



MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

I. Call to order

A regular meeting of council was held in the chambers room at the Town of Main Brook's Municipal Building. The meeting convened at 5:03pm.

II. Roll Call

Presiding:

Mayor Barbara Genge
Deputy Mayor Joe Brown

Members of the Council:

Councillor Randy Strangemore
Councillor Ben Wiper
Councillor Adele England
Councillor Ian Brenton
Councillor Beverly Pilgrim

Members of the Council not in attendance:

Staff Members Present:

Sherry Reid Town Clerk/Manager

Additions to agenda – Main Brook Research and Development

No Guests in Attendance

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion 2019 - #138

Councillor Ian Brenton /Councillor Adele England

Move to adopt the agenda as amended

All in favor

motion carried

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Motion 2019- #139
(Mayor Vacates Chair)

Councillor Ben Wiper/Mayor Barbara Genge

Move to adopt and sign the meeting minutes of **March 26, 2019**

All in favor

Motion Carried

V. BUSINESS ARISING

Water and Sewer Issues DOT Rd. – Clerk Reid presented council members with the exemption request for DOT Rd water concerns/issues. Based on the information given surrounding water access to the property, and following with the Municipalities Act 1999 guidelines, council could not grant an exemption. However, it was decided that after the winter season and the ground thaws, this property will be priority for the Public Works to try and fix the problems moving forward.

Councillor Ian Brenton made a motion to propose an exemption for 30%
No Secunder
Motion Not Carried

Projects – C. Reid updated council members on all projects. Councillor Wiper will make an update on the Age Friendly Grant for next meeting.

Land Values – Clerk Reid informed council members about the information she gathered from Realtor Simms regarding fair market value for this area. A discussion took place around land sales and what would be fair for all buyers. All land will sell at 100x150sq ft.

Motion 2019 - #140

Councillor Adele England/Councillor Beverly Pilgrim

Moved to rescind Motion #056 – 2017. The price per square foot of Town land occupied by a building structure shall increase from \$0.05 to \$0.665, and bids for Town Lots (100ft x 150ft) with no building shall start at \$10,000 (No Service) & \$12,500 (Serviced). If extra footage is requested, cost will be an extra \$0.665/sq ft. For land with building structures, changes will take effect on **September 01, 2019**. For all other vacant & new land lots, new prices will take effect

April 17, 2019.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Arrears – Clerk Reid gave an update collection of Arrears. Since the letters have gone out, there has been improvements with collecting the outstanding fees.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Job Ad for Casual Clerk – Clerk Reid presented council with one applicant’s resume. Based on the fact of only being one applicant and skills not suited for the position of Town Clerk, Mayor Genge suggested the Town wait and apply for a wage subsidy for the come home year coordinator and combine the two roles. Members agreed.

Vacation Pay – Mayor Genge inquired about the vacation pay for the Town Clerk and other employees regarding if it was included in payroll or not. Clerk Reid informed Mayor Genge that the Vacation Pay Rate of 4% is added into the pay biweekly.

PMA/MNL – Clerk Reid gave council and update on the upcoming conferences for the PMA and MNL. No one will be attending MNL due to other obligations but Clerk Reid and Councillor Wiper will be attending the PMA Annual Convention in St. John’s June 5-7, 2019, leaving on June 4 and returning on June 8th.

Motion 2019 - #141
(Mayor Vacates Chair)

Mayor Barbara Genge/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Move to allow Town Clerk/Manager and Councillor Wiper to attend the PMA Annual Convention in St. Johns from June 4-8 (travel time included).

All in favor
Motion Carried

Volunteers – Clerk Reid and C.Clerk Pilgrim will arrange a small event for the volunteers and council members after Easter Holidays.

Come Home Year Committee – Mayor Genge informed Council that a staff person is needed for the Come Home year and suggested this position also be trained for a Casual Clerk position at the same time to help in the office with the upcoming projects.

Mosquito Project - Mayor Genge spoke about the project and what it entails with the members of council. She suggested having one of the students partner up with the research team at Memorial University to help with the collection of the mosquitos. DM Joseph Brown inquired about the date and time this will be happening and Mayor Genge will gather the information requested for next meeting.

Main Brook Wharf – Mayor Genge informed council members that she has been monitoring the situation at the wharf regarding the boat that is tied and stuck in the ice at the wharf as well as leaking fuel into the harbour. She has been in contact with the Department of Environment as well as the Canadian Coast Guard. All necessary departments have been contacted by Mayor Genge.

Main Brook Research and Development Association – Councillor Wiper expressed his concerns with what’s happening with the Main Brook Fish Plant in regards to the selling price and the fact that the Council cannot do anything about it. His number one concern is that it gets sold and the community not benefit at all. Some discussion took place regarding the negative impact this could have if this happens.

VII. CORRESPONDENSE

Letter from resident – C. Reid read request regarding Land on DOT Rd for and extra 75’. Council discussed the water line boundary and decided that before making any decision, Randy and Pete measure up the requested area to make sure it’s not interfering with the trail.

VIII. RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

C. England, gave a report on the committee’s behalf. She reported that as of March 26, 2019 the bank financial statement was \$39,000. No other issues were discussed.

IX. FIRE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

C. Strangemore spoke on behalf of the Fire Department and reported that members did training in St. Anthony. He informed council that they have applied for a Chase the Ace for fundraising.

C. Strangemore also gave a brief update on the Water issues at the reservoir levels which has not been constant, as levels have been up and down and Pete has been constantly monitoring the situation. 51 Main Street water issues will be looked at when Canada Bay Construction comes to Main Brook. No other issues were discussed.

X. FINANCE REPORT

Clerk Reid went over finances and bills with members.

Motion 2019 - #142

Councillor Adele England/Ian Brenton

Moved that C. Reid pay accounts payables as presented

All in favor

Motion Carried

Call to close

Motion 2019 - #143

(Mayor Vacates Chair)

Mayor Barbara Genge/Deputy Mayor Joseph Brown

Move to close regular meeting of **April 17, 2019**

All in favor

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 pm

Mayor Barbara Genge

Councillor

Town Clerk/Manager

