

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

### JULY 16, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

ZOOM

MAYOR DEPUTY MAYOR KEVIN PITTMAN MICHAEL STACEY

COUNCILLORS

RODNEY DOYLE COLLEEN MILLER ERNIE LUNDRIGAN AMANDA SLANEY

TOWN MANAGER FIN ADMIN OFFICER AMANDA EDWARDS CYNTHIA HODGE

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILLOR

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# **AGENDA**

7:03 P.M. Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pittman asked to have the following added to the agenda: Correspondence to be acted on:

- 8. Letter from resident P Barry
- 9. Donation Request Golden Age 50+ Club

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### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: MILLER/LUNDRIGAN

24-159 Be it resolved to adopt the Agenda for July 16, 2024 as presented, with the above-noted additions.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 5 (Mayor Pittman, Councillors Doyle, Slaney, Lundrigan and

Miller)

Against:

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Abstained: 0

Note: Deputy Mayor Stacey was not able to vote due to technical difficulties with the Zoom connection.

### CORRECTION, OMISSION TO MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2024

Mayor Pittman noted that on Page 11 of the July 2, 2024 minutes, it should state that Mayor Pittman spoke to Ray Penton of NTV not Ray Patten.

## DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2024

7:07 The Town Manager reconnected the speaker system to the laptop. Deputy Mayor Stacey was then able to re-enter the meeting.

Mayor Pittman indicated that he has received permission from MHA Pike to contact Cassie Chisholm and John McGrath regarding the ambulance service issues. The Town Manager said that she has emailed Cassie Chisholm requesting the minutes of the last meeting but, to date, has received no response.

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Mayor Pittman also noted that there is a meeting between the Burin Peninsula Energy Board and EverWind in August to discuss issues and questions that have arisen regarding their windmill proposal.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2024

MOTION: DOYLE/SLANEY

Be it resolved to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2024 with 24-160

noted revision.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

Lundrigan and Miller)

Against:

0 Abstained: 0

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ST. LAWRENCE DAY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Town Manager stated that the next St. Lawrence Day Committee meeting will be held on July 18, 2024. This meeting will allow the committee to finalize plans for the upcoming St. Lawrence Day – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.

Burin Peninsula Joint Council AGM Event report is deferred as Councillor Dupré will be giving this update.



### **DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE**

### REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY

Discussion took place on the wording of the Remote Meeting Attendance Policy. Councillor Lundrigan noted that item nine (9) considers a councillor to be absent from the entire meeting if they leave a zoom meeting ten (10) minutes early. Consensus was to remove this item from the policy altogether.

**MOTION: SLANEY/LUNDRIGAN** 

24-161 Be it resolved to approve the Remote Meeting Attendance Policy as presented with noted exception.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

**Lundrigan and Miller)** 

Against:

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Abstained: 0

### CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

BUILDING PERMIT BRIDD 13'  $\times$  24' DECK EXTENSION AT 76 LAURENTIAN AVENUE

**MOTION: MILLER/SLANEY** 

24–162 Be it resolved to approve the building permit application for BRIDD to construct a 13' x 24' deck at 76 Laurentian Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

**Lundrigan and Miller)** 



Against: 0
Abstained: 0

# SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION — GIOV — 43-45 WATER STREET WEST

MOTION: SLANEY/MILLER

24–163 Be it resolved to defer the site development permit application for GIOV at 43-45 Water Street West.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

Lundrigan and Miller)

Against: 0
Abstained: 0

# <u>SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT – SLANV – 119-121 LAURENTIAN AVENUE</u>

MOTION: DOYLE/MILLER

24-164 Be it resolved to approve the site development permit application for SLANV at 119-121 Laurentian Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Against: 0
Abstained: 0

It was noted that there is written permission on file for the applicant to act on the owner's behalf for this property.



# MERIDIAN ENGINEERING INVOICE CC108037 - MUNICIPAL CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT - PROJECT NO. 17-MCW-25-00063 WATER INTAKE IMPROVEMENT

**MOTION: SLANEY/DOYLE** 

24–165 Be it resolved to pay invoice CC108037 to Meridian Engineering Inc in the amount of \$2,535.75 for work under Municipal Capital Works Project No. 17-MCW-25-00063.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

**Lundrigan and Miller)** 

Against:

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Abstained:

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### TAX RECOVERY PLAN AND TAX RECEIVABLE SUMMARY

The Financial Administrative Officer gave a breakdown of the Tax Receivable Summary, Tax Recovery Plan and Allowance for Doubtful. It was determined that the Finance Committee will meet to discuss collections procedures.

# **MOTION: D. M. STACEY/LUNDRIGAN**

24–166 Be it resolved to approve the Town of St. Lawrence Tax Recovery Plan dated December 31, 2023 and the Tax Receivable Summary for the Municipal Fiscal Year of 2024. The Recovery Plan and Summary are to be submitted to Municipal Affairs as part of the Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability Measures.

Motion carried unanimously.

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



Against:

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Abstained:

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SWIMMING POOL DONATION REQUEST ST. LAWRENCE COMMUNITY YOUTH NETWORK (CYN)

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/MILLER

24–167 Be it resolved to approve the donation of two (2) free swims

a week for three (3) weeks to St. Lawrence Community Youth

Network (CYN).

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

Lundrigan and Miller)

Against:

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Abstained:

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# **EVERWIND FUEL PROJECT - RESIDENT LETTER OF CONCERN**

Council discussed the letter emailed from Casmir Clarke with questions regarding EverWind Fuels windmill project. The Town Manager was directed to respond to Mr. Clarke with the information that we have received so far on the windmill project.

### ST. LAWRENCE HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Town Manager reported that the Lunch Tin Café is operating for the 2024 tourist season and things are going well. The Executive has hired a part-time office worker and is having their financial reports reviewed. They will be working on a membership drive in the fall. Mayor Pittman and Councillor Doyle both noted that,



as far as they are aware, there have not been any St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee meetings in 2024.

# HEALTH SERVICES — RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION — INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Flora Jackman of Newfoundland Health Services has requested to meet with Council to discuss retention of all new international health care professionals. Council looks forward to meeting with Ms. Jackman.

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### LETTER OF CONCERN WATER RUNOFF — PHONSE BARRY

The Town Manager reported that Public Works Department has been looking at Director Drive for some time regarding water run off concerns. She has spoken to the resident in this instance and has directed the Public Works Department to complete some temporary mediation work this fall in that area. This whole area will be included in an upcoming Municipal Capital Works Program.

# **GOLDEN AGE 50+ CLUB - REQUEST FOR DONATION**

The Golden Age 50+ Club request for donation was discussed. The Town Manager was directed to request that the Golden Age 50+ Club submit a Financial Statement outlining their income and expenses to further clarify the current need for funds and/or to submit a request to council at budget time for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES**

### MANAGER'S REPORT – JULY 16, 2024

The Town Manager stated that two new Job Creation Participants (JCP) have started work with the town for six (6) weeks.

The Town Manager reiterated that the Memorial University Archeological Group have an Information Session scheduled for July 17, 2024 to reveal their excavation results at Turpin Island in Little St. Lawrence.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councillor Slaney asked when the brush on the side of Route 220 would be cut. The Town Manager replied that she has been talking to the Department of Highways staff and they indicated that they do not have enough staff or equipment to complete all the required brush work and pothole filling.

Councillor Lundrigan inquired whether there has been any response from the Department of Highways regarding the reduction of the speed limit in the St. Lawrence Academy School Zone. The Town Manager said it is on her list to address.

Councillor Doyle wondered when the next Town Mulching Session will be as there is an abundance of brush gathered up on site. The Town Manager indicated that the Public Works Department is waiting for the receipt of a replacement blade for the mulcher.

Councillor Doyle also asked about the use of the saltwater pump at the Ocean Choice International (OCI) fish plant. The Town Manager stated that she has been informed that OCI are attempting to reconnect the saltwater pump.



Councillor Doyle asked if the water color in the Town will be addressed in the upcoming Chlorination Building Project. The Town Manager indicated that this issue will have to be addressed in a separate Municipal Capital Works Project.

Mayor Pittman gave an update of the Parish Hall Fire Alarm System. This system must be repaired or replaced.

Councillor Lundrigan asked if the lawyers have responded to the Town's request for a review of our Tax Structure. The Town Manager indicated that she has not received a response from the lawyers to date.

The Town Manager provided Council with an update on the MNL Housing Strategy meeting. They will contact Council once they have identified potential funding following the recently held discussions.

9:10 p.m.

## MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

24–168 Be it resolved to move the meeting to a privileged session. Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

**Lundrigan and Miller)** 

Against: 0
Abstained: 0

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MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

24–169 Be it resolved to move the meeting back to a regular session.

Motion carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Pittman, D. M. Stacey, Councillors Doyle, Slaney,

Lundrigan and Miller)

Against:

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Abstained: 0

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/SLANEY

### NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: DOYLE

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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