

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT ST. LAWRENCE TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**MAYOR
DEPUTY MAYOR**

**KEVIN PITTMAN
MICHAEL STACEY**

COUNCILLORS

**ERNIE LUNDRIGAN
RODNEY DOYLE, SR.
AMANDA SLANEY**

**CLERK/MANAGER
ASST. TOWN CLERK**

**AMANDA EDWARDS
EILEEN NORMAN**

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILLOR

**COLLEEN MILLER
ROSALIE DUPRÉ**

Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

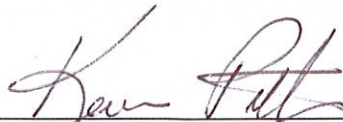
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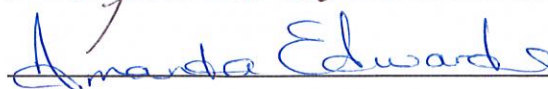
There are additions to the agenda:

- Proclamation re – Purple Day for Epilepsy
- Proclamation re – Heritage Day
- Poll Tax/Business Tax – Writeoffs
- Asst. to Town Manager – hiring

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

22 – 19 Resolved to approve the agenda with noted additions. All in favour, Motion Carried.





COMMITTEE REPORTS

BURIN PENINSULA HEALTH ACCORD

Mayor Pittman advised that he participated in a Zoom meeting Re: Health Accord last Sunday and on Monday, there was a Zoom meeting with Dr. Haggie. He gave an update on the meetings, noting no noticeable differences in reports to date and Dr. Haggie noted this has not yet been tabled to government.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

MANDATORY VACCINE POLICY REVIEW – TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE, EMPLOYEES AND PERSONNEL

Much discussion took place and it was agreed to have the Manager draft a policy to present to Council at the March 1, 2022 meeting.

MINUTES

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, omissions to the minutes of February 1, 2022.

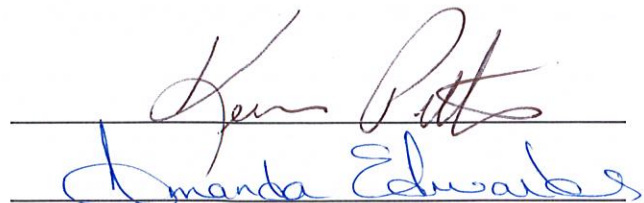
MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

22 – 20 Resolved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 as circulated. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

APPLICATIONS

DRAKB - PERMIT FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMERCIAL SAW MILL – POLLUX CRESCENT


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MOTION: D. M. STACEY/SLANEY

22 – 21 Resolved to approve a permit for DRAKB for site development for commercial saw mill. All in favour, Motion Carried.

It was agreed to request a copy of the Crown Lands response and all other regulatory bodies, applicant to submit to the Town of St. Lawrence for filing.

MORRM – PGC – PERMIT TO CARRY OUT SITE DEVELOPMENT (REHABILITATION & REPAIR) FIVE KM OF ATV TRAIL – OLD CORBIN ROAD

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/DOYLE

22 – 22 Resolved to approve permit for MOORM – PGC to carry out site development (Rehabilitation & Repair) to five (5) km of ATV trail on Old Corbin Road. All in favour, Motion Carried.

RC PARISH HALL – STATUS OF WARMING STATION – ST. LAWRENCE

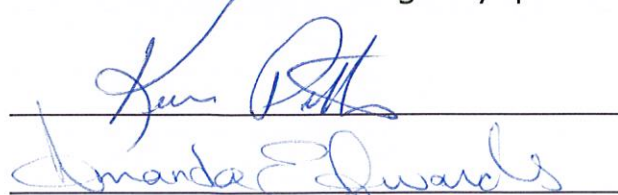
It was noted that the Parish is going to try and save the hall but they are not hopeful on keeping the church. The Parish Committee has the first option to buy the Parish Hall.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to contact the Archdiocese re – warming station. It was also suggested to reach out to Wisemans and Serenity Funeral home regarding their interest in establishing wake/funeral/chapel services within the community.

TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE – WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT

Discussion took place on the need for an enhanced/mobile friendly website. It was noted that the enhancement is not budgeted directly but there are monies in the budget to do so.

The Manager advised that we had budgeted for 10 new emails and this can be completed with the website enhancement for a lower cost than originally quoted.


Amanda Edwards

DOMESTIC SAWMILL PERMIT FEE – DISCUSSION

Discussion took place on Domestic Sawmill Permit fees and it was agreed to defer until next regular meeting.

CURLING CLUB REHABILITATION – WARMING ROOM AREA

The Manager advised that we have three (3) CEEP workers left on the project and asked for permission to rent two (2) industrial dehumidifiers to place in the Curling Club to help with dampness. Manager will reassess after 72 hours so the CEEP workers can go out and do some clean up and painting.

MOTION: SLANEY/D. M. STACEY

22 – 24 Resolved to approve the rental of two industrial dehumidifiers for use at the Curling Club. All in favour, Motion Carried.

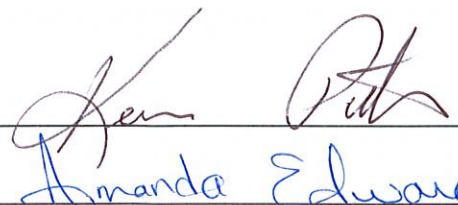
INSTALLATION OF DEDICATED INTERNET CONNECTION – TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Discussion took place on installation of a dedicated internet connection and it was agreed to wait until the fiber-op is connected in St. Lawrence.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – JANUARY 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,496.82

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

22 – 25 Resolved to approve for payment the Accounts Payable for January 2022 in the amount of \$38,496.82. All in favour, Motion Carried.



Amanda Edwards

PROCLAMATION – PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY

MOTION: D. M. STACEY/LUNDRIGAN

22 – 26 Resolved to approve signing of proclamation declaring March 26, 2022 as Purple Day for Epilepsy. All in favour, Motion Carried.

PROCLAMATION – HERITAGE DAY/WEEK 2022 – HERITAGE NL

MOTION: DOYLE/D. M. STACEY

22 – 27 Resolved to approve signing of proclamation declaring Monday, February 21, 2022 as Heritage Day and February 21 – 27, 2022 as Heritage Week. All in favour, Motion Carried.

POLL TAX/BUSINESS TAX WRITEOFFS

The Manager advised that a resident had inquired about approval of write-offs for Poll Tax and Business Tax from December 14th, 2021 meeting minutes.

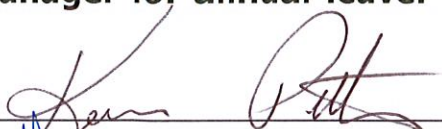
It was noted that the accounts written off were either uncollectable accounts, accounts of persons who were deceased or the account was beyond the seven year time frame for collection.


ASST TO TOWN MANAGER – HIRING- TEMP CALL IN EMPLOYEE

The Labour Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. to decide on the selection of the candidates to replace the Asst. to the Town Manager for annual leave. The candidate recommended was Dawn Bridger.

MOTION: SLANEY/LUNDRIGAN

22 – 28 Resolved to approve the recommendation of the Labour Relations Committee to hire Dawn Bridger as a replacement for the Asst. to the Town Manager for annual leave. All in favour, Motion Carried.





Amanda Edwards

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

MUNICIPAL COME HOME YEAR GRANT 2022 – APPROVED \$2000.00

Council acknowledged receipt of the \$2000.000 grant for Come Home Year 2022.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS TRUXTON & POLLUX NAVAL DISASTER – CHURCH SERVICE – FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Council acknowledged the invitation to attend the 80th Anniversary of the USS Truxtun and Pollux Naval Disaster.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM – 2022 MIRACLE GROW BEST GARDEN SELECTION – NOMINATION IDEAS

It was suggested that the Office put out a Public Notice requesting nominations.

MUNICIPALITIES NEWFOUNDLAND – CIRCULAR – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Council acknowledged receipt of this correspondence.

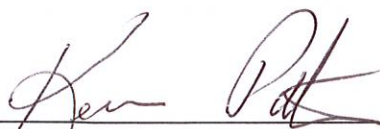
MUNICIPALITIES NEWFOUNDLAND (MNL) INFONOTE


Council acknowledged receipt of this correspondence.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO PLOW LANE- WATER STREET EAST

Councillor Slaney brought to the attention of council a conversation with a resident. The resident was concerned of access to her land (accessing the rear of the SLVFD). It was agreed to include on the Town's snow clearing route the clearing of rear Fire Department parking lot (via resident property) for back door emergency access/exit of building.





BURIN PENINSULA HIGHWAY – ST. LAWRENCE TO BURIN

Councillor Lundrigan commented on the deplorable condition of the Burin Peninsula Highway between St. Lawrence and Burin.

HYDRANTS NOT OPENING

Deputy Mayor Stacey advised Council that the Fire Dept could not get some fire hydrants to open during a fire on the weekend on the East side.

It was agreed to have Council employees check on the hydrants in the spring to ensure they are operational.

SNOWCLEARING – FAIRVIEW AVENUE TO ROUTE 220

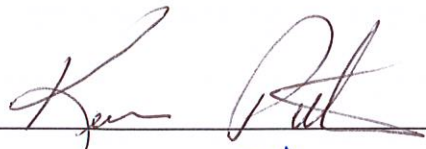
The Mayor said he spoke with a resident regarding the snow clearing procedure when clearing Fairview Avenue.

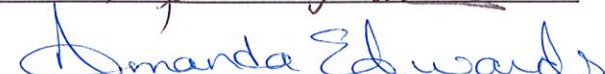
The resident requested to have the town employees push the snow from the wing into the drain on the highway as they currently drop it by his property. It was decided to review with Public Works employees for a suitable alternative.

REGIONALIZATION SEMINAR

Mayor Pittman participated in a regionalization seminar through a ZOOM presentation by Municipalities Newfoundland (MNL) and it was very eye opening. The Regional Board would have one person per municipality serve on the Board and you cannot opt out of the regionalization once it comes into effect. The Board will be taking in Local Service Districts, UIA and cabin areas. This new regionalization approach will be implemented in the future.

The presentation will be available for all on the MNL website.





DUCKS NEAR WATER STREET EAST (EAST SIDE GAS BAR)

Deputy Mayor Stacey noted that there are a lot of ducks around again now on the east side.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

