

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
JANUARY 7, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Councillor Denty moved to accept the agenda for January 7, 2016 as presented, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

Councillor Patten moved to accept the minutes of December 7, 2015 as presented, seconded by Councillor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

2016 BUDGET - Traytown Council was informed by Martina Gale, Municipal Affairs that there are changes needed in the 2016 budget. The last fiscal framework done by Municipal Affairs announced that municipalities will be given a portion of the Provincial Gas Tax. For 2015 the town will receive \$7,476.00 which will not require the council to change or amend the previous budget. For 2016 the Town will receive the amount of \$11,213.00 which is not in the budget. This will bring our revenues up to \$195,000 for 2016. Council will now have to decide how it wants to adjust the budget - use the money to do the extras that are needed or bring down the mill rate. The Federal portion of the Gas Tax changed as well, we will now receive \$19,714 instead of \$19,980. Council discussed the fact that the adopted 2016 budget had postponed necessary repairs to the Town Hall in order to minimize budget increases. The extra \$11,213 could cover much of the cost for these delayed repairs.

Councillor Patten moved to use the Provincial Portion of the Gas Tax to do repairs to the Town Hall, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

The clerk will contact Mr. Glenn Abbott, G. Abbott Contracting and ask him to look at the condition of the foundation of the building. The clerk will also look into the cost of buying a council table and chairs as well as table and chairs for the building. The council table will have to be able to be put away after the council meetings. The council will also consider replacing the heating system in the building with heat pumps to cut down on the heat and light bill. All

work will be placed out for pricing to get the lowest cost for the work.

FINANCE – All expenditures for 2015 have been paid in full except for garbage. Some invoices have not been received. Money is really slow coming in this week. Will get tax invoices out next work week, or as soon as the 2016 budget has been approved by Municipal Affairs.

Will need a motion to have the annual audit. Councillor Denty moved to approve the annual audit, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

SEWER MAINTENANCE – On hold till spring.

ROAD MAINTENANCE – On hold till spring.

AMALGAMATION – no word

GAS TAX REPORT – Mayor talked to AMEC today is expecting the draft report on Friday January 8.

CAPITAL WORKS – Mayor will check with Tracey, DMG Consulting and find out the full specs of the work. Council will talk to Jim Harty, Gander Municipal Affairs office when the Capital Funding is announced.

NEW BUSINESS

MHA – Council will make an appointment later in the year to talk to Mr. Colin Holloway the new MHA for the Terra Nova District about the water concerns, etc. for the town.

CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND WASTE MEETING – Councillor Janes reported that the increase in the drop-off fees to the transfer station is due to budget over runs. The wood at the transfer site will be cleaned up shortly. The contractor that had the job fell through and the committee is looking for some else to chip and remove the wood. The issue of the dump closing early on Saturdays was brought to the committee's attention again. The committee stated that the site closes at 2:30 PM on Saturdays to give the employee time to clean up the area for the next work week that begins on Tuesday. People are dumping the garbage in areas due to the dump being closed so early and not reopening until Tuesday.

MMSB – Compost bins for \$21.99 for 50 for the town to sell and promote composting. These bins are small black plastic that bears can easily tear apart. Glovertown is selling them and has lots left if anyone wants to buy them.

STREET LIGHTS – Request for street light on Line Hill, Balsam Lane. Councillor Patten checked the area out and finds the area is totally dark and needs a street light. The clerk will order two

street lights - one for Spruce Lane and one for Balsam Lane.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2016 @ 7:00PM

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

Mayor

Town Clerk