



Town of Main Brook

Regular Meeting of Council August 29, 2017

Call to order: 7:07pm

Present

Mayor Leander Pilgrim
Deputy Mayor Erin Russell
Councillor Ethel Patey
Councillor Zoey Whiteway
Councillor Maitland Strangemore
Councillor Terrence Brown

Absent:

Councillor Joe Brown

Also present: Town Clerk Sherry Reid

Additions to the Agenda: Baby Sara & Road Work

Motion 2017-051

Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Zoey Whiteway/Councillor Maitland Strangemore

Move to adopt the agenda as amended

All in favor

Motion Carried

Motion 2017- 052

Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Terrence Brown/Councillor Maitland Strangemore

Moved to adopt minutes as written

All in favor

Motion Carried

Business Arising

- **Casual Clerk** – Clerk Reid informed members that she has re advertised for the position of Casual Clerk once again.
- **Gas Tax/Capital Works Project** – Clerk informed members that there still has not been any correspondence from the engineer regarding the capital works project for the reservoir. Mayor Pilgrim requested that the Clerk touch base with the engineer to see what the status of the project is. Clerk Reid also read the letter regarding the allocations for the gas tax funding and informed

Council that the Town received \$18,0007.52 which has already been deposited into the bank account to use towards approved projects.

- **Lift Station** – Clerk Reid informed council that the Maintenance man resolved the issues with the lift station which was due to a faulty capacitor. A new one was purchased and installed.
- **Main Brook Park** – Due to the conflict of interest with this issue, Mayor Pilgrim removed himself and Deputy Mayor Russell chaired the meeting for this topic. Clerk Reid provided council members with a more detailed map that came from Andrew Smith, Planner for the Local Governance & Planning Division. Council members compared the maps. Councillor Strangemore measured up the lines with the boundary line. Through this process it was determined that Georges Pond and beach area were outside the boundary line but the entrance building and cabins etc. were inside the towns boundary line. After comparing and measuring the members had a discussion regarding the municipal taxes and all agreed that due to the park being partially inside the boundary lines they would be responsible for paying the business and property taxes. However, because the business owners did not receive a business portion on the assessment notice for 2017, they would be exempt from paying the 2017 business tax. Council also discussed the water usage for the park. They requested that I inform the owners that the water fee may increase once the park becomes more popular and more people are using the campsites.

Motion 2017 – 053

Councillor Maitland Strangemore/Councillor Zoey Whiteway

Moved to allow park owners to be exempt from paying the 2017 business tax but will be responsible for paying 2017 Water and Property tax.

5 in favor 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- **Speed Signs** – Clerk Reid presented quotes from businesses for the speed signs. It was agreed that Construction ltd was the better price. Re: Town welcome sign; Deputy Mayor Russell suggested posting a notice to see if others may have pictures of Main Brook for our welcome sign and to give a small prize for the picture that is picked.

Motion 2017 – 054

Councillor Terrence Brown/Councillor Maitland Strangemore

Moved to purchase speed signs from Construction ltd.

All in favor

Motion Carried

New Business

- **Permits** – Clerk Reid questioned the fee set for 2017 as she was not clear if the price was changed from previous years. Council requested she check with the former Town Clerk for clarification.
- **Land Values** – Occupied land sale pricing was discussed amongst council members. It was decided to raise the price per square foot from .02 to .05 for already occupied land with structure.

And all other vacant land will remain \$5000 water only, 7000 water & Sewage and land by ballfield \$10,000.

Motion 2017 – 055

Moved to rescind Motion 2010-44 made on November 23, 2010 and increase occupied Town land with house/building from .02 cents - .05 cents/square ft and all other vacant/new land will remain at \$5000/\$7000 and \$10,000

All in favor

Motion Carried

- **Vacuum** – Clerk Reid informed the council members that a vacuum is needed for the municipal building.

Motion 2017 – 056

Councillor Maitland Strangemore/Councillor Terrence Brown

Moved to allow Clerk Reid to purchase Vacuum

All in favor

Motion Carried

- **Election Nominations** –Clerk Reid informed Council of the date for nominations which is September 5, 2017, as well inquired regarding the poll clerk position for the elections. It was agreed to have Ms. Hurley for the day of the election as she had done this for other elections and was familiar with the procedures.
- **Baby Sara** – Councillor Whiteway suggested the Town put off a welcome home community event for baby Sara. Members agreed it was a great idea and discussed what was needed for that day. Mayor Russell suggested a motorcade and to contact media. As well it was suggested to get the churches/Rec Committee/fire department involved in helping with food and preparation of the event.

Correspondence

- **Letter** – Clerk Reid presented and read resignation letters from both the Casual Town Clerk and the Maintenance Person. It was requested that Clerk Reid advertise for the maintenance position as well re advertise for the casual clerk as well set the deadline for accepting applications for September 29, 2017. Also, Clerk Reid informed council that the Maintenance man has requested a leave from September 23- Oct 1, 2017 and council granted request.

Motion 2017 – 057

Councillor Maitland Strangemore/Councillor Terrence Brown

Moved to allow the Maintenance man to take a leave from **September 23-Oct 1, 2017**

All in favor

Motion Carried

Public Works Report

- **Road upgrades** – Councillor T. Brown requested to have the roads upgraded where the car wrecks are being stored. Mayor Pilgrim requested that the Town Clerk get in contact with Newco to get rid of the old car wrecks and other metal stored in the pit. As well, councillor Strangemore informed members that the maintenance man has winterized all the water boxes on Tickle Lane.

Motion 2017 – 058

Councillor Terrence Brown/Councillor Maitland Strangemore

Moved to upgrade road to the pit.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Recreation Committee Report

Clerk Reid presented council with the newsletter she had drafted up for the recreation committee to recruit new members & appreciation night for council. As well, members agreed to providing meat trays and drink for the event.

Motion 2017-059

Deputy Mayor Erin Russell/Councillor Zoey Whiteway

Moved to approve C. Reid to purchase food and drink for the upcoming event on September 14, 2017 at the community center.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Financial Report

Clerk Reid attached a financial report to previous minutes for review. A motion was made to pay bills

Motion 2017-060

Councillor Terrence Brown/Councillor Ethel Patey

Move to allow Clerk Reid to pay bills as presented to Council

All in favor

Motion Carried

No Further Business

Call to close

Motion 2017-061

Councillor Zoey Whiteway/Deputy Mayor Erin Russell

Moved to close meeting of August 29, 2017

All in favor

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned: 9:01pm

