

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	John Baird
Deputy Mayor	Shannon Carter
Councilors	Colleen Denty
	Wilfred Janes
	Jason Patten
Town Clerk	Sarah Patten
Gallery	Melvin Arnold Guy Wells

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

Councilor Denty moved to adopt the agenda as presented seconded by Councilor Patten all in favour, motion carried

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to adopt the minutes of October 3, 2016 as presented, seconded by Councilor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM October 3, 2016

SPEEDING – Speeding on Main Street – A letter has arrived from Dept of Transportation informing the council that the speed limit would not be changed and the request to have the road painting done is denied. Council has been informed by a number of residents that the police have been making a presence in the area and the speeding has slowed down. The council will leave this issue until spring before determining if other options are possible. The radar signs are too costly for the town to consider purchasing.

FINANCE REPORT – As per spread sheets – Cheque list for October presented.

SEWER MAINTAINENCE UPDATE – Sewer charges in from Baker's and Feltham's as listed on cheque list. Councilor Patten will have the manhole covers constructed before the next meeting and the clerk will contact Baker's Plumbing and Heating to have the lift station cleaned before winter.

ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE – Councilor Patten will have Station Road Contracting repair the pot holes around town and have a few rough areas repaired with Class A before the frost sets in.

CAPITAL WORKS – The clerk will ask Tracey from DMG Consultants to apply for funding for the replacement of the two culverts on Balsam Lane as well has the culvert on Juniper Crescent that requires removal and repaving.

GAS TAX – Mayor Baird talked to Dorothea Hanshar concerning the groundwater and she is in agreement that groundwater has high potential in Traytown. Council would like to meet with officials from Municipal Affairs and MHA Holloway before deciding on investing Gas Tax funds on a groundwater test.

Council received notice from the Gas Tax Secretariat that it has a balance of \$77,759.00 in its Gas Tax account. This money will have to be spent before the end of 2019. The clerk will contact the Gas Tax Secretariat to ask if this amount includes what the town has in its bank account.

MNL Resolution on Gravel Pits Referrals – Waiting on reply from MNL on the outcome of resolution. The clerk will contact Christine Carter again and request why the council has not had any reply to their request to the resolution sent.

RECREATION REPORT – No meeting

WEB SITE PROGRAMER – Waiting for the council on the best way forward new site or payment of old site. The clerk will contact Matthew Garrett and give him the amount of \$350.00 annually to be spent on the web design and he can chose what would be better for the town.

PARK – new park designation sign is finished and ready to be erected. Council will store until the spring.

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE. Waiting on prices for toilet repairs and one more price on heat pumps. This project will not be undertaken until after Christmas.

ROAD NARROWNESS – Mr. Hiscock has informed the clerk that there are a number of areas in the town that the trees need to be cut back. Mayor Baird will contact Mr. Hiscock and travel the roads with him.

CLEAN UP WEEK – The total cleanup cost was \$679.80 and \$402.50 for pickup. \$1,082.30 Garbage cost rose from \$529.32 so some of the garbage for October \$795.96 could be extra garbage put out in bags for cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS

HARASSMENT POLICY – All councils are being asked to bring forward a harassment policy to be approved and enforced by a committee. A template has been sent to the towns for their convenience. Deputy Mayor Carter will look at this issue and consult the Councilor's handbook for their policy on this issue before council brings in a policy.

2015 AUDIT – Deputy Mayor Carter moved to approve the 2015 Financial Statements as presented from the Auditor seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

BUDGET – 2017 Budget will be prepared by the Finance Committee for Council's recommendation. The cost of the 2017 election will have to be included.

FIREMAN'S BALL – Mayor unable to attend. Deputy Mayor will represent the Town and give the annual donation.

SEMINAR – Property assessment - Dec.6th Hotel Gander, Registration Deadline: Nov.27th 9-5 Deputy Mayor Carter, Councillor Janes and the clerk will be attending.

PERMIT – Home Business - bookkeeping – Councilor Patten moved to approve a home business of Bookkeeping, seconded by Councilor Denty, all in favour, motion carried. This business will be asked to pay business tax as soon as it as an income of \$30,000.00 as per Municipal Standards.

ANTENNA – The application by IceNet to erect an Internet antenna met with opposition from residents concerned with declining property values, noise, and encroachment of adjacent land to place stays, and emissions of EMTs that can be harmful to health.

Mayor Baird was contacted again and asked if the company could place a thirty-foot pole in the town with

a disc on it to give a signal to another town for their Internet. The town again went through the procedure of sending out a notice for discretionary use of the antenna next to the Town Hall. This application was again met with concerns from the residents who did not want the EMTs passing by or through their property. No motion was made to approve the application, and the company was informed that this application would not be approved.

Council received a new application for four possible sites along the waterfront where signals from the antenna would not pass over any residence. A flyer was sent to all households providing notice of the application. The areas being considered were Shannon Carter's point on Balsam Lane, the Woodrock Park area, the area around Traytown Fisheries and behind the bulletin board across from Traytown Access Road. The residents were notified by mail of the application and several emails were received from residents objecting to the application. Council then held a special public meeting to hear residents' concerns and take decision on a new application. Because no IceNet representative was in attendance to answer questions on the concerns raised by residents, Council again deferred the vote on the application.

Council informed IceNet that it would not vote on the application until a company official attended a public meeting to answer the concerns raised by citizens.

DISCOUNTS

EXEMPTIONS – With the new Tax Recovery Program that the Department of Municipal Affairs has brought in for the towns all taxes that has not been collected for over seven years that are not in court or credit recovery can now be removed from the town's books because they are known as a dead tax the following taxes will be removed: **Deputy Mayor Carter moved to remove Poll Taxes dated: 1999-110 2000-175 2001-175 Male moved. 2010-225 2011-250 2012-300 Female moved. 2013 – 91.50 Male Social Service recipient only paid for partial year, seconded by Councilor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Baird has written a letter of support for the library on behalf of council.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday December 5, 2016

MEETING ADJOUNED – Councilor Denty moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk

2016 October cheques

1. Newfoundland Power	\$ 1,083.20
CNWM	\$ 529.32
Baker's sewer block	\$ 103.50
MAA	\$1,694.00
John Baird	\$ 150.00
Shannon Carter	\$ 150.00
Colleen Denty lost last cheque replace	\$ 300.00
Wilfred Janes	\$ 150.00
Jason Patten	\$ 150.00
Kim Ralph	\$ 386.45
Receiver General	\$ 811.66
Feltham's Construction sewer block	\$1,564.00
Station Road	\$3,307.53
Canada Post	\$ 97.95
Sign Factory	\$ 401.35
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Total Expenses	10,878.96