

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
JANUARY 20, 2014
BUDGET MEETING**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor: John Baird
Deputy Mayor Shannon Carter
Councillors: Colleen Denty
Wilfred Janes
Town Clerk: Sarah Patten

Gallery: Melvin Arnold, Donald Osbourne, Aubrey Arnold, Michael Ralph, Kathy Woodman, Frances Arnold, Roger Kean

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Councillor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.

Minutes of January 6, 2014 – Approval of minutes will wait until next regular meeting of council.

DECISION:

The council reviewed two budget options:

1. Repair Town Hall roof and repair town sewer, these repairs are needed but to do all of it in one year, taxes will have to be increased. The cost of the sewer repair is \$13,000.00 and the cost of the roof repair is \$10,000.00.
2. Repair town sewer and do renovations to town hall roof would be the second option, this would not cause taxes to rise, but would do some repairs to the windows and roof of the hall.

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to approve the 2014 Budget at \$178,117.88 for expenditures and revenues, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

Councillor Denty moved to approve 2014 tax rates to be the same as 2013 with the exception of the Tax Certificates will be raised to \$100.00 up from \$35.00, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

The clerk will send out the Tax and Fee Structures as outlined by council.

NEW BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA:

MAYOR MEETING WITH ENVIRONMENT – ST. JOHN'S

Mayor Baird met with Ms. Paula Dawe, P. Eng – Program Lead Community Water and Wastewater Section, Department of Environment. And with Ms. Dorothea Hanchar – Ground Water Resources Manager, Department of Environment, to discuss groundwater as a possible municipal water supply for Traytown. Water Resources will do up a Terms of Reference that Traytown can use to ask consultants for a price to do a groundwater study to determine the quality and quantity of water available. Areas of interest include the Ploughed Grounds and Traytown Access Road. The suggested approach would be for a Stage 1 and Stage 2 type of study. Stage 1 would include a reconnaissance of the area combined

with a review of available secondary information. It would recommend areas for more detailed investigation. Stage 2 would do on-site testing and monitoring to determine actual water quantity potential. Due to the quarry pits in Ploughed Ground Road. Ms. Hanchar said she would be concerned about the water in that area. Both the Town of Eastport and Sandringham are relying on ground water and they have good water. Mr. Angus Bradley, Department of Municipal Affairs informed council that he feels Traytown would have a reliable water source from ground water and would meet with council to discuss it. The Gas Tax money can be used to do a study for ground water.

Ms. Dawe informed Mayor Baird that Glovertown has one of the best surface water resources in the province and suggested it would be Traytown's best interest to connect to this water resource. The Pissamare Pond resource – Environment would recommend against it. The cost of both of these projects are over eight million dollars, which is quite costly for a small town.

WARMING CENTER – EMERGENCY – Councillor Janes discussed the issue of a warming center with Deputy Mayor Craig Arnold, Glovertown Council. Deputy Mayor Arnold has informed Councillor Janes that the Town of Glovertown has applied for funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a generator to be used in the Lion's Club in case of emergency. This application is under the Community Concept Plan. The Town already has one generator but this one will be used for the warming center. Traytown Council has been offered the use of the Lion's Club in case of emergencies.

WEB PAGE – Councillor Denty informed council that she has discussed the web page with Gavin Kean and Mr. Kean has informed her that it depends on what the council is looking for if it is just a section with pictures, minutes, history, recreation, news, guest book, etc it would cost about \$400.00. Mr. Kean would administer the page for the first year and would like to have everything typed up that the council would like to have on the page and forwarded to him. The council will discuss this at the next meeting of council.

KITTIWAKE COAST VISITOR GUIDE – Traytown council will not be paying for an ad in the visitor's guide this year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday February 3, 2014 @ 7:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: Councillor Janes moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

Signed _____
Mayor

Signed _____
Town Clerk