REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT ST. LAWRENCE TOWN HALL **JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

MAYOR

KEVIN PITTMAN

DEPUTY MAYOR

MICHAEL STACEY

COUNCILLORS

COLLEEN MILLER

RODNEY DOYLE

VIA ZOOM

ROSALIE DUPRÉ ERNIE LUNDRIGAN

TOWN CLERK/MAN. **ASST. TOWN CLERK** **AMANDA EDWARDS**

ASST. TO TOWN MANAGER CYNTHIA HODGE

EILEEN NORMAN

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILLOR

AMANDA SLANEY

AGENDA

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

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE

MUNICIPAL TOWN PLANNER - TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE

The Manager advised that she has spoken with Mary Bishop who has sent her the rezoning information re - St. Cecilia Street. The Manager will send Mary the information required and she will provide a price for this service.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON

BUDGET 2022 – REVIEW & APPROVAL OF BUDGET

MOTION: MILLER/D.M. STACEY

2022 – 08 Resolved to approve the budget for 2022 with income and expenses in the amount of \$1,780,952.00. All in favour, Motion Carried.

TAX STRUCTURE

MOTION: DUPRÉ/MILLER

2022 – 09 Resolved to approve the the tax structure for the 2022 taxation year as outlined in budget preparation. All in favour, Motion Carried.

APPLICATION — GENERAL PERMIT — RESIDENTIAL SAWMILL PERMIT (BURKD)

MOTION: LUNDRIGAN/DOYLE

2022 – 10 Resolved to approve the application from BURKD to operate a residential sawmill in Lt. St. Lawrence subject to approval from all other regulatory bodies. All in favour, Motion Carried.

<u>APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – DECEMBER 2021 - \$63,105.96</u>

MOTION: DOYLE/MILLER

2022 – 11 Resolved to approve for payment Accounts Payable for December 2021 in the amount of \$63,105.96. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MOTION REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE OF 2022 DODGE RAM 5500 (\$111,587.85) TO INCLUDE FINANCING

MOTION: D. M. STACEY/DUPRÉ

2022 – 12 Resolved to request financing from Bank of Nova Scotia to purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram 5500 in the amount of \$111,587.85 with a 3 year term and 5 years amortization. This amount includes \$1,000.00 deposit to hold the truck. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MOTION: MILLER/DOYLE

2022 – 13 Resolved to apply to Municipal Affairs for approval to finance a loan for purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500 pickup truck in the amount of \$111,587.85. All in favour, Motion Carried.

APPLICATION/NOTIFICATION FOR PLANNED MINERAL EXPLORATION WORK — CFI — AGS NORTH

Discussion took place. It appears that the drilling will take place towards Little Lawn Beach.

It was suggested to include this topic on the agenda for a CFI meeting to be held in February 2022.

POLLUX PHASE 2 – CHANGE ORDER/INVITED TENDER

Discussion took place. The change order for Pollux Phase 2 will be approximately \$6,000 for engineering and approximately \$22,000 for materials and labour.

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/DOYLE

2022 – 14 Resolved to agree to approve the change order for Pollux Phase 2 in the amount of \$5925.91 for engineering and \$21,735 for materials. It was noted that the town will be responsible for 10% (\$2766.09) coverage of the change order. All in favour, Mótion Carried.

Domanda Edwards

Discussion also took place on the invited tender.

MOTION: D.M. STACEY/DOYLE

2022 – 15 Resolved to agree to invite tenders from the four local companies in the area re – change order project – Pollux Phase 2. All in favour, Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

SUICIDE AWARENESS: VIRTUAL COMMUNITY PRESENTATION — JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 12 P.M.

Councillor Rosalie Dupré advised that she will be attending on behalf of the Mental Health Coalition and can bring back a report to Council.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

2023 BUDGET

It was advised that if anyone has items for the 2023 budget, please bring to the Town Manager's attention.

VACANT LAND

The Manager asked Council about vacant land in St. Lawrence. She advised that there is no responsibility for landowners to provide information upon sale of land/property. The Manager is to review the potential policy and check with other communities.

RODENT PROBLEM

Councillor Miller asked what the status is on the rodent problem.

The Manager advised that we have hired Modern Pest Control to place bait stations in the problem areas as per our 2022 Pest Control Community Surveillance Program.

WORKFORCE LABOUR PLANNING

Councillor Dupré gave an update on meeting she attended re – Workforce Labour Planning.

STOP WORK ORDER

Councillor Lundrigan asked about the STOP WORK ORDER that the Town issued.

The Manager advised that she has spoken to Service NL who advised that they have been in contact with the company owner and work has stopped.

It was noted that if they come to the Town for a permit, we need to request a copy of Schedule 84.

TRAINING - WADE SLANEY ON PLOW

Deputy Mayor Stacey has advised that it would be a good time to increase Wade's training for operating the plow to ensure coverage of staff.

HON. CHURENCE ROGERS RE – RCMP HOUSING

It was noted that Hon. Churence Rogers office has responded and advised that the RCMP are dealing with the sale of RCMP housing in St. Lawrence. It goes from the RCMP to the Federal Minister of Transport to see if any other departments plan to use them. The houses cannot be sold until no one else wants them.

GOLD CORE MOTHERLODE REPRESENTATIVE

The Manager advised that they have invited the town to participate in a Zoom call on January 28, 2022 to do a presentation.

The Manager advised that she will participate in the Zoom call and bring the information back to Council.

VOCM RADIO

The Manager advised that she has received a complaint from a resident on the east side who cannot get the VOCM 88.3 radio station on the FM channel.

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She advised that she spoke with a representative at Stingray who advised that the technology for AM is outdated and has been replaced on FM.

They will be doing a feasibility study to see who is receiving the channel on FM.

They advised that a 50' antenna would need to be installed at a cost between \$5,000 - \$6,000 and Stingray will not be responsible to install an antenna.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: DOYLE

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lomando Edwards.