



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

MAYOR
DEPUTY MAYOR

KEVIN PITTMAN
MICHAEL STACEY

COUNCILLORS

(7:07 P.M.)
(7:09 P.M.)

RODNEY DOYLE
COLLEEN MILLER
AMANDA SLANEY

ZOOM
ZOOM

ERNIE LUNDRIGAN
ROSALIE DUPRÉ

TOWN MANAGER
ASST TOWN CLERK (ACTING)
FIN ADMIN OFFICER

AMANDA EDWARDS
LISA SLANEY
CYNTHIA HODGE

AGENDA

7:05 P.M. Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pittman asked to have the following items added to the agenda:

Additions - Correspondence to be acted on:

9. Resident Concern – Water Street West (Parking) – Safety Concern
10. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2024 – Acceptance of Funding
11. Casual Call-In Posting – Seasonal Laborer (Public Works) & Financial Administrator (Office)
12. Rural Transit Solutions Fund – Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation – Meeting Request

7:07 P.M. Councillor Miller entered the meeting.

Additions – Informational Purposes:

6. 2024 Athletic Excellence Fund

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Kevin Pittman
Amanda Edwards



ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/DOYLE

24-050 Be it resolved to adopt the Agenda for March 7, 2024, as presented, with the above noted additions.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

7:09 P.M. Councillor Slaney entered the meeting.

CORRECTION/OMISSIONS TO MINUTES OFFEBRUARY 20, 2024

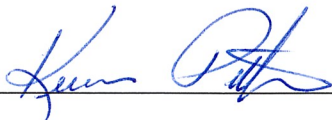
Mayor Pittman noted one (1) error in the February 20, 2024 minutes: on Page 9, "8:08 p.m. Councillor Lundrigan left the meeting" should be moved to Page 10 after Motion 24-049.

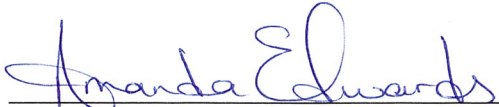
DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Mayor Pittman asked if there was any update on the issue of blocked access to Seaview Street/Beck's Meadow which is impeding snow clearing and access for emergency vehicles.

The Town Manager advised that resident BECKH is working with neighbouring residents and has removed his vehicle but contact needs to be made with the other vehicle's owner to have it removed. The owners/residents will be responsible for

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maintaining the lane, but the Town may be able to snow clear as per its Snow Clearing Policy, if future conditions are favorable and safe for operators.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

MOTION: MILLER/SLANEY

24-051 Be it resolved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2024, with the above noted correction.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

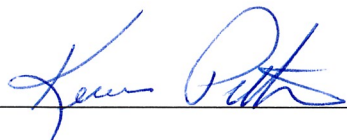
MAYOR PITTMAN OPENED THE FLOOR TO RESIDENT LODERW

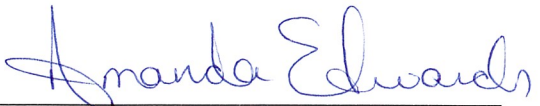
Mayor Pittman welcomed resident, LODERW, to the meeting and invited him to speak.

Mr. Loder advised Council that he was in the process of selling his property on 14 Marion Drive and discussed the taxes that need to be paid upon the sale with regards to his current Payment Arrangement Agreement.

Mayor Pittman advised that discussion regarding the issue would be held in a privileged session during this meeting and Mr. Loder's lawyers would be advised of the outcome as soon as possible.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ST. LAWRENCE DAY PLANNING (50TH. ANNIVERSARY)

The Town Manager advised that a St. Lawrence Day Committee meeting was held on March 4, 2024. Patti Giovannini is compiling a slideshow, on a volunteer basis, of the past 50 years to show during Laurentian Days. She also helped with imaging and a new logo. The committee’s focus will be the St. Lawrence Day Parade, and they are looking at suggestions of floats from past years.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Town Manager advised that the Public Works Committee held a meeting on March 7, 2024. Public Works suggested keeping the JCB Backhoe for now and reviewing the options at budget time.

Shoreline mitigation on Water Street West was discussed and will be brought forward later in this meeting (Item 4 in Correspondence to Be Acted On).

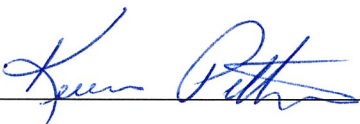
The Snow Clearing Policy was reviewed for future updates.

The Town Manager also stated the Public Works is reviewing the possibility of replacing sewer infrastructure in specific areas; allowing residents to connect to the new lines as needed.

EVERWIND PUBLIC PRESENTATION UPDATE (FEBRUARY 24, 2024)

Mayor Pittman advised that he attended the Everwind Public Presentation on February 24, 2024, along with approximately 150-200 in attendance. Overall, the

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discussion at the meeting was positive. They are awaiting the results of the Environmental Assessment.

The next Energy Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

NOT FOR PROFIT – MUNICIPAL TAXATION

Discussion was held regarding Not for Profit Municipal Taxation and the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act. The Town Manager advised that this issue is listed on the Agenda for the next Burin Peninsula Joint Council Meeting.

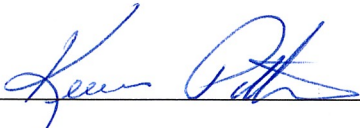
NEW HORIZON'S FOR SENIORS PROGRAM – ST. LAWRENCE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

No new update on the New Horizon's for Seniors Program.

POLICY REVIEW – REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Town Manager advised that a draft Remote Meeting Attendance policy is in process. Mayor Pittman reminded Council that they rescinded the previous Remote Meeting Attendance policy at the Council meeting held on February 20, 2024.

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CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

**CHANGE ORDER REQUEST – CHLORINATION BUILDING UPGRADES –
PROJECT #: 17-GI-23-00066**

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/SLANEY

24-052 Be it resolved to approve the Change Order Notice request in the amount of \$2,300, (HST included) for a permit to alter a water body, submitted by Meridian Engineering, for the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project # 17-GI-23-00066.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

MOTION: DOYLE/SLANEY

24-053 Be it resolved to accept the updated Prime Consultant contract in amount of \$73,511.93 (HST included), for the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project # 17-GI-23-00066.

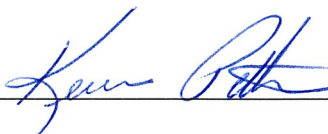
Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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FEBRUARY 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLES \$39,813.36

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

24-054 Be it resolved to approve Accounts Payables for the month of February 2024, in the amount of \$39,813.36.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

It was noted that First Responder Recertification is in the process of being completed with members of the Fire Department.

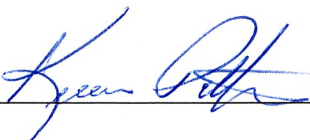
DONATION REQUEST – ST. LAWRENCE LIBRARY BOARD

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges the letter from the St. Lawrence Public Library Board requesting that a yearly donation be included in the Town's budget going forward. Discussion was held regarding this request. The Town can consider this request at budget time.

SHORELINE EROSION ISSUES – WATER STREET EAST / HERRING COVE

The Town Manager was directed to contact Edwards & Associates to request an update on the status of the previously requested shoreline erosion report on Water Street East (Herring Cove) to be completed. Water Street West Extension erosion issue will also be considered.

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REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL – ZONE 2 (EASTERN RURAL)

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges the Department of Health and Community Services document outlining an expression of interest for a vacancy on the Regional Health Council - Zone 2 (Eastern Rural) board. Councillor Dupré indicated interest and informed Council that this also could be a member of the public. Discussion was held and the Town Manager indicated that the opportunity was posted on the Town’s social media site.

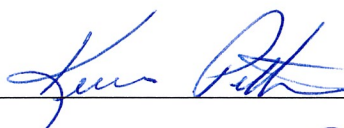
LOCAL SERVICE DISTRICT (LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE) REZONING REQUEST

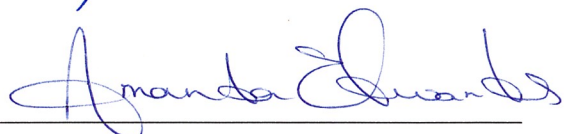
The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges correspondence from the Little St. Lawrence Local Service District Committee regarding a request to rezone land from Rural to Residential. The Town Manager will contact the Department of Municipal Affairs for clarification of the process. Item was deferred.

RESIDENT CONCERN – EVERWIND PROJECT (CLARKEC)

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges the correspondence from resident, CLARKEC, requesting that the Town conduct a poll with respect to the Everwind Windmill Project. The Town Manager advised that she had received one additional email request. The Town Manager was directed to respond to the residents indicating that a poll may be considered once the environmental assessment has been completed.

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MUNICIPALITIES NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR (MNL) – EASTERN CONFERENCE UPDATE

Mayor Pittman provided an update on the Municipalities NL Eastern Conference which he attended in Clarenville on March 2, 2024. Some topics and presentations included CBDC Development officers, Burin Peninsula Service Board and Property Tax.

The new Town and Local Service District Act, which will replace the present Municipalities Act, was also discussed. Changes in the Act include the elimination of the poll tax, implementation of property tax and discretionary bus tax. All Towns will have to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for all organizations/people using town buildings or facilities.

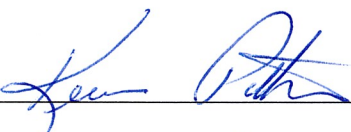
ADDITIONS

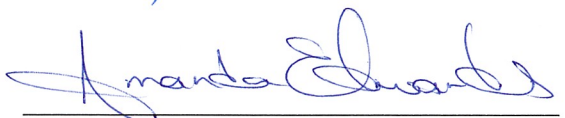
RESIDENT CONCERN – WATER STREET WEST (PARKING) - SAFETY CONCERN

The Town of St. Lawrence acknowledges email correspondence from HODGEA regarding a safety concern on Water Street West regarding the obstructed view from the Truxtun Place and Water Street West intersection due to parking in the area. Mayor Pittman asked if Councillor Doyle was in conflict. Councillor Doyle indicated that he was not in conflict.

Discussion was held and the Town Manager was directed to advise the public of no parking on the shoulders of the road in this area.

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WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY 2024 – ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

24-055 Be it resolved to accept a \$500.00 Grant for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2024 on behalf of the St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

CASUAL CALL-IN POSTING – SEASONAL LABORER (PUBLIC WORKS) & FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR (OFFICE)

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

24-056 Be it resolved to advertise two (2) job postings: one (1) for a casual, call-in position as seasonal laborer and one (1) for a casual, call-in position for financial administrator.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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RURAL TRANSIT SOLUTIONS – BURIN PENINSULA HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION – MEETING REQUEST

The Town Manager advised that she received an email from Vanessa Jackman of the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation regarding an application opportunity for a \$50,000 Rural Transit Solution Grant to complete a transit feasible study for the region. Discussion was held and the Town Manager was directed to set up a meeting with Ms. Jackman to discuss this opportunity.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

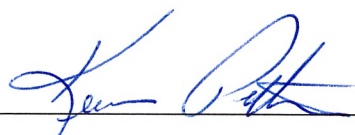
LETTER FROM HONORABLE GERRY BYRNE

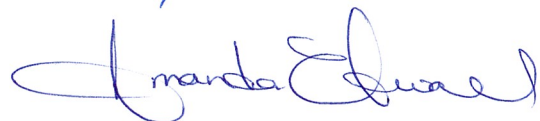
Council acknowledges receipt of correspondence to Jackie Ducey of Burin Peninsula Supported Employment Services Corporation from the Honourable Gerry Byrne indicating that the federal funding may be cut to the Burin Peninsula Supported Employment Services Corporation. Deputy Mayor Stacey advised that he contacted the Honourable Churence Rogers on behalf of the Burin Peninsula Supported Employment Services Corporation and was advised that information contained in the letter was not accurate.

LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE

Discussion was held regarding the priority of road construction for the 2024-2025 season. Deputy Mayor Stacey requested that the Town Manager contact MHA Paul Pike on whether our area would be done first this season as it had been indicated that our area would be completed in 2023.

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CBDC) BURIN PENINSULA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Community Business Development Corporation Annual General Meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2024, but Mayor Pittman advised it was cancelled.

ADDITIONS

2024 ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE FUND

The Town Manager has distributed the 2024 Athletic Excellence Fund application to local organizations. Mayor Pittman directed the Town Manager to also send the information to Sandra Rennie for Braden Rennie.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

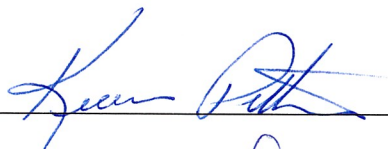
Deputy Mayor Stacey inquired if there was any further update on the backhoe purchase. The Town Manager advised there were no new updates.

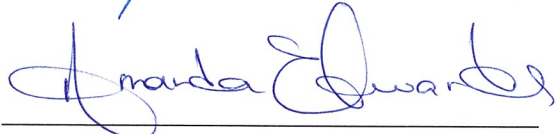
Councillor Miller commented that she is hearing positive feedback about the current Urgent Care services at US Memorial Health Care Centre.

Mayor Pittman advised there was no response from MHA Paul Pike or the Minister of NL Health Services on the status of a physician for the St. Lawrence area.

He also advised that he spoke to MHA Pike regarding the Special Assistance Grant for the Potable Water Dispensing Unit being denied and MHA Pike indicated that he would investigate the matter.

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Councillor Lundrigan also inquired whether any response had been received from the Little St. Lawrence Local Service District on the receipt of the fire services invoice for 2024. He was advised there has been no response to date. Invoice was sent via mail and email.

PRIVILEGED SESSION

8:50 P.M.

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

24-057 Be it resolved to move to a privileged session.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

8:50 P.M. - Resident, LODERW, left the meeting.

9:10 P.M.

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

24-058 Be it resolved to move the meeting back to regular session.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Dupré, Lundrigan, Miller and Slaney)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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The Town Manager was directed to contact Mr. Loder's legal representative to indicate the Town's decision in response to the request submitted regarding the sale of 14 Marion Drive. However, an addendum to Mr. Loder's current Payment Agreement must be signed.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: D. M. STACEY/SLANEY

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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