Event Coordinator and Community Events Coordinator updated the Committee on plans for the Festival of Flight being held from August 4th – 7th and Canada Day. They are currently discussing bands for the Kitchen Party and looking for a children's entertainer for the afternoon on Gander Day. It was also discussed that the department should consider keeping the beer tent open later on Gander Day; however, this will depend on the number of staff available.

Plans are underway to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and because of the significance of this special milestone, the department is working on expanding the events on Canada Day and adding a couple of Canada 150 themed events to our schedule over the summer. Once plans are finalized, information will be posted to the Town's website and social media. Any resident or group interested in partnering with the department for the Festival of Flight or Canada Day is asked to contact Recreation and Community Services at 709-651-5927.

The Special Event Coordinator and the Community Events Coordinator left the Committee meeting.

The Supervisor of Engineering joined the Committee meeting.

Eastgate Development – Neighbourhood Parks

The Committee reviewed a letter from Eastgate Development regarding the current open space/neighbourhood park regulations. They are requesting that they be exempt from the new revisions due to the fact that they have homes built in the area and new home building designs approved for 2017 which were submitted with their original plan for Phases I to Phase III. The Committee discussed the letter and the new design standards for open space/neighbourhood parks. They are recommending that the developer submit a map with their plans for development and open space for 2017/2018 so they can review and make a decision based on these plans. This is being referred to the Engineering Committee for their consideration.

Gander Minor Baseball Building

Gander Minor Baseball is proposing to construct a 20' x 24' building for their organization behind the backstop of Field B. In 2016 Gander Minor Baseball submitted the same plans for this building at the location of the Art Walker baseball field. This was discussed in Committee and it was recommended that baseball work with the Engineering Department.

Since that time, Gander Minor Baseball has decided to move the location from the Art Walker Field to Field B. The building would consist of equipment storage, room for officials, score-keeping and a covered deck. Gander Minor Baseball would pay to have this building constructed. They are requesting however, that the Town of Gander provide building permits, insurance for the building as well as provide electrical hook-up and cover electrical costs. The Committee discussed this and is not sure if it is the best location for the building. They are asking the Director to work with Gander Minor Baseball to find a solution that will be best for them and the department.

The Supervisor of Engineering left the Committee meeting.

The Director of Recreation & Community Services left the meeting and the CAO & Mayor joined the Committee meeting.

Gander Minor Hockey – Street Jam Ball Hockey Tournament

Gander Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) is requesting an in-kind donation and assistance for a ball hockey tournament they are assisting a private organizer with during June 2 - 4, 2017. They are requesting that Town staff assist with set-up/tear down as well as the use of the inside of the Steele Community Centre for vendors. GMHA is partnering with a private company to organize this event and a donation from each team registered is being donated to GMHA. This donation would help GMHA with a number of initiatives they can provide youth in their hockey program.

The Committee discussed this and feels that a charge for the event will depend on the number of teams registered, inside space needed and assistance required from the department. They are asking the director to work with the organizer of Street Jam and when the event is closer and the requests are finalized, charges for the event will be determined by the department. The director will update the organizer and GMHA of this decision.

The Director of Recreation & Community Services joined the Committee meeting.

Upcoming events

- April 15: Silver Jets Ice Show
- April 17: Fun N Fit Day
- April 17–19: Steele Hotels Provincial Peewee Mega Hockey Tournament
- April 20–22: Steele Hotels Provincial Bantam B Hockey Tournament
- April 29: Gigantic Yard Sale

- May 2: Freedom of the City

B. Public Works & Services:

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

The Public Works & Services Committee was held on April 6, 2017. The meeting was chaired by R. Anstey, Councillor. Other members present included: B. Dove, Councillor; P. Fudge, Fire Chief; T. Barron, Director of Municipal Works; W. Jenkins, Municipal Officer In Charge; L. Small, Administrative Assistant; G. Whitt, Administrative Support Clerk.

The following items were discussed:

Taxi Fares- Metered vs Flat Rate

The Municipal Officer in Charge (OIC) updated the Committee on the ongoing review of the two types of taxi fares; metered and flat rates. St. John's, Mount Pearl, Paradise and Grand Falls-Windsor all use the metered system. Deer Lake uses a flat rate but it is set very low.

The Department would like to gather input from both taxi companies on their preferred method of operation. If any changes to the Taxi and Limousine Regulations are forthcoming, ample time will be given to the business owners to implement any work required. The annual taxi registrations and vehicle inspections will be conducted this month.

MEOO4 Animal Control Policy

The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the Town's Animal Control Policy. The changes mostly consist of updating the text, the euthanization fee and the removal of paragraph six regarding contacting the Municipal Enforcement Department after hours.

These proposed changes are presented to Council for first reading. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed changes should contact the Town at 256-9312.

Standing Offer – SO17-07 Ready Mix Concrete

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The Committee reviewed the results of the Standing Offer for the supply and delivery of Ready Mix Concrete. Three (3) bids were received and the Director advises that the lowest of the Standing Offers that met specifications was submitted by H. Wareham & Sons Ltd as shown in the attachment.

The Committee recommends that the Standing Offers be accepted and refers them to the Finance Committee for its consideration.

Town Square – Access Road / Walking Trail

The Director discussed with the Committee the area located at the end of Peyton's Flowers, known as Peyton's Alley, and the area next to East Ocean Restaurant. It was suggested both areas be cleaned up and designated as a walking trail only. This would ensure the safety of pedestrians who use this area on a daily basis, as well as upgrade aesthetics of the area. The area behind the building will remain accessible via the rear access roads.

The Committee agrees and forwards this item to the Management Committee for further discussion.

Two- Way Left Turning Lanes

The Director addressed the need to add a **center, two-way, left turning lane** on two sections of road; one on Airport Boulevard located between Cooper Boulevard and Bennett Drive and another on Bennett Drive located between Shoppers Drug Mart and the Gander Mall Entrance. Currently the road width allows room for the addition of the suggested turning lane, and it is already a common practice of many motorists to pull into the center of the road in this area to allow traffic to flow around their vehicle.

The proposed center lane paint markings will guide all motorists into a turning lane with the anticipation that it will optimize the flow of traffic in the area.

The Committee agrees and recommends the Municipal Enforcement, Officer in Charge, review the suggested changes and the possible effects of adding a center two-way turning lane at both locations referenced. Any concerns that may arise will be further discussed by the Committee at the next Scheduled Public Works and Services Meeting.

C. Development, Tourism & Culture Committee:

The Development, Tourism & Culture Committee report was presented by Councillor McBreairty.

The Development, Tourism & Culture Committee was held on April 6, 2017. The meeting was chaired by S. McBreairty, Councillor. Other members present included: R. Anstey, Councillor; R. Locke, Development Director.

The following items were discussed:

Gander Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the Gander Heritage Advisory Committee dated March 23rd, 2017.

The Committee feels that due to the recent resignation of Councillor Lorenzen, who served as the Council liaison with the Gander Heritage Advisory Committee, a new Council liaison is required.

Councillor McBreairty stated her interest in fulfilling this role.

Motion #17-063

Gander Heritage Advisory Committee Liaison

Moved by Councillor McBreairty and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott that Councillor McBreairty be appointed as Council's Liaison with the Gander Heritage Advisory Committee.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Downhome Explore Travel Guide Advertisement Request

The Director advised the Committee of an advertising opportunity presented through the Downhome Explore Travel Guide which is distributed in the June Edition of Downhome Magazine.

This would be a great opportunity as most municipalities in our region choose to advertise in this Travel Guide and it provides an effective advertising medium at reasonable rates.

Total circulation is approximately 70,000 including;

- Over 2000 guest rooms in the province
- Subscribers of Downhome Magazine
- Tourist Chalets
- Visitor Information Centres (VIC's)
- Tourist destinations (campsites, recreational dealers, retailers, etc)
- Interpretive Centres
- Marine Atlantic vessels and terminals

The Committee sees the overall benefit and asked the Director to proceed with the placement of this advertisement. This is a budgeted item

EVAS Air Acknowledgement

The Committee reviewed a news release regarding the signing of 10-year contract between Gander's own EVAS Air and global aviation leader Pratt & Whitney Canada. This agreement will help identify and develop new opportunities for EVAS Air and Gander's aerospace sector overall.

The Committee would like to congratulate EVAS Air on the signing of this long-term Fleet Management Program maintenance contract.

Update: New Long-Term Care Facilities Procurement Process

The Committee reviewed and discussed a recent Provincial Government news release providing an update on the procurement process for the new Corner Brook long-term care facility. The Director suggested enquiring about the status of the procurement process for the long-term care facility planned for Gander, which was originally announced in 2015.

The Committee is in agreement and advised the Director to write a letter to our MHA and Minister, the Honourable Dr. John Haggie, (Minister of Health & Community Services) requesting an update on the long-term care facility planned for Gander.

D. Governance & Community Engagement:

The Governance & Community Engagement Committee report was presented by Deputy Mayor Abbott.

The Governance & Community Engagement Committee meeting was held on April 6, 2017. The meeting was chaired by C. Abbott, Deputy Mayor. Other members present included: S. McBreairty, Councillor; D. Chafe, CAO.

The following items were discussed:

Hiring Policy

The Committee reviewed and discussed a new hiring policy intended to replace the current Hiring policy #P028. The new policy provides more detail on the hiring process and addresses the issue of nepotism. The Committee supported the new policy and it has now been referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

Employee Code of Conduct

The Committee reviewed a new Employee Code of Ethics policy. The policy addresses a wide range of issues including employee's integrity, impartiality, conflict of interest, the receiving of gifts and benefits, use of municipal property, outside employment, financial transactions, confidentiality, political activity, public comment and staff/Council relations. The Committee supported the policy as presented.

Motion #17-064

Employee Code of Conduct

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abbott and seconded by Councillor McBreairty adoption of the new Employee Code of Conduct policy as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Report

Councillor McBreairty advised that she had been scheduled to participate in a program entitled Campaign School for Women, which is offered by Equal Voice. Unfortunately the delivery of the program has been delayed. Equal Voice advocates for the equal representation of women in Canada's Parliament, provincial legislatures, and on municipal Councils, as a fundamental question of fairness for women in terms of their access to Canada's democratic institutions.

E. Engineering, Planning & Controls:

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

The Engineering, Planning & Controls Committee meeting was held on April 5, 2017. The meeting was chaired by C. Abbott, Deputy Mayor. Other members present included: S. McBreairty, Councillor; J. Blackwood, Director of Engineering; J. Hillier, Administrative Assistant.

The following items were discussed:

McCurdy Enterprises – Design Standards for Streets and Subdivisions

The Committee reviewed correspondence from McCurdy Enterprises expressing concerns with the recent changes to the Town of Gander's Design Standards for Streets and Subdivisions specific to section 5.11.1 - Asphalt specifications. The Director of Engineering informed the Committee that the most recent changes to the specifications are in keeping with the Municipal Affairs Master Specifications and the Department of Transportation and Works specifications.

Where previously there existed differing asphalt specifications for each of the three organizations, they have all been combined to form one.

There was a concern raised about plant capacity and trucking distance and the Director advised that there are specific guidelines within the new specifications to protect the owner from these concerns and that Town staff diligently check equipment and products and enforce these guidelines accordingly.

The Supervisor of Technical Services joined the Committee meeting.

Eastgate – Open Space/Neighborhood Parks

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Cecon Development Corporation requesting an exemption to the Town’s recently updated “Open Space/Neighborhood Parks” section in the Design Standards for Streets and Subdivisions for their next phase of development. They relayed to the Committee that much of the design work for the development proposed for the 2017 construction season had been completed prior to the design standards change. They are asking for an exemption until the next stage of development, at which time they will integrate the full requirements of the standards.

The Committee recommends that Council request a concept lot layout plan from Cecon Development Corporation specifying exactly where they plan to designate open space/neighborhood parks within their next phase of development before making a final decision.

The Supervisor of Technical Services left the Committee meeting.

Variance – 176 Roe Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Gander has received an application to construct an addition to the existing building at the above noted address which will extend to within 4.78 metres of the side property line.

It is noted that this area is zoned Commercial General (CG) and requires a minimum sideyard of 5.0 meters. The addition will encroach into this sideyard. The Director advised that one representation had been received however, it did not object to the variance.

Motion #17-065

Variance – 176 Roe Avenue

Moved by Councillor Parrott and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott that variance approval for 176 Roe Avenue be approved as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Residential Landscaping Regulations

The Director presented, to the Committee, a draft copy of the Residential Landscaping Regulations for new residential properties, as well as, upgrading to existing properties. He advised that he presents this for its first reading and would like the Committee to review the document and bring forward any comments or concerns during the next Engineering Committee meeting.

Subsidiary Apartments/Secondary Suites Regulation, Revisions – 1st Reading

The Director of Engineering presented revisions to the Subsidiary Apartments/Secondary Suites regulation, to the Committee, for its first reading. The Director informed the Committee that changes to the regulation were to eliminate references to driveways which will be covered under the new Residential Landscaping Regulations previously noted. The Committee has no concerns with the proposed changes and recommends this regulation be brought forward to the next Engineering Committee meeting for its second reading.

Discretionary Notice – 131 Roe Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Gander has received an application to operate a taproom, retail beer sales and on-site brewing company at the above noted property.

It is noted that this area is zoned **Commercial General** and the use is permitted as a Discretionary Use under the Town of Gander Development Regulations.

The Director advised the Committee that no objections were received by the advertised deadline.

Motion #17-066

Discretionary Notice – 131 Roe Avenue

Moved by Councillor Parrott and seconded by Councillor McBreairty that approval for the Discretionary Notice for 131 Roe Avenue as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Abbott said he owned the building next door and asked if he was in conflict. By a vote of 4-0 it was agreed that he was not in conflict.

Discretionary Notice – 30 Memorial Drive East

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Gander has received an application to carry out a sales operation for used motorcycles, ATV's and snowmobiles at the above noted property. An accessory use of the business will consist of necessary repairs to items sold.

It is noted that this area is zoned Commercial General and Automobile Sales Establishment is permitted as a Discretionary Use under the Town of Gander Development Regulations.

The Director advised the Committee that no objections were received by the advertised deadline.

Motion #17-067

Discretionary Notice – 30 Memorial Drive East

Moved by Councillor Parrott and seconded by Councillor Dove that approval for the Discretionary Notice for 30 Memorial Drive East as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Honeywell – Year 1 Savings Report

The Director informed the Committee on the results of the savings report completed by Honeywell. The Director is pleased to advise that the year 1 savings of \$231,548 has achieved 104% of the guarantee which was \$223,588. The Committee is pleased with the results.

Building Statistics

The Director of Engineering presented to the Committee the 1st quarter of this year's Building Statistics and is pleased to advise that there has been a 25% increase from last year's 1st quarter report.

F. Finance & Administration:

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

The Finance & Administration Committee was held on April 6, 2017. The meeting was chaired by B. Dove, Councillor. Other members present included: C. Abbott, Deputy Mayor; G. Brown, Director of Finance; D. Chafe, CAO.

The following items were discussed:

Hiring Policy

The CAO presented the Hiring Policy to the Committee for its consideration. This Policy is designed to replace the existing Hiring Policy. There had been numerous changes to it with regard to the process. The Hiring Policy is presented for its first reading. Anyone with any issues or concerns should contact the Director of Finance to have it dealt with at the next Committee meeting.

The CAO left the Committee meeting.

Purchasing Policy

The Committee reviewed the proposed change to the Purchasing Policy. This change would deal with how we handle invoices for contracts. We currently are bringing in any invoices over \$10,000 to Council for approval even if there is a contract signed on the matter. The Committee felt that this was repetitious and the proposed change to the Policy is such that if there is a contractual arrangement, invoices related to the contract would not be brought back to Council for further review.

Motion #17-068

Purchasing Policy

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott adoption of the proposed change to the Purchasing Policy, as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Diocesan Synod

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Diocesan Synod of Central Newfoundland. They are requesting a property tax exemption for a property owned at 38 Payette Street. The Director of Finance advised that under the Municipalities Act, the church owned residence excluded from property taxes is the residence for the head of the church. This exemption is currently being applied to a property on Airport Blvd. As such, the Committee is not recommending approval of the request from the Anglican Church.

2017 – 2020 Multi Year Capital Works Program

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs offering the Town \$2.761 million as its share of funding for the Capital Works Funding Program for the next three years.

Council has to provide a list of projects that would be covered under the funding. At this point, we are still waiting for clarification from the Province on the way the funding will be broken down on roads projects which contain a water and sewer component as there are two different funding criteria for these projects. This information is required before we can submit a list of projects.

The Director of Finance advised that a Special Meeting of Council will be required next week to approve the list of projects.

2014 – 2017 Multi Year Capital Works Reallocation Request

The Town has one years funding left on its 2014-2017 Multi Year Capital Works Program. The funding has been allocated to do work on Memorial Drive from Magee Road to Elizabeth Drive. There are inadequate funds left to complete this section of the project however, and Engineering is requesting that we ask the Province to reallocate the funds to carry out other roads projects. The intent is that Memorial Drive will be applied for as part of the 2017-2020 Multi Year Program.

Motion #17-069

2014 – 2017 Multi Year Capital Works Reallocation Request

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Parrott that the Town request reallocation of its 2014-2017 Multi Year Budget as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Standing Offer – Ready Mix Concrete

The Committee reviewed the Standing Offer for Ready Mix Concrete for which three bids were received.

Motion #17-070

Standing Offer – Ready Mix Concrete

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Parrott that the Standing Offer for Ready Mix Concrete pricing be accepted as attached.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Tender – Cooper Blvd. Upgrading

The Committee reviewed the tender results for Cooper Blvd. Upgrading for which four bids were received. The lowest bid that met the specifications was from J-1 Contracting Ltd.

Motion #17-071**Tender – Cooper Blvd. Upgrading**

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott that the tender for Cooper Blvd. Upgrading be awarded to J-1 Contracting Ltd. at a price of \$473,144.50 HST inclusive.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

This project is being funded through gas tax revenues provided by the federal government. It is \$103,309 under budget.

Property Tax Reductions

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

Motion #17-072**Property Tax Reductions**

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

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

8. ADMINISTRATION

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Tender – Rental of Garbage Trucks

The Town called a tender for the rental of garbage trucks during Spring Clean Up and two bids were received. Staff are recommending that we accept the hourly rate with operator bid from Ridge Gap Services Ltd.. The other bidders hourly rate was cheaper but the capacity of their truck was only half of the Ridge Gap trucks which would have necessitated twice as many trips to Norris Arm to dump the garbage.

Motion #17-073

Tender – Rental of Garbage Trucks

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Parrott that the Town award the tender for Rental of Garbage Trucks to Ridge Gap Services Ltd. and that we accept Option A at a cost of \$195.00/hour plus HST.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

99 Sullivan Avenue – Backland Request

Council has received a request from the owner of 99 Sullivan Avenue to acquire 180 square metres of property behind his property. The land is not currently in the land bank. Management reviewed the request and there are currently no municipal requirements for the land. Back land has been sold in the area to property owners several houses up the street.

Motion #17-074

99 Sullivan Avenue – Backland Request

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abbott that 180 square metres of back land behind 99 Sullivan Avenue be added to the land bank.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Discretionary Use – 102 Trans Canada Highway

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador are holding their Spring Symposium at the Hotel Gander on May 4-6, 2017 and they wish to have a live community radio station at the even in conjunction with MUN’s Grenfell campus. In order to do this they need to erect a 24 foot antenna on the roof of the Hotel Gander. Under our Town Plan Antenna is a discretionary use in this zone and has to be advertised for one week to see if there are any objections.

Motion #17-075

Discretionary Use – 102 Trans Canada Highway

Moved by Councillor Parrott and seconded by Councillor McBreairty that the Hotel Gander be permitted to erect a 24 foot antenna on their roof at 102 Trans Canada Highway if there are no objections to the discretionary use, and providing that Industry Canada gives approval for the installation.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Municipal Works Appreciation

The Mayor thanked the Municipal Works staff for their hard work in dealing with the Town’s major storms last week. He also thanked residents for their patience in letting our crews get the work done.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #17-076

Adjournment

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

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

C. Elliott, Mayor

G. Brown, Town Clerk