

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
MARCH 10, 2014**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Gallery: **Donna Chafey, Michael Ralph, Jeffrey Patten, Donald Osborne, Melvin Arnold**

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

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

Councillor Patten moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councillor Janes all in favour, motion carried.

Mr. Donald Osbourne - Old Landfill Site - Mr. Osbourne is not prepared to discuss the subject of the Old Landfill Site at this time but he do have a few other questions he would like to discuss:

1. Mr. Osbourne: Do Traytown have a coat of arms or flag?

Answer- No, but it does have a crest that is attached to the Mayor's chain of office and lapel pins with the same crest.

2. Mr. Osbourne: With regards to the budget – The public should have had input into the budget.

Answer- The spreadsheet was placed on the wall for the council and public to see.

Mr. Osbourne - I could not see it from where I was sitting.

3. Mr. Osbourne – There are concerns with the resident's water supply because of the dump, which could be compromising our water source with the plume coming down from the old landfill site.

Answer - When the Pissamare Pond Study was done in 2012 there was no contamination.

4. Mr. Osbourne - The council should insist that the Government put in a string of monitoring wells to protect the people down the road.

Answer - Anyone can have their water tested for bacteria levels, although they will have to pay for chemical testing.

5. Mr. Osbourne - With regards to the survey sent out by council why do the Council want to know about everyone's water supply?

Answer - Council is just trying to get a handle on what its residents have for a water supply.

6. Mr. Osbourne - What is Council going to do to prevent the people from having polluted wells?
Ring your hands and say so sad. Council can ask under siege to get answers from government. Central Waste closed out the dump but they did not clean it up they only covered it up. The area may be shut down but it is only capped over and Central Waste is still putting waste in the new site. One of your Councillor's said he was worried about the fish in the pond

Answer– But as you know the Department of Fisheries have stated that the fish are good.

7. Mr. Osbourne - We have a serious problem and if we are not careful and put in place what is needed, it could get worst.
8. Mr. Osbourne - How much money was spent on studies?

Answer– Traytown had a \$18,000.00 study done (Council paid 10% of that cost) to see if Glovertown had enough water to supply Traytown. Glovertown spent around \$56,000.00 (Glovertown Council paid 10%) to see what was needed to allow their system to supply Traytown. \$30,000.00 was spent by Traytown for the Pissamare Pond study. Traytown has spent a total of \$31,800.00 on water and sewer studies since 2006 by Traytown.

Note from council at the end of the meeting: Council could send a letter to government and request that the closest wells to the dump and the pond be tested to insure that there is no contamination entering the water table now.

TRAYTOWN WEB PAGE – The mayor will look at the maps and town plan to be added to the web page before it is sent to Gavin Kean The clerk will contact Gavin and inform him that more information will be coming.

TOWN HALL WELL – Thanks to Mr. Ray Baker, Mayor Baird and Curtis Abbott the town hall water supply is flowing again. The council will have the well cleaned out this spring to prevent another blockage and a new cover will be needed.

FINANCE REPORT – Spreadsheet of all spending was presented to council for January and February. Mayor Baird will now develop a spreadsheet to show all revenues that have come in for 2014. This will give Council an up to date accurate process of the amounts received and spent each month.

WATER & SEWER SURVEY – Traytown Council has mailed a water and sewer survey to all residents and home owners with a self addressed stamped envelope for them to return it to the town. A letter addressed personally to each home owner explaining the reason for the survey will be enclosed.

Eric Walton, Technician, Dept of Environment is in contact with Mayor Baird regarding the potential for a groundwater supply for the town. This is a preliminary investigation only to determine if it might be worthwhile for Council to proceed with a more extensive consultant's study.

NEW BUSINESS

GAS TAX – Deputy Mayor Carter moved to transfer \$40,000.00 from the town's general account to a savings account belonging to the Gas Tax Funds, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

WARMING CENTER LION'S CLUB – Councillor Janes moved to contribute \$500.00 to the Glovertown Lion's Club for the transport of the generator needed for the warming center, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

FESIBILITY STUDY INTO AMALGAMATION - The previous council started a review into the possibility of amalgamating with Glovertown. The Provincial Government has offered \$25,000.00 for a study into this action. Department of Municipal Affairs met with Traytown Council on March 3, 2014 to discuss if the council would like to continue with the study. The council discussed this procedure with Robyn Bursey, Manager ICSP, Dept of MA and Edison Goodyear, Manager Central Gander Office Dept. of MA in great detail. This study will include two meetings with the Traytown Public to get their ideas and concerns for the town. **Deputy Mayor Carter moved to go ahead with the Feasibility Study as outline in the Terms of Reference designed by the two towns, with changes to 1. (vii) and 1. (xv) to included infrastructure in particular water and sewer, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

There will be meetings with Ms. Bursey and Glovertown which will require a Needs Committee to attend. Mayor Baird will be the lead for Traytown and the four councillors will cover the second seat when available. Town Clerk will attend those meetings.

PERMIT – 11 Juniper Crescent - Deputy Mayor Carter moved to approve the amendment to Permit # 443 Garage to be built on opposite side of house and approve Application to build carport on house. Permit #444 extension to house will remain as is, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 7, 2014 @ 7:00PM Monday

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

Signed _____
Mayor

Signed _____
Town Clerk