

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN  
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>John Baird</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>Shannon Carter</b>
<b>Councillors:</b>	<b>Jason Patten</b>
	<b>Colleen Denty</b>
	<b>Wilfred Janes</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Sarah Patten</b>
<b>Gallery:</b>	<b>Michael Ralph, Kathy Woodman, Michael Woodman, Melvin Arnold, Donald Osbourne, Jeff Patten, Aubrey Arnold, Donna Chaffey, Clayton Chaffey</b>

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

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

**Councillor Patten moved to adopt the minutes of January 6, 2014 as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.**

**Councillor Denty moved to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2014 as presented, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.**

**Mr. Donald Osbourne - Financing for the roads**

Council has been notified that the application was reviewed by the Gander office and has been sent to St. John's for further review. Culvert under Balsam lane near Mr. Osmond's house needs repairs.

Council discussed this issue with the engineers and it has been addressed in the road work application, however if the Capital Works is not approved this year, Council will have to address this issue.

**Mr. Aubrey Arnold - Letter from Council about placing snow on road**

Finds the letter offensive due to the fact that he was not placing snow on the road. The snow from his driveway is kept in the driveway and down over the hill to the ditch.

Council sent the letter out to residents to stop the residents from ploughing snow on the town roads, it was not meant to be offensive to anyone.

Council reminded the residents that it is not the contractor's job to come back and clear the roads after they have already been cleared. Council feels the contractor is doing a good job and that Traytown roads are cleared better than most other towns in the province.

Use of Pellet guns removed from regulations. This bylaw was enacted years ago when Council received a petition from residents for a ban on the use of pellets guns inside the Town's boundaries. Council removed the regulation due to the advice of Municipal Affairs all regulations on file should be reviewed to ensure that Council has the capacity to enforce them. Any regulation such as the ban of roaming dogs, pellet guns, etc. should be repealed if Council does not have trained staff or other

necessary resources to enforce it.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM JANUARY 6 & 20, 2014**

**BUDGET** – Letter received Monday February 3, 2014 – Department of Municipal Affairs finds no errors or omissions in the 2014 Budget.

**WEB PAGE** – Three prices in for the web page \$2,500, \$400, and \$150. **Deputy Mayor Carter moved to accept the price of \$400.00 for the development of the web page, seconded by Council Patten, all in favour, motion carried.** Councillor Denty will inform Mr. Gavin Kean that he can start work on the web page. The clerk will type anything he needs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**GLOVERTOWN ACADEMY** – **Councillor Janes moved to donated \$100.00 to the Glovertown Academy Safe Grad, seconded by Councillor Denty – four in favour, one opposed. Motion carried.** Councillor Patten feels that due to the fact that there are five graduates from the town this year the council should donate a large amount, or set an amount for each student graduating from the town on a yearly basis.

**EASTER SEALS** – request for donation for easter seals. Not at this time

**FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES** - Request for membership amount \$138.71. Not at this time.

**CALCIUM** – Request sent to Purchasing Agent for Flake Calcium Chloride for dust control waiting on price from tenders. Council will be notified of the cost as soon as it arrives.

**APPLICATION FOR GST** – completed and mailed the amount of the 5/13 taxes rebate is: \$4,495.19

**42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW** – PMA – April 2-4, 2014 – **Councillor Denty moved that Town Clerk Patten attend the convention, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.**

**PERMIT** – 11 Juniper Crescent - **Councillor Patten moved to approve the extension to the house 7.62m x 3.657m and to build a garage 6.7m x 7.315m with a 10% variance between the house and garage equaling 2.7m separation, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.**

**WELL** – **Traytown Town Hall** – The water at the town hall has become discoloured and slow in the past month. Councillor Patten and a few men from Traytown have visited what they think is the well site and found it to be in need of repair. Councillor Patten will get Mr. Ray Baker to attach a jet pump to the line to see if the lines can be cleared. ( Mr. Michael Ralph has generously donated the use of his jet pump for the town if needed.) If the pump works council will purchase a new pump. Councillor Patten will have the well cleaned and repaired when the weather is suitable.

**FINANCE REPORT** – Finance report from January 1, 2014 – February 3, 2014 Receivables \$4,856.54, payments made: \$5,261.85. Mayor Baird has created a spread sheet that the clerk will use to keep the council informed on the money spent monthly and advise when the budget of any item has been spent. This will be on an accrued basis.

**WATER & SEWER SURVEY** – Mayor Baird has presented council with a draft water and sewer survey that they will scrutinize and send their views by email to the town office and the mayor with comments on changes or

ideas. The council will send the surveys out to the residents for their opinion. It may be appropriate to hire a student to go door to door to talk to people personally. There is a student working in the field that may be able to do this work. Maybe a couple of the graduating students could go door to door and have the surveys completed? The council needs the completed surveys back before it continues with studies, etc. for the town.

The first question that needs to be asked is: WHY – Why does the council want to know about people's wells and sewer system?

The council needs to know if it should go forward with applying for water and sewer in the town, how many residents need it, etc. If the town ever had a fire the one thing that the residents must understand is, there are no hydrants in this town. The most the fire fighters can hope to do is stop the fire from spreading to the neighbours home. The town needs a way to get water to the fire truck to fight the fire. Some kind of system is needed to obtain water when needed.

Mayor Baird is waiting on a Terms of Reference from Dept of Environment which has not arrived, Mayor Baird will contact Ms. Dorothea Hanchar, Manager, Water Resources, Dept of Environment, and request a time line on when this can be expected.

#### **REPORT FROM MNL REGIONAL MEETING -**

The Terra Nova District will receive about ten million dollars in funding from the Provincial Government this year. There are many towns applying for these funds, the most the Towns of Traytown or Glovertown can hope for is about a million dollars. It will cost over eight million to equip the whole town of Traytown with water and sewer, so it will be a long time before the whole Town of Traytown is serviced with water and sewer.

The problem that most towns are having now is that the infrastructure that they have in the ground is wearing out and needs to be replaced. This cost the towns money which they don't have and find it very hard to come up with. The MNL is trying to lobby the Federal Government for the Provincial Portion of the HST to be given back to the towns, this may or may not become a reality.

**MEETING REQUEST** – The clerk will set up a meeting with Mr. Edward Goodyear, Regional Manager, Department of Municipal Affairs, Ms Robyn Bursey, Manager of ICSP and Mr. Dan Hynes, District Manager , Department of Municipal Affairs. The meeting will be held after February 16, 2014.

**RENTING TOWN HALL** – Can the town hall be rented by the hour and a specific price? \$10.00 per hour for events like Zumba, etc. Council sees no problem with this arrangement once the water is repaired.

**NEXT MEETING – March 3, 2014 7:00pm**

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – Councillor Janes moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councillor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk