

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	DEPUTY MAYOR (CHAIR)	MICHAEL STACEY
	COUNCILLORS	COLLEEN MILLER
	(7:35 pm)	RODNEY DOYLE
	MAYOR (ZOOM)	AMANDA SLANEY
	COUNCILLOR (ZOOM)	KEVIN PITTMAN
		ROSALIE DUPRÉ
	COUNCILLOR ABSENT	ERNIE LUNDRIGAN
	TOWN MANAGER	AMANDA EDWARDS
	FINANCIAL ADMIN OFF	CYNTHIA HODGE

AGENDA

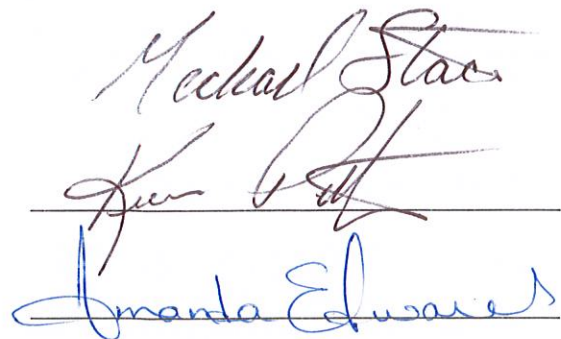
7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Stacey called the meeting to order and welcomed resident SLANA to the meeting. It was noted that Councillor Lundrigan is attending a Legendary Coast seminar in St. Pierre and Fortune, NL.

Deputy Mayor Stacey asked to have the following items added to the Agenda:

1. Revised 2022 Budget
2. Bundling Adjacent Property Policy

MOTION: MILLER/DUPRÉ

22 – 213 Resolved to adopt the Agenda for October 18, 2022 with noted additions. All in favour, Motion Carried.



Michael Stacey
Kevin Pittman
Amanda Edwards

DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**WATER STREET WEST DRAINAGE CONCERN**

The Town's Public Works Department has inspected the area on Water Street West. The storm system runs from Fairview Avenue to Water Street West, through Laurentian Avenue and is tied into the storm sewer drain.

INTEREST RELIEF – POLL TAX 2022

Interest Relief for Poll Tax 2022 should read until June, 2023 not June, 2022.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION: DOYLE/MILLER**


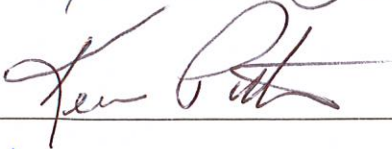

22 – 214 Resolved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022 with noted change. All in favour, Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillors Miller, Slaney and Dupré; along with the Town Manager, met with representatives from the 50 Plus Club and the Age Friendly Committee on October 6, 2022. Concerns and issues of the Committees were discussed. The Town Manager subsequently submitted an application to the Age Friendly Communities Grant Program under Stream One (1). The Town Manager has also contacted Stephanie Janes under the Burin Peninsula Community Sector Council Program to avail of technology training for the 50+ Club.

DEFERRED CORRESPONDENCE**WINDMILL BYLAWS**

No update

POTABLE WATER DISPENSING UNIT (WATER FILTRATION BUILDING)

K&D Pratt employees inspected the Potable Water Dispensing Unit (PWDU) today and indicated that the problem is an electrical issue. The Town Manager will contact local electricians to have a look at the components. K&D Pratt will provide the Town with quotes on replacement components.

7:15 pm – The meeting was put on hold for two (2) minutes to allow the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Doyle to acknowledge a fire pager call.

LAURENTIAN AVENUE WATER DRAINAGE ISSUE

Since the Laurentian Avenue Phase IV Water and Sewer Project was complete, residents have noticed a change in the water drainage in the area. It was noted that it is possible to place a drain adjacent to Tobin's garage area or replace the drain near Notre Dame Street that was filled in during Laurentian Phase IV repair.

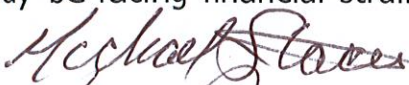
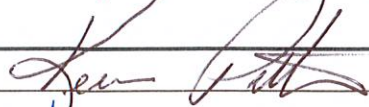

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ACTED ON**CROWN LAND REFERRAL – E155887 – LIGHTHOUSE ROAD****MOTION: DUPRÉ/MILLER**

22-215 Resolved to approve Crown Land Referral E155887 for Lighthouse Road. All in favour, Motion Carried.

GRANT THORNTON/CFI MINE SALE UPDATE

Mayor Pittman gave an update on the Town's recent meeting with Grant Thornton, Canada Fluorspar Incorporated, Federal and Provincial Government representatives. The Town is not being notified of any upcoming actions that may affect its residents before it happens. Twenty one (21) Canada Fluorspar Inc employees were terminated last week. With the new sale deadline of February 2023, employees who were laid off last February may be facing financial strain. The mine is now being placed in Cold Idle.

AGE FRIENDLY

MOTION: M.PITTMAN/DUPRÉ

22-216 Resolved to approve the approach to work towards and actively support/maintain an Age Friendly Community within the Town of St. Lawrence. All in favour, Motion Carried.

MOTION: M.PITTMAN/DUPRÉ

22-217 Resolved to submit an application to the Age Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program under Stream One (1). All in favour, Motion Carried

REVISED TAX STRUCTURE 2022

MOTION: MILLER/DOYLE

22-218 Resolved to accept the revised Tax Structure for 2022 as presented and to submit the document to Municipal Affairs. All in favour, Motion Carried

PRIORITY OFFERING OF SURPLUS FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY – 5-7 MAYOR AVENUE AND 9-11 MAYOR AVENUE, ST. LAWRENCE

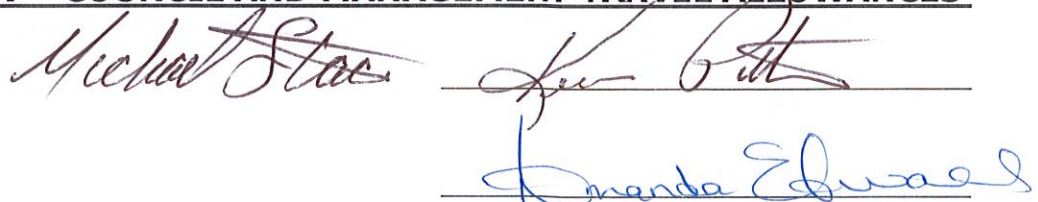
Consensus was that the Town of St. Lawrence is not financially able to purchase these properties at this time. The Manager was directed to notify Real Estate Services NL that the Town will not be purchasing either 5-7 Mayor Avenue or 9-11 Mayor Avenue. The Manager was also directed to bring this information to Eastern Health as potential housing.

POLICY REVIEW – APPLICATION TO OPERATE A BUSINESS

MOTION: DOYLE/DUPRÉ

22-219 Resolved to approve the Application to Operate a Business Policy as presented. All in favour, Motion Carried.

POLICY REVIEW – COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

Handwritten signatures of Michael Stas, Ken Pitt, and Brenda Edwards, each on a horizontal line.

7:35 Councillor Slaney entered the meeting.

Discussion took place on the Council and Management Travel Allowances. This will also include the Fire Department. The Manager was directed to make revisions based on the discussion and bring the revised Policy back to the next meeting for potential approval.

INVITATION FROM TOWN OF MARYSTOWN – REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Town welcomed and acknowledged the invitation from the Town of Marystown to their Remembrance Day Celebrations. However, the Town of St. Lawrence will be having their own celebrations this year with the RCSCC 269 Endeavour Sea Cadets taking the lead on the ceremony.

TAKE CHARGE 2022– MAKE THE SWITCH LED BULB GIVEAWAY

Consensus was to accept the 100 LED light bulbs awarded to the Town of St. Lawrence under the Take Charge 2022 Make the Switch LED Bulb Giveaway program. A suggestion was made that these could be distributed during upcoming Christmas celebrations.

MADD CANADA – BOAT SAFETY SIGNAGE




Council gives permission for MADD Canada to use the Town of St. Lawrence logo on two (2) Report Impaired Boating signs to be used in the Town of St. Lawrence. The suggestion was made to locate one sign in the Harbour Authority area and the other sign in the Ocean Choice International (CFI) wharf area.

ADDITIONS

REVISED 2022 BUDGET

Discussion took place on the revised 2022 budget. Income now includes property taxes and water and sewer taxes based on non-bundling of properties. Expenses now include the possibility that Tax Agreement Income may not be forthcoming.

MOTION: SLANEY/M.PITTMAN

**22-220 Resolved to approve the revised 2022 budget as presented.
All in favour, Motion Carried**

POLICY REVIEW – MERGING OF ADJACENT PROPERTY

Discussion took place on the merging of adjacent property policy. The Manager was directed to compile a draft policy to be reviewed at the next Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

MANAGERS REPORT


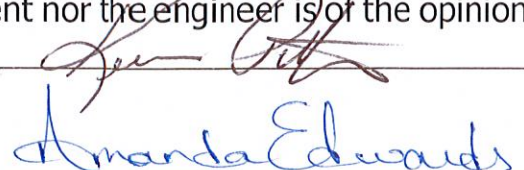
The Town's new website, www.townofstlawrence.com, is now live. Deputy Mayor Stacey identified a current issue with alignment. The Manager will report any issues to the website administrator.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councillor Slaney reported that she had brought forward a Poll Tax issue to the office.

The Town has been informed that once the resident doctor is back to work at US Memorial Health Care Centre, Eastern Health does not anticipate any future loss of emergency services. The Manager indicated that she is aware of at least three (3) residents who presented at the local hospital yesterday; not being aware that there were no emergency services in place. Deputy Mayor Stacey said that from October 1-19, 2022 the Emergency Services were operational 14% of the time. The recently announced retention bonuses for NAPE employees were identified.

Deputy Mayor Stacey recognized resident SLANA and asked if he would like to address an issue. Mr. SLANA reminded Council that they had approved drainage work in his residential area 22 months ago and wondered when this work would be complete. He further clarified that the work entails removal of the existing culvert, securing the embankment and redirecting the drain down Fairview Avenue and into the existing storm sewer. The Town Manager said that the Public Works Department and our engineers have all completed an inspection of the area. The original culvert that was installed was damaged when installed and is now not operational. In order to remove the culvert, the Town would have to hire equipment. Neither the Public Works Department nor the engineer is of the opinion

that the current situation would result in water running onto the resident's property.

Deputy Mayor Stacey reminded the Manager that our newest Public Works employee requires equipment operation hours and that this should be reiterated to the Public Works Department.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: SLANEY

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

