

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm by Mayor Best.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Mayor | F. Best |
| Deputy Mayor | L. Browne |
| Councillor | F. Russell |
| | E. Müller |
| | P. Tilley |
| | B. Strong |
| Director of Public Works | R. Smith |
| Town Clerk | M. Blackmore |

REGRETS

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| Councillor | B. Bailey |
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MINUTES

MOTION: 07-208 Cr Russell/Cr. Müller

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on December 11, 2007 be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

CAO RECRUITMENT

Ad for the CAO to be revised and reviewed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SHOPPING CENTRE

PARKING LOT

Public Works is hoping to have something to report after their next meeting on January 2nd.

SALE OF BUILDING

383-387 MEMORIAL DR

Contact was made with a representative of Telelink regarding the building at 383-387 Memorial Drive and they are awaiting the report on the structural assessment as well as advice from their legal counsel prior to moving ahead with the purchase. She was hopeful that this would all move along quickly in the new year providing there are no major issues with the building.

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

Letter to be done by the Mayor and sent tomorrow.

WORKING FOREMAN

POSITION

Further discussions held on the position of Working Foreman. A Committee of Mayor Best, Councillor Russell and Councillor Strong was put in place to meet with our Foreman tomorrow to discuss what options may be available that would be acceptable to both the Town and the Employee.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF'S
RESIGNATION

Letter of resignation received from the Fire Chief effective January 4, 2008.

MOTION: 07-209 Cr. Strong/Cr. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED that one of the Assistant Chief's be asked to assume the responsibilities of Fire Chief until the position is filled.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION &
NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT

No report.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report.

FINANCE,
COMMUNICATION
& PLANNING

MOTION: 07-210 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that the invoices in the amount of \$85,717.09 be approved as presented.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

2008 BUDGET

Councillor Russell, Chair of the Finance Committee presented the 2008 Budget in the amount of \$5,936,066. The budget was balanced with an increase in poll tax and a slight increase in water fees due to the additional cost associated with the delivery of water with the construction of the new water treatment plant. A very detailed outline of budget expenditures was also given.

MOTION: 06-211 Cr. Russell/Cr. Tilley

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 budget be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

2008 TAX STRUCTURE

MOTION: 06-212 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

RESOLVED that the 2008 Tax Structure as presented and attached to the minutes, be approved.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

INTEREST CHARGES

MOTION: 06-213 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

RESOLVED that compound interest be charged on all arrears of taxes at 5% above prime at January 1, 2008.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

RAILWAY STATION

HERITAGE SITE Plaque received from the Heritage Foundation of NL designating the Clarenville Railway Station as a Historical site.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Councillor Strong congratulated the committee on the success of the Christmas Concert.

ADJOURNMENT **MOTION: 07-214 D.M. Browne/Cr. Strong**
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 pm.
IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk