

December 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Best.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor	F. Best
Deputy Mayor	F. Russell
Councillors	B. Bailey
	R. Nicholl
	Pickett
	K. Rodway
	H. Smith
CAO	R. Hiscock
Director of Public Works	R. Smith
Town Clerk	M. Blackmore

MINUTES

MOTION: 09-192 D/M Russell/Cr. Nicholl

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 24, 2009 be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

TARGA ROAD RALLY

Discussion on the Targa Road Rally as a result of the presentation by a Targa representative prior to the Council meeting. All Councillors spoke in favour of Targa except for Cr. Bailey. Cr. Bailey felt that Council should see the document before making the decision. It was felt by the majority of Council, that with the opt out clause in the agreement Council would not be locked into the agreement and would be able to get out should concerns arise. Therefore, there would be no reason not to accept the four year agreement to hold the Targa Road Rally in Clarenville.

MOTION: 09-193 Cr. Rodway/Cr. Pickett

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the four year agreement to hold the Targa Road Rally in our town.

IN FAVOUR 6 - AGAINST 1 - CARRIED Councillor Bailey voted against the Motion.

INFO ITEMS

Disclosure Statements & Campaign Contributions Disclosures - Councillors were reminded again to get these documents in to the Town Clerk.

GAS TAX CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Correspondence received from Department of Municipal Affairs approving the Capital Investment Plan, dated October 15, 2009 for Strong's Lane Storm Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$302,129.46 and the Municipal Plan for \$63,887.40.

TOWN PLAN

CAO gave a report on the status of the Town Plan. He advised Council that a final draft has been forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for review. The department will assess the plan against any Provincial Land Use policy. Upon its release by the Department, it will be presented to the residents through a public hearing. Following the public hearing the plan will be presented to Council for adoption and implementation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION & ARTS

MOTION: 09-194 Cr. Nicholl/Cr. Pickett

BE IT RESOLVED that the report as presented on the meeting of December 3, 2009 and the recommendations therein be accepted.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

BEAUTIFICATION,
HERITAGE & NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Smith informed Council that his Committee hasn't met yet however, he met with the Heritage Society. Their main concern is the length of time it's taking to resolve the issue of the railway building and that they have nowhere to store the heritage material that they have gathered. They would also like Council to consider an alternate location in the event that the railway location does not work out. CAO reported that a draft agreement was sent to the Shrine Club and we are still waiting to hear back. It was decided that the Chair of Beautification would meet with Heritage on a quarterly basis unless otherwise requested.

Tidy Town signage was also discussed. CAO was asked to follow up to see when we can expect to receive the signage for our Town.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

MOTION: 09-195 Cr. Rodway/Cr. Nicholl

BE IT RESOLVED that the report as presented on the meeting of the joint Economic Development Committee on December 3, 2009 be accepted.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: 09-196 Cr. Russell/Cr. Rodway

BE IT RESOLVED that the report given on the meeting held on December 2, 2009 and recommendations therein be accepted.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

FINANCE,
COMMUNICATION
& PLANNING

MOTION: 09-197 Cr. Pickett /Cr. Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that the report given on the meeting held on December 2, 2009 and the recommendations therein be accepted.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

2010 BUDGET Cr. Pickett informed Council that the Finance Committee has been busy with the 2010 preparation. He tentatively set a meeting with Council to review that budget for December 17th and the adoption of the budget on December 21st.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CONCERT Reminder about the Concert on Monday December 21st.

PIANO PURCHASE **MOTION: 09-198 Cr. Bailey/Cr. Rodway**
BE IT RESOLVED that funds be set aside in the amount of \$75,000 - \$80,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the old stadium for the potential purchase of a piano for the Theatre.
Lengthy discussion followed the Motion. Mayor Best informed Council that several groups have approached Council interested in fund raising for the piano. Concerns were also raised that the proper process needs to be followed for such large purchases. In the case of the Zambonie a request came from the Arts & Recreation Committee and it was given to the Finance Committee to determine where the funds would come from. It was felt that to bring items of this nature directly to the Council table is not following proper procedure.
IN FAVOUR 2 - AGAINST 5 - MOTION DEFEATED
Cr. Bailey and Cr. Rodway voted for the Motion.

COUNCILLOR ORIENTATION & STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION It was decided to have an Orientation and Strategic Planning session in January. CAO to organize.

ADJOURNMENT **MOTION: 09-199 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Nicholl**
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm.
IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk