

# TOWN OF MAIN BROOK

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Agenda for regular public meeting of council was held on January 24, 2024 at the Town Office Chambers Room. Meeting convened at 6:15 pm.

## 2. ROLL CALL

### **Presiding:**

Mayor Ian Brenton

### **Members of the Council:**

Deputy Mayor William Baldwin

Councillor Barbara Genge

Councillor Randy Strangemore

### **Members of Council Absent with Regrets:**

Councillor Donna Gibbons

Councillor Justin Boyd

### **Staff Members Present:**

Kelly Simms/Town Clerk

## 3. ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### **Additions:**

Sanding and Salting – Need to speak to Dave Smith regarding the sanding and salting of the roads. Councillor Randy Strangemore to follow up with Dave.

Water at Fish Plant – Deputy Mayor William Baldwin suggested once the fish plant installs a water meter, water will be reconnected to the plant.

\$25 Residential Tax Credit for Paying Early – Incentive was replaced this year with penalty for late payments. Discussion as to whether this was a mistake and can it be reversed.

Mileage for Town Clerk to Roddickton – Deputy Mayor William Baldwin asked that staff be compensated for mileage when travelling for work.

Buying Homes to Fix Up and Rent – At the recommendation of another party, Councillor Barbara Genge suggested the Town purchase low cost homes to renovate and rent. The renovations could be completed through a Project. Deputy Mayor William Baldwin questioned the legality of the Town owning and renting property. Councillor Barbara Genge advised the person who recommended the idea would be aware of any legal issues with the Town renting property. She said the Town is in a similar situation to many other communities, with no incentive to live there if there is no work or accommodations.

Development Plan - Meeting between Minister Gerry Byrne and the Council/Research & Development Committee to inform us of some of the programs available, including the Heritage Committee. Meeting to happen in February, date to be confirmed by Councillor Barbara Genge.

Bowater Drive Residents Water Tax Increase – Bowater Drive residents are unhappy with increase in water taxes. Deputy Mayor William Baldwin suggested residents with complaints write a letter to be addressed by Council. Town clerk Kelly Simms to contact resident to write letter.

Resident charged sewer, should only be charged for water – Councillor Randy Strangemore confirmed area where resident lives does not have sewer. Mayor Ian Brenton agreed the charge should be removed. Town clerk Kelly Simms to correct this reoccurring issue in Quickbooks.

Shirley Powell requests meeting with Rec Committee regarding Chase the Ace and dart league – Rec Committee is not running Chase the Ace or dart league. Lynn Boyd to run Chase the Ace. Mayor Ian Brenton volunteered to sit in on Rec Committee meeting to determine what transpired regarding vote to remove Shirley Powell from the committee. Deputy Mayor William Baldwin to inform Rec Committee of Mayor Ian Brenton's intention to join next meeting. Councillor Barbara Genge suggested Shirley Powell write a letter to have her concerns addressed.

**Motion #2024-001**

**Mayor Ian Brenton/Councillor Barbara Genge**

Be it resolved to accept January 24, 2024 agenda with additions

All in Favor: 4 – Mayor Ian Brenton, Deputy Mayor William Baldwin,  
Councillor Barbara Genge, Councillor Randy Strangemore

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**MOTION #2024-001 CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/SIGNATURES**

**Motion #2024-002**

**Councillor Randy Strangemore/Mayor Ian Brenton**

Be it resolved to accept December 14, 2023 meeting minutes

All in Favor: 4 – Mayor Ian Brenton, Deputy Mayor William Baldwin,  
Councillor Barbara Genge, Councillor Randy Strangemore

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**MOTION #2024-002 CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Trailers - Lois Simms Baldwin has written two letters regarding the RVs set up on residential lots. Councillor Barbara Genge spoke with councillors from other communities experiencing an issue with campers setting up in town. Their solution was to create a specially

zoned area for camper trailers. Councillor Barbara Genge drafted a resolution to no longer permit RVs to be placed on private land to be used as permanent or seasonal living accommodations; and to allow existing RVs to remain until change in property ownership. No quorum to vote on motion as Deputy Mayor William Baldwin is excluded due to conflict of interest. Deferred to next meeting.

Heritage Advisory Committee – Deferred until meeting with Minister Gerry Byrne.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Municipalities 2024 Regional Meeting – Deputy Mayor William Baldwin recommended not attending in order to save money and to ask if information from the meeting could be passed on to us.

Motion for Kelly Simms as Town Clerk – Expanded to include Sandra Soman as Town Clerk.

### Motion #2024-003

#### Mayor Ian Brenton/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Be it resolved to name Kelly Simms as part-time Town Clerk. Kelly Simms is to stay on as Town Clerk as long as budget allows to assist in training and office clean-up.

All in Favor: 4 – Mayor Ian Brenton, Deputy Mayor William Baldwin, Councillor Barbara Genge, Councillor Randy Strangemore

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**MOTION #2024-003 CARRIED**

### Motion #2024-004

#### Mayor Ian Brenton/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Be it resolved to name Sandra Soman as Town Clerk during Hailee Keats' maternity leave.

All in Favor: 4 – Mayor Ian Brenton, Deputy Mayor William Baldwin, Councillor Barbara Genge, Councillor Randy Strangemore

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**MOTION #2024-004 CARRIED**

Office Computer Security – Mayor Ian Brenton asked Director of Cyber Security/Director of IT for Sabre Limited and JP Computers, Justin Miles, to look at security issues with the office computer. Recommendations include gaining access to town website and migrating to an Office 365 Business Standard account.

**7. TOWN'S FINANCE REPORT**

January Bills to be Paid – Deferred until bank accounts are accessible to new Town Clerks.

**8. CALL TO CLOSE**

Motion #2024-005

Mayor Ian Brenton/Councillor Randy Strangemore

Be it resolved to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm

All in Favor: 4 – Mayor Ian Brenton, Deputy Mayor William Baldwin,  
Councillor Barbara Genge, Councillor Randy Strangemore

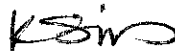
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**MOTION #2024-005 CARRIED**



*Mayor*



*Town Clerk*