

JANUARY 9, 2007

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Best.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

MOTION: 07-001 D.M. Browne/Cr. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on December 18, 2006 be adopted with the following change to the motion re Gas Tax Rebate: To remove “gravel roads should take preference” and add “road maintenance should take preference”.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

FCM PROJECT

Deputy Mayor Browne reported that an information session is planned for January 30th at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

UNION NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

CAO reported that both Union Contracts will terminate the end of February and a Negotiation Committee will need to be put in place.

MOTION:07-002 D.M. Browne/Cr Strong

BE IT RESOLVED that Committee consist of Chair of Finance, CAO and Department Head for the department being negotiated.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Tilley expressed his concerns with regards to vehicles being abandoned along the rail bed in the Water Shed Area. He requested that signs be erected as well as something put in the media advising the public that abandoning vehicles along the rail bed or anywhere within the Town boundaries is strictly prohibited.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: 07-003 Cr. Bailey/ Cr. Strong

BE IT RESOLVED that the report given on the meeting held on November 21, 2006 and recommendations therein be accepted with the following change to CCA Management: Add after Phase II/III as well as all conditions listed in the letter to them dated November 15, 2006 being met, the application will be considered.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

FINANCE,
COMMUNICATION
& PLANNING

MOTION: 07-004 Cr. Russell/Cr. Strong

BE IT RESOLVED that the report as given on the meeting held on January 3, 2007 and the recommendations therein be accepted with the following change to Sidewalk Snow Blower: Remove Battlefield Rentals as this tender did not meet the specifications.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

APPROVAL TO BORROW ***MOTION: 07-005 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne***

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the borrowing from CIBC an amount not to exceed \$120,857 with a 7 year term to finance the purchase of a new Sidewalk Snow Blower.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS
BUDGET

Very lengthy discussion took place on the most efficient means of obtaining Council's goal with regards to communications. In the 2007 budget, funds were approved for website maintenance, new press kits, an annual report, new maps as well as the quarterly newsletters. Contracting this work out was one option or to hire someone in-house was a second option. Some Councillors felt that having the work done in-house would give better control over what was being done however, concerns were raised that this would work into a full time position and that Council did not need a full time communications person on staff. It was expressed that much of this work was a one time thing and the need to have someone full time once this work was done was very unlikely.

MOTION: 07-006 Cr. Bailey/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication projects as listed above be done in-house on a contractual basis with clear line of authority and job description, a defined start and end date (ending not later than December 21st, 2007) as well as a 30 day out clause.

IN FAVOUR 6 - AGAINST 1 - CARRIED Mayor Best voted against the Motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF
FUNDING & APPROVAL
TO BORROW

MOTION: 07-007 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept funding in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to supplement existing funding for the Shoal Harbour Bridge Project and borrow same from CIBC with a 20 year term.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED.

ARTS & RECREATION
FACILITY

Councillor Russell reported that a meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th at 6:00 pm with Ron Fougere at the Clarenville Stadium to review the final drawings of the new Arts and Recreation Facility. This will be followed by a Caribou's hockey game.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 07-008 Cr. Strong/Cr. Müller

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 pm.

IN FAVOUR 7 - CARRIED.

Mayor

Town Clerk