

Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

L. Mercer	Mayor
F. Tibbo	Deputy Mayor
E. Dawe	Councillor
H. Saunders	Councillor
L. Walters	Councillor

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 1979 were adopted on a motion by Council Walters and seconded by Councillor Dawe.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- RADIO BASE STN. Mr. Baird said the tower was partially erected and that the base station should be in operation in a week or so.
- A.T.C. - ROAD MEMORIAL DRIVE The indication was that the Ministry of Transport would pave this road (approximately 500 feet).
- DOUG MASSIE He acquired the additional four feet and has commenced contraction.
- BENNETT DRIVE LIGHTS The traffic lights are in operation however, Councillor Walters said there was a blind spot which could possibly lead to an accident. Deputy Mayor Tibbo suggested that maybe three lanes were needed, however, Councillor Walters said that was not needed as the only traffic turning left was for Colonel Saunders Takeout. He also suggested that maybe through traffic and traffic turning left should be in the same lane and the second lane for turning right onto Bennett. Councillor Dawe wondered if a lane could be installed to the parking lot and that the exit be moved. Councillor Saunders suggested that the Traffic Committee and Mr. Baird have a look at the situation.
- N.E.L.A. - RICKENBACKER ROAD Mayor Mercer inquired about the Rickenbacker Road area because of calls from residents in the area. Mr. Walsh said they had investigated the situation and Mr. Baird said that the consulting engineer and contractor were trying to correct the original construction of the sanitary and storm sewer by putting in new ones including new laterals. Mr. Walsh reported that progress is being made at a pace of about 20 feet a day and should be to Byrd Avenue by next week. This is being done to prevent flooding which happened in the past to Byrd Avenue. Mr. Walsh also stated that the N.E.L.A. is not up to standards and that he talked to Peter Honeygold of N.L.H.C. and the consulting engineer on the job and they said they wished to do the job properly and avoid future problems. It was also noted that this inconvenience to the residents would not be tolerated. It was requested by Council that the work be speeded up and safety features increased.

Mayor Mercer asked if the Town had a right to inspect the construction site and Mr. Baird replied that we could not only inspect the site but halt the project well. Councillor Walters said all correspondence with these groups should be in writing and Mr. Baird replied that it was. Councillor Dawe asked if the work was being done by a local firm and Mr. Baird replied in the affirmative. Mr. Walsh also stated that the Town does not have the staff to inspect everything and Councillor Walters replied that maybe the Town should hire an inspector.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

A formal application was presented to the Council at the meeting by Mrs. Down.

Councillor Saunders asked if an investigation was done. Mr. Walsh replied that an investigation was done and that it was not contrary to zoning regulations. He also stated that the Town received one letter of support. It was also determined at the meeting that she was not qualified to operate this service but that she was willing to take training to operate this service.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor Saunders that Mrs. Eva Down be permitted to operate a Orthopaedic Service from her home at 16 Conrad Place. All were in favor except Councillor Dawe who opposed the motion on the grounds that Council were turning a blind eye to allow her to operate. Councillor Walters said that Council was not turning a blind eye and Deputy Mayor Tibbo agreed with Councillor Walters on the grounds that it was postponed for further investigation and, therefore, Council was not turning a blind eye. Motion Carried.

REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Finance Committee - Councillor Walters tabled the Committee's report (attached). It was moved by Councillor Walters and seconded by Councillor Dawe that accounts as submitted are approved as listed:

REVENUE:

1. J.C. Pratt (1974) Ltd.	777.34
2. Don Benson Ltd.	715.95
3. Harvey & Co. Ltd.	650.85
4. Gander Landscaping	3,459.98
5. B & M Paving Ltd.	1,213.01
6. Dept. of the Auditor General	3,662.00

FIRE DEPT.:

1. H. Wareham & Sons	644.41
2. McCurdy Ready Mix	690.98

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER RATES CHARGED TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

(b) Approval from Neil Windsor, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, was received to charge a rate of seventy cents (70¢) per thousand gallons in respect of water supplied to the Ministry of Transport effective to December 31, 1979. It was agreed by Council that this agreement be executed.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(c) It was moved by Councillor Walters and seconded by Councillor Saunders that the Audited Financial Statements be adopted and that the audit fee of \$3,662 be paid. Deputy Mayor Tibbo opposed payment of the bill. Motion Carried.

Some discussion took place with regards to the audit fee. In prior years, a straight charge of \$500 was made, however, effective 1st January 1979 a Cabinet Minute was handed down to approve charging audit fees at cost. Mr. Walsh also noted that this amount will be much higher in future years because the Auditor General did interim work in 1978 which was not billed for. Mr. Walsh also stated that he was not aware that the audit fee would be charged at cost until the audit was completed. He also suggested that, in future years, maybe another auditor could be appointed. Deputy Mayor Tibbo then asked if audit could be done locally for the same price. Councillor Walters obtained on grounds of conflict of interest.

E.P.A. TAX WRITE-OFF

(d) Mr. Walsh stated that he had sent a letter to Mr. Harry Steele informing him of the Minister's decision not to allow the tax write-off. Deputy Mayor Tibbo questioned whether the Minister had the authority to deny the write-off. Councillor Dawe suggested that a visit be made to the Minister in St. John's.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

(e) Recreation Committee- Councillor Dawe presented his report. A meeting of the Recreation Commission took place on July 25, 1979. Councillor Dawe said he did a review on the salaries of the employees and presented this report to the Commission. He said the proposed wage scales were instituted. Councillor Dawe also recommended that Constable Bert Frost keep an eye on the vehicles during the upcoming softball tournament. Mr. Walsh said Constable Frost was already assigned that duty. Councillor Dawe also said that an increase in the recreation budget was necessary and maybe increased taxation would be the answer. He also commented that the summer programs were in full swing and that the Baseball Association were complaining about bad field conditions. Councillor Saunders said that the Lions Club had donated \$1,800 for bleachers and was much appreciated. Deputy Mayor Tibbo suggested that a letter of thanks be sent and signed by the Mayor and Town Manager. Councillor Dawe agreed.

TRAFFIC
COMMITTEE

(f) Traffic Committee-no report was tabled. Deputy Mayor Tibbo said he has received complaints about trail bikes making noise behind Wilcockson Crescent. Councillor Dawe said we have a by-law with regards to this and that Constable Frost should look into it and make some arrests if necessary. Mr. Walsh said it will be investigated and also a similar situation on Memorial Drive. Deputy Mayor Tibbo also mentioned there was speeding going on Edinburgh and also people going through stop signs. Councillor Dawe suggested that four way stop signs may be the answer. Mr. Walsh said it will be investigated and Councillor Dawe said the Traffic Committee will also investigate.

DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

(g) Development Committee-Councillor Sheppard tabled the report (attached).

CARR CRESCENT

Councillor Walters said Gander is land bankrupt when it comes to industrial and commercial land. He said there are only six acres left on Carr Crescent. He also said that Council may have to develop their own land.

KINSMEN CLUB

Mr. Baird said their land was still intact with regards to a Participark and that a recommendation is to come.

PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE

(h) Public Works Committee-no report was tabled.

CURB WORK

The tender from Central Builders for Curb and Related Work was approved.

ROBERTSON AVE.

Mr. Walsh said Robertson is finished and paved and that the playground is graded and ready. He also said it will be seeded and swings installed.

FIRE DEPT.
COMMITTEE

(i) Fire Dept. Committee-no report was tabled.

FIREMEN'S
TRAINING
GROUND

Deputy Mayor Tibbo asked whether a mason had been hired or not. Mr. Walsh stated that Mr. Baird had hired one and construction has begun.

ENGINEERING
TECHNICIAN

(j)(1)Administration-Mr. Baird said our Engineering Technician, Ron Goulding, would be resigning on August 15, 1979 and that he would be advertising for a replacement in the near future. Mayor Mercer stated a local resident should get the job if he is available. Mr. Baird assured Council that that would happen.

STORM DRAINAGE
EDINBURGH

(2) Work on the storm drainage at Edinburgh started on Monday, July 30, 1979 and is proceeding well.

APPROVALS TO BORROW

(3) Mr. Walsh stated that approvals to borrow still had not arrived with regards to the Roads Program. Deputy Mayor Tibbo suggested that the Town Manager and the Mayor call our M.H.A. and be told to get on the ball. All Council agreed.

8 COTTON STREET

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) An application was received at 4:30 p.m. to renovate 8 Cotton Street. This proposal was to eliminate one apartment and enlarge another. Council discussed it for some time before Deputy Mayor Tibbo suggested that it be put off until the Development Committee had a look at it. Council agreed.

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(b) Plans & Permits:

It was moved by Councillor Walters and seconded by Deputy Mayor Tibbo that building permits be approved as follows:

Louis P. Lyver	Dwelling
Lot 422 Morgan Drive	\$46,000

Motion Carried.

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(c) Occupancy Permits:

It was moved by Councillor Walters and seconded by Deputy Mayor Tibbo that Occupancy Permits be approved as follows:

TO: Dr. D.E. Wyatt

FOR: Occupy 600 S.F. on ground floor of Polaris Office Building

LOCATION: 61 Elizabeth Drive

TO: N. Wheaton/Bateman

FOR: Occupy Dwelling

LOCATION: 107 Rickenbacker

TO: Bruce Hoddinott

FOR: Occupy Dwelling

LOCATION: 27 Raynham Avenue

TO: Dave Blundon

FOR: Occupy portion of new mall for a flower gally

LOCATION: 132 Bennett Drive

TO: Dave Galway

FOR: Occupy lower portion of Medical Building for Pharmacy

LOCATION: 177 Elizabeth Drive

Motion Carried.

CONTRACT AWARD

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(d) Awarding of Contract

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor Walters that a contract for \$91,232 be awarded to Central Builders Ltd. for construction of a concrete curb and pouring catch basin tops, this being the lowest of three bids. Motion Carried.

LETTER FROM
J.J. CHAFE-
DEPLORABLE
CONDITION OF
PROPERTY

(e) Mr. Walsh stated that Mr. Chafe was now landscaping his property. Councillor Dawe also mentioned houses on Backman and 47 Carling Crescent as being in a bad condition. Mr. Walsh said he would look after it.

CANADA WORKS
PROJECT

OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Mr. Walsh stated that he has received new applications for Canada Works Projects. He also suggested that he would like suggestions from the Public.

GANDER RIVER-
MAP


(b) The Department of Forestry and Agriculture sent us a copy of the map of the Gander Rive and asked Council if someone knowledgeable would fill in the pond names, etc. Mayor Mercer said he would contact someone.

M.O.T. -
WATER RATES

(c) Mayor Mercer said that the Ministry of Transport will sign the agreement in September or later on.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councillor Walters at 9:43 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned. All agreed.


L. Mercer-Mayor


J. Fox-Town Clerk