



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 21, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**MAYOR
DEPUTY MAYOR**

**KEVIN PITTMAN
MICHAEL STACEY**

COUNCILLORS

**RODNEY DOYLE
COLLEEN MILLER
AMANDA SLANEY**

ZOOM

ROSALIE DUPRÉ

**TOWN MANAGER
ASST TOWN CLERK (ACTING)
FIN ADMIN OFFICER**

**AMANDA EDWARDS
LISA SLANEY
CYNTHIA HODGE**

MEMBERS ABSENT

ERNIE LUNDRIGAN

AGENDA

7:00 P.M. Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gregory Giovannini entered the visitor’s gallery.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/SLANEY

24–059 Be it resolved to adopt the Agenda for March 21, 2024, as presented.

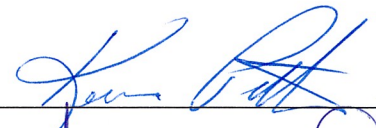
Motion carried unanimously.


For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024

The Town Manager advised no response was received from MHA Paul Pike with respect to the Special Assistance Grant for the Potable Water Dispensing Unit repairs.

Mayor Pittman asked for an update on the payment agreement with LODERW. The Town Manager advised that the Memorandum of Understanding was signed but the Town is awaiting receipt of a signed copy.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

24-060 Be it resolved to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2024.

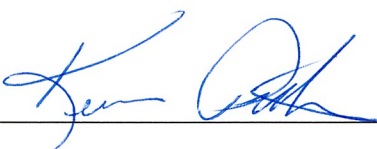
Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Town Manager advised that a job posting for the positions of Lifeguard and Assistant Lifeguard has been posted on social media.

Mayor Pittman advised that he recently discussed re-establishing the Laurentian Grounds Playground Committee with several parents. The Town Manager advised a message was sent to parents of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade three (3) St. Lawrence Academy students at about the matter. Several people have expressed interest and there will be a Recreation Committee meeting with this group in April.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

NOT FOR PROFIT – MUNICIPAL TAXATION

No discussion.

NEW HORIZON'S FOR SENIORS PROGRAM – FUNDING ACCEPTED - ST. LAWRENCE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Town Manager advised that the \$25,000.00 New Horizons for Seniors funding was accepted by the 50 Plus Seniors Club, and the Agreement was signed. This funding is allocated for groundwork, landscaping and the first stages of the rear-yard green space development at the Golden Age site.

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DRAFT POLICY REVIEW – REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Town Manager notified Council that a draft Remote Meeting Attendance policy is in progress. Item was deferred for further review.

LOCAL SERVICE DISTRICT (LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE) REZONING REQUEST

The Town Manager advised that she has contacted the Town’s Planning Officer for clarification on Little St. Lawrence rezoning request. Options include completing a rezoning request at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00 + HST to the Little St. Lawrence Local Service District or the Town can consider this request when we update our Development Plan. The Town Manager will pass this information on to the Little St. Lawrence Local Service District for their response.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION – 18 SEAVIEW STREET – CUZAL

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

24–061 Be it resolved to approve the Building Permit Application for CUZAL to demolish and to construct a patio 10’ x 8’ at 18 Seaview Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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DONATION REQUEST – MARYSTOWN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – U15 FEMALE

7:12 p.m. Mayor Pittman and Councillor Slaney declared a conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Stacey assumed the Chair.

MOTION: DOYLE/MILLER

24-062 Be it resolved to sponsor a half page advertisement in the U-15 Female Marystown Minor Hockey Association Provincial Tournament Brochure at a cost of \$50.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 4 (D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, and Miller Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

7:13 p.m. Mayor Pittman and Councillor Slaney assumed their positions.

LETTER SUBMISSION – WIND TURBINE PROJECT (CAWE) & PUBLIC REQUEST FOR OPINION

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledged correspondence received from concerns about Wind Energy (CAWE) representative Lisa Kearney. Mayor Pittman clarified that the support of Council was given to explore opportunities surrounding windmill development on the Burin Peninsula. He advised that Council is in favor of public consultation and a poll being conducted once all information and the environment assessment has been received and reviewed, but; ultimately, the decision will be made by the Provincial Government.

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LETTER SUBMISSION – WIND TURBINE PROJECT EDWARDS, R

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges the correspondence received from resident, EDWARDS, R, regarding the wind turbine project. Mayor Pittman advised that it was his understanding that Crown Land remains frozen until the environment assessment has been completed. The Town Manager advised that the land in question is in a zone that does not promote Industrial Development.

Mayor Pittman invited Mr. Gregory Giovannini to speak regarding the windmill issue. Mr. Giovannini stated that he didn't have anything to say.

7:40 p.m. Mr. Giovannini left the meeting.

MOTION – COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (FORMERLY GAS TAX) 2023 DRAFT AUDIT APPROVAL

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/DUPRÉ

24-063 Be it resolved to approve signing of the Audited Annual Expenditure Report for the Local Government Canada Community Buildings Fund Agreement as submitted for the year ending December 31, 2023, and to submit to the Canada Community Building Fund Administration at the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

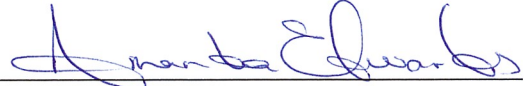
For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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MOTION – 2024 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK – EVERY MOMENT MATTERS, APRIL 14-20, 2024

MOTION: DOYLE/MILLER

24-064 Be it resolved to approve advertising for an expression of interest to host a social event for the 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 18, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

The 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Week social event is currently being planned for April 18, 2024.

7:50 P.M. – D.M. Stacey left the meeting.

7:52 P.M. – D.M. Stacey returned to the meeting.

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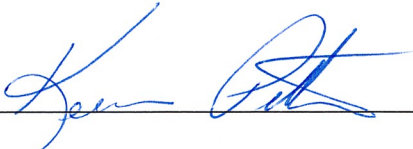
CFI & TOWN MEETING UPDATE


A meeting was held on March 11, 2024, with Willem Jacobs (Project Director and Managing Director Mining, Oil and Gas – Clariti Strategic Advisors) and Eben Visser (CEO) of Canada Fluorspar Inc. to discuss the future development of the fluorspar mine and the owner’s plan in moving towards full production. A presentation was provided to Council which included time frames for a full workforce being on site, the size of the workforce, the Blue Beach loading facility, transportation of ore, taxation agreement, housing for employees and hiring of residents. In general, the Town was informed that while things appear to be moving slowly, CFI needs to ensure it is being done correctly this time around, to ensure the best possible outcome for the Town of St. Lawrence and its residents.

RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHTING – NL POWER

The Town Manager advised she was made aware of several areas in town where street lighting was considered inadequate by residents. She spoke to a NL Power representative about the process required to obtain more lighting if deemed necessary. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee to assess.

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**MOTION – COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (FORMERLY GAS TAX)
ALLOCATION OF FUNDING BY MARCH 31, 2024**

MOTION: DUPRÉ/D.M. STACEY

24-065 Be it Resolved to submit a request to the Canada Community Building Administration at the Department of Municipal Affairs to cancel Local Government Canada Community Buildings Fund Project #245-2015-5331 – Pollux Phase II and to reallocate the full balance of \$41,467.57 from Project #245-2015-5331 to Project 245-2022-7626 – Water Intake System Upgrades.

Be it further Resolved to allocate the current unallocated balance of the Town of St. Lawrence’s Local Government Canada Community Buildings Fund, in the amount of \$198,566.00 to Project 245-2022-7626.

And be it further Resolved to submit a Revised Capital Investment Plan application to the Canada Community Building Administration at the Department of Municipal Affairs to request the reallocations as outlined above.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are positioned above horizontal lines. The top signature is 'Ken Pittman' and the bottom signature is 'D. M. Stacey'.



**MOTION – CROWN LAND TITLE – EXTENSION/ADMENDMENT TO
HIKING TRAIL (CAPE CHAPEAU ROUGE)**

MOTION: MILLER/SLANEY

24-066 Be it resolved to approve \$300.00 to cover the costs associated with registering the title document for the Cape Chapeau Rouge Hiking Trail extension in the Registry of Crown Titles.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

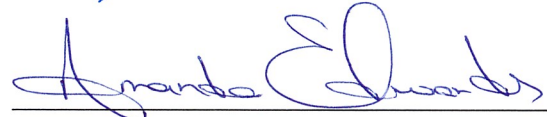
Abstained: 0

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY – UPDATE – MARCH 20, 2024

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges the Memo received from the Municipal Assessment Agency dated March 20, 2024.

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RESIDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM – TXT SQUAD – PROPOSAL

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

24-067 Be it resolved to approve \$1,684.00 to cover the costs associated with registering for a text communication service for 12 months beginning May 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

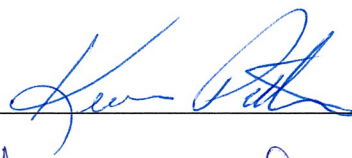
Against: 0

Abstained: 0

CREST BUSSING REPRESENTATIVE – INFORMATION SESSION – APRIL 3, 2024

The Town Manager updated Council on the meeting with Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation representative Ms. Vanessa Jackman regarding the Crest Bussing Program. A representative from the volunteer committee operating the Crest Bussing Program in Clarendville, Larry Reid, is willing to do a presentation to Council on April 3, 2024. The Town Manager advised that Ms. Jackman is requesting a letter of support from the Town to apply for various funding opportunities for this program in the St. Lawrence and surrounding area.

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

MANAGER’S REPORT – MARCH 15, 2024

The Town Manager advised Council that an application for a \$1,000.00 Multicultural Grant has been submitted, in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Community Youth Network.


The Town Manager informed Council that the next Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024, and the Age Friendly/50+ Liaison Committee meeting has been moved to April 30, 2024.

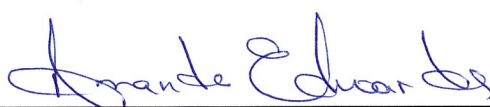
Councillor Lundrigan is registered to attend the SAM Spring Annual General Meeting in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL on April 19-20, 2024.

In recognition of International Women’s Day, the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce sought nominations to recognize and support women in business/workforce. The Town Manager nominated the office staff.

The Town Manager informed Council about the NL Power Enviro-Fest Application and submission deadline of April 12, 2024. Mayor Pittman proposed that a possible resting/picnic site could be developed at the intersection of the Cape Chapeau Trail and new extension to Red Head.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councillor Doyle advised of parking concerns brought to his attention at the intersection of Director Drive and Water Street West, and Director Drive and Laurentian Avenue.

Councillor Slaney advised that residents have commented to her about the condition of the shoulder of the road in the area of Riverside Drive.

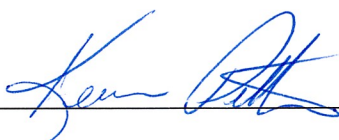
Mayor Pittman commented on the Energy Board question of how taxes are calculated, either by household or population.

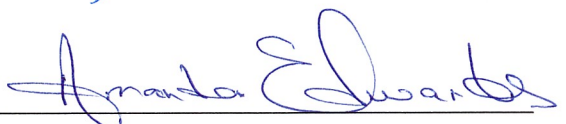
8:34 P.M. – Councillor Slaney left the meeting.

Mayor Pittman also stated that the Fire Department's SCBA tanks, a total of fourteen (14), will be obsolete after December 16, 2024, and will no longer be serviced. The cost is to be brought forward to next year's budget considerations. Council may also apply for funding under Fire Emergency Services (FES) to replace some of these units.

8:36 P.M. – Councillor Slaney returned to the meeting.

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PRIVILEGED SESSION

8:37 P.M.

MOTION: SLANEY/DOYLE

24-068 Be it resolved to move to a privileged session.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

8:40 P.M.

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/MILLER

24-069 Be it resolved to move the meeting back to regular session.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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MOTION: D.M. STACEY/MILLER

24-070 Be it resolved to engage Benson Buffet to enter into negotiations with the other claimant regarding CFI Insolvency Claim 92834.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: DOYLE/SLANEY

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

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