



MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 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 3:46pm.

II. Roll Call

Presiding:

Mayor Barbara Genge

Members of the Council:

Councillor Randy Strangemore

Councillor Ben Wiper

Councillor Adele England

Councillor Ian Brenton

Members of the Council not in attendance:

Deputy Mayor Joe Brown

Councillor Beverly Pilgrim

Staff Members Present:

Sherry Reid Town Clerk/Manager

No Additions to agenda

No Guests in Attendance

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENA

Motion 2019 - #119

Councillor Adele England/Councillor Ian Brenton

Move to adopt the agenda

All in favor

motion carried

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Motion 2019- #120

Councillor Ben Wiper/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Move to adopt and sign the meeting minutes of **January 10, January 24 & February 26, 2019**

All in favor

Motion Carried

V. BUSINESS ARISING

Water and Sewer Issues – C. Reid updated Council on the response from MAE & Gas Tax Secretariat regarding the pump issues and funding to help pay for a new pump. There was some discussion around the table regarding the cause of the malfunctioning of the pumps and if it was the responsibility of Hydro's power surges that caused the issue. Councillors also discussed consideration for upgrading the electrical panel and new pumps under the gas tax funding. C. Strangemore will speak with the electrician about quotes, and then council will decide if they will apply for a CIP under the Gas Tax Funding.

Water Issues DOT Rd. – Clerk Reid updated council members on the response she received from MAE regarding the water situation to the Garage. Council suggested Clerk Reid give property owner an exemption form to fill out to return for further discussion and a decision at the next regular meeting.

Projects – C. Reid updated on recent projects which were applied for. Council also discussed future upcoming projects that would be beneficial to the Town.

Land Values – Clerk Reid updated council members on the response she received from MAE regarding setting prices on land. It was decided that once information on market values were gathered, council will meet and discuss policies and land sales. M. Genge stated that stipulations need to be put in place moving forward.

CBDC – Clerk Reid presented council with financial application for Truck/Spreader

Engineer Visit – Clerk Reid informed Council of the times Engineer could meet with members of council. Members agreed on the schedule and C. Reid will arrange meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Job Ad for Casual Clerk – Members agreed that C. Reid advertise for another casual clerk position. C. Reid stated that she will advertise the position on the FB page.

Easter Holidays – C. Reid informed members of council of the upcoming holidays during the Easter season from April 22- May 2 for Town Clerk and April 19-26 for Pete. M. Genge suggested C. Reid make arrangements with the former Maintenance Person to see if he could fill in to cover Pete's absence. Anne will be available to cover the Town Clerk's absence.

Volunteer Week – C. Reid informed council that Volunteer Week is April 7-13. Deadline to apply for a \$100 grant is March 15, 2019.

Motion 2019 - #121

Councillor Ben Wiper/Councillor Adele England

Moved that the Town of Main Brook apply for the Volunteer Week Celebration Grant for 2019
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop – M. Genge stated that due to the current water situation, it was best that Pete not attend this workshop in fear that he will be needed if something happens. C. Brenton expressed interest in attending on Pete's behalf and felt that maybe it would be beneficial to the Town in regards to gathering new information. Members agreed.

Motion 2019 - #122

(Mayor Barbara Genge Vacates Chair)

Mayor Barbara Genge/Councillor Adele England

Moved to allow C. Brenton to attend the Clean and Safe Water Workshop in Gander March 25-28, 2019.
All in favor
Motion Carried

Permits – C. Reid presented council with a business permit for R&R Used Recreational Parts. Council granted request for the Permit.

Arrears – C. Reid presented the amount of arrears for the Town. \$38,852 in total owing for Property, W/S, and garbage as well there were \$8037.53 in Poll Tax and \$2856.30 in Business Tax arrears. Council discussed these matters and felt that this has been going on too long and requested the clerk make a FB post reminder as well as sending out individual notices to those in arrears, putting in place conditions that those in arrears must be paid in full on or before June 30, 2019 or be disconnected or other means of collection through collection agency or small claims court.

Tools/Water Compensation – M.Genge requested C. Reid reach out to the men who volunteered their help with the water issues, to see how they would like to be compensated and to thank them for the help. As well, there was a request from a worker on the JCP project to be reimbursed for some tools that were used and damaged during the project. Worker is also seeking compensation for the use of his tools to which the members of council tabled until further information was gathered in terms of what agreement was made between former town clerk and the worker.

Motion 2019 - #123

Councillor Ian Brenton/Councillor Adele England

Moved to reimburse for damaged tools during the JCP project for Total amount of \$104.31

All in favor

Motion Carried

Trades NL Grassroots – Ben informed members that applications are being submitted for a \$2000 grant. He suggested that this grant would be beneficial to enhance work on the War Memorial. Members discussed application and agreed to apply for the grant.

Motion 2019 - #124

(Mayor Barbara Genge vacates chair)

Mayor Barbara Genge/Councillor Adele England

Moved to make a motion for the Town of Main Brook to submit an application for the Trades NL Grassroots Grant.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

VII. CORRESPONDENSE

Letter from resident – C. Reid read the letter from resident regarding damage during snow clearing and council agreed that due to the nature of the incident, resident be compensated for damages.

Motion 2019 - #125

Councillor Ben Wiper/Councillor Ian Brenton

Moved to compensate resident for damage to garbage bin, payment of up to \$150

All in favor

Motion Carried

Letter from RCMP – C. Reid read letter from RCMP requesting a meeting with council to discuss policing in the community. Council requested the clerk set up a time when they can become available to meet.

MAA – Clerk read the letter and council was not interested in the collaborative agreement at this time.

MBRDC – C. Reid presented council with letter regarding the wharf. Discussion took place.

VIII. RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

C. England, gave a report on the committee's behalf. She stated that the group has become smaller but very active with serving suppers and breakfasts. She also informed council that during private functions there will be no more soliciting going forward, as these functions are suppose to be closed to the public unless permission is granted by the vendor and to contact a member of the committee first to give them time to make this request on the group's behalf.

IX. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. Strangemore spoke on behalf of the Fire Department and reported that the members have been busy doing training in emergency and rescue sled.

X. FINANCE REPORT

Clerk Reid went over finances and bills with members.

Motion 2019 - #126

Councillor Adele England/Councillor Ben Wiper

Moved that C. Reid pay accounts payables as funds allow to do so.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Motion 2019 - #127

Councillor Adele England/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Move to close regular meeting of **March 11, 2019**

All in favor

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 pm

Mayor

Councillor

Town Clerk

