



Town of Main Brook
Special Meeting of Council August 8, 2017

Call to order: 7:00pm

Present

Mayor Leander Pilgrim
Deputy Mayor Erin Russell
Councillor Ethel Patey
Councillor Maitland Strangemore
Councillor Zoey Whiteway
Councillor Terrence Brown
Also Present: Town Clerk Reid

Absent

Councillor Joe Brown

- **Financial Statements** - Clerk Reid reviewed the financial statements with the council members. However, members requested a copy each to review. Tabled.
- **Gas Tax for lift station upgrade** – Clerk Reid informed council that the Gas Tax Secretariat has been inquiring as to who will be installing the pumps and if the council will be covering these costs with or without funding. After some discussion, council all agreed that due to the small cost associated with the installation, the Town would cover these costs.
- **Loader Rental** – A resident has requested rental of the loader to help with his fishing boat. Council agreed that this was not a problem. Request granted

Main Brook Park Owners Enter Council Chambers at 7:30PM

Clerk Reid informed Mayor Pilgrim that due to the relationship with the owners of the park, there would be a conflict of interest and he had to dismiss himself from the topic/s at hand. Mayor Pilgrim stated he was aware of this and allowed Deputy Mayor Russell to chair the meeting until concerns were addressed and topic closed. Owners of the park addressed members of council with a concern regarding the business tax bill that they had received from the Town. They stated that due to the park being outside the boundary line of the Town, they should not be obligated to pay this tax. They understood that they would have to pay the water tax due to using the Town's water supply but not for all other taxes. They presented council with a map they had received from their lawyers and also stated that they had spoken with Mr. Skinner at Municipal Affairs regarding the matter. Council members reviewed the map with the Town's map from the Municipal Plan and there were some discrepancies with the maps. Due to this, members did not make any decisions on the business tax and requested the Town Clerk contact planning and zoning to clarify any differences. Clerk Reid stated that she would contact Municipal Affairs and speak with Mr. Skinner first and get some direction from him as to who to speak with for these concerns. Owners requested that the Town Clerk reply back when a decision has been made. Tabled. Owners left meeting at **7:55PM**

Recreation Committee Members entered Council Chambers at 8:00 PM

Wavey Strangemore

Kathy Strangemore

Drucella Elliott

Deputy Mayor welcomed the committee to the council meeting. DM Russell spoke with the committee regarding recruiting new members and asked if they had any concerns. The recreation committee's treasurer spoke on behalf of the committee and expressed her concerns with the expectations put on the members. Ms. Strangemore stated that it has become very overwhelming and that some people do not realize the amount of work and dedication this volunteer position holds. She also stated that the committee welcomes new members and volunteers. She stated that in order for the center to survive it needs volunteers to help with events. She also expressed that due to the few members on the committee and lack of volunteers, putting off these events are becoming too much, which was evident with the Main Brook annual festival. D. Mayor Russell suggested having a town meeting to invite new members and also presented and read some rules and regulations for the committee to follow. Some concerns were addressed regarding why so many members had left and DM Russell suggested that a new plan needed to be implemented to get more people interested and involved in the upkeep of the community center. All agreed and a plan to have a Town meeting was discussed and Clerk Reid will send out flyers to the community when a date has been confirmed.

No further business

Motion 2017-046

Councillor Terrence Brown /Councillor Zoey Whiteway

Moved to close special meeting of **August 8, 2017**

All in favor

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm