REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 15, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT MAYOR **KEVIN PITTMAN**

COUNCILLORS

RODNEY DOYLE **COLLEEN MILLER** AMANDA SLANEY

(ZOOM) DEPUTY MAYOR

MIKE STACEY

(ZOOM) COUNCILLORS

ROSALIE DUPRÉ ERNIE LUNDRIGAN

(ZOOM)

TOWN MANAGER

AMANDA EDWARDS ASST TO THE TOWN MNGR CYNTHIA HODGE

ATTTM CALL IN

DAWN BRIDGER

AGENDA

7:14 p.m. Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pittman congratulated Councillor Miller on the birth of her three grandsons.

Mayor Pittman asked to add the following item to the Agenda under Correspondence to be acted on:

1. Minor Softball Request

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

Resolved to adopt the Agenda for March 15, 2022 with 22 - 038noted addition. All in favour, Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

22 – 039 Resolved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022. All in favour, Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:15 Councillor Lundrigan entered the meeting through Zoom link.

Mayor Pittman asked that all Committees meet at least quarterly and report back to Council.

Mayor Pittman indicated that Council members had met with various entities over the last two (2) weeks including:

- Grant Thornton
- Honorable Andrew Parsons & Nicole Kieley
- Fishermen's Committee
 - Committee will be requesting ACOA funding to remove and replace the building on the eastern wharf
 - Small Craft Harbours cannot repair the wharf until the building is removed
- MP Churence Rogers
- Grieg Seafood
 - Grieg is requesting the Town's support in their bid for renewal of their license

The Manager indicated that she had spoken with a representative of Canada Fluorspar Inc today to discuss our Tax Agreement and our status as creditor.

Jananda Edward

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

MANDATORY VACCINE POLICY REVIEW — TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL AND PUBLIC ENTRY

MOTION: SLANEY/DOYLE

22 – 040 Resolved to draft a Masking Policy recommending public mask wearing upon entry to Town Buildings. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MOTION: SLANEY/DUPRE

22 – 041 Resolved to accept the Vaccine Policy as tabled – all employees and councillors must provide proof of full vaccine against Covid-19 virus unless they have a medical exemption. Anyone in need of vaccine compliance will have up to four (4) months to comply with the policy. Policy will be reviewed every three (3) months. All in favour, Motion Carried.

DOMESTIC SAWMILL PERMIT FEE

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

22 – 042 Resolved to revise the 2022 Tax Structure to reflect updated Saw Mill Permit application fees. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

NAPE EMPLOYEE - VACATION PAY FEEDBACK

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

22 – 043 Resolved to pay retroactive leave due to retired employee under NAPE Collective Agreement in the amount of \$5,360.94. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Amarba Edwards

GAS TAX AUDIT 2021- MOTION REQUIRED

MOTION: DOYLE/D.M. STACEY

22 – 044 Resolved to approve signing of the Audited Annual Expenditure Report for Local Government Gas Tax for the year ending December 31, 2021 and to submit to Canada Community Building Fund Administration at the Department of Provincial and Municipal Affairs. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MERIDIAN ENGINEERING INVOICE CC106598 POLLUX CRESCENT PHASE 2 – CHANGE ORDER #3 - \$2,172.33

MOTION: DOYLE/D.M. STACEY

22 – 045 Resolved to approve payment of Meridian Engineering invoice CC106598 in the amount of \$2,172.33 in partial payment of engineering under Change Order #3 for Pollux Crescent Phase Two (II) MCW Project #17-GI-20-00022. All in favour, Motion Carried.

TOWN MANAGER - MUNCIPAL LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS APRIL 2022

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

22 – 046 Resolved to approve registration of the Town Manager in the online course Municipal Leadership Essentials: A Guide to Good Governance at a cost of \$1,750.00. All in favour, Motion Carried.

LOGAN BOULET EFFECT - GREEN SHIRT DAY APRIL 7, 2022

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/SLANEY

22 – 047 Resolved to proclaim April 7th, 2022 as Green Shirt Day. All in favour, Motion Carried.

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NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS WEEK — APRIL 24-30, 2022

MOTION: DUPRÉ/MILLER

22 – 048 Resolved to proclaim April 24-30th, 2022 as National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH - APRIL, 2022

MOTION: DOYLE/LUNDRIGAN

22 – 049 Resolved to proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. All in favour, Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - FEBRUARY 2022 - \$22,009.57

MOTION: MILLER/SLANEY

22 – 050 Resolved to approve payment of accounts payable for February 2022 in the amount of \$22,009.57. All in favour, Motion Carried.

HEALTH ACCORD - BURIN PENINSULA RALLY - MARCH 20, 2022

Anyone who can attend is encouraged to attend the Health Accord Rally on March 20, 2022. Mayor Pittman will check with Fire Chief to see if Fire Department members will attend.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - APRIL 24-30, 2022

MOTION: SLANEY/DUPRÉ

22 – 051 Resolved to proclaim April 24-30th, 2022 as National Volunteer Week. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Mayor Pittman will prepare an appreciation statement for Volunteer Week. Town Manager will arrange prize draws and contact volunteer organizations to request submission of pictures and names.

CANADA FLUORSPAR UPDATE

Mayor Pittman indicated that there appears to be interest in purchasing the mine once it goes up for sale.

The Town Manager will research and prepare a draft Payment Plan Policy allowing people who are having difficulty meeting the deadline for paying Town Taxes to sign an agreement to pay the balance over a period of time. This policy could come into effect as early as January 2023. This item is deferred.

SWIMMING POOL – 2022 SEASON

MOTION: SLANEY/D.M. STACEY

22 – 052 Resolved to refer Swimming Pool issues to the Recreation Committee. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Manager will get a quote for a heat pump, apply for a Take Charge Grant and investigate the 2022 requirements for Lifeguard. She will also put out an interest post for Lifeguard employment for the 2022 season.

SCHOOL ZONE CONCERNS – TRAFFIC SAFETY

Mayor Pittman has addressed the School Zone Traffic issue with the RCMP and they have indicated that they will be looking at this issue.

ST. LAWRENCE HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REQUEST – APRIL 4, 2022

Manager was directed to arrange a meeting with the St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee on April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS

MINOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Manager was directed to refer the Minor Softball request for support to the Recreation Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

Mayor Pittman noted his appreciation of a letter of support from Father Kevin Molloy.

The Manager reminded Council that the Town has been chosen for the 2022 Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection Program and that we will have to select a few gardens around the community to receive the growing supplies.

The Manager reminded Council that Council normally sends a representative to the Stewardship Association of Municipalities Spring AGM – this year's dates are May $6-7^{th}$, 2022.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councillor Dupré stated that Mayor Pittman will be attending the Burin Peninsula Joint Town Council AGM on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Town Manager indicated that Livewire will be up to install the Town Sign on the Municipal Building as soon as weather permits.

Mayor Pittman said that the Town had applied for the Multi-Stewardship Grant before the deadline but that they had approved applications on a "first come, first served" basis. When we applied all funds had been exhausted. The Manager has reached out to other organizations in the community regarding clean up week and to Burin Peninsula Waste Management Board regarding use of our free dumpster use.

Manager will forward information to Deputy Mayor Stacey who will confirm with the Burin Peninsula Waste Management Board the availability of our one free dumpster.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councillor Slaney

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Privileged Session Privileged Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m.