

MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
JANUARY 19, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	John Baird
Deputy Mayor	Shannon Carter
Councillors	Colleen Denty
	Jason Patten
	Wilfred Janes
Town Clerk	Sarah Patten
Gallery	Daniel Garrett, Jeff Patten

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

Councillor Patten moved to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried

Councillor Denty moved to adopt the minutes of December 1, 2014 as presented, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 1, 2014

FINANCE REPORT – Clerk Patten presented council with the following report:

The Capital Works Project 2014/2015 has been completed:

Cheque arrived from Dept. of Municipal Affairs Dec 10/14:	\$84,223.90
Invoice from G&R Contracting Dec 2014	\$77,939.47
Invoice from DMG Consulting Dec 2014	\$ 5,511.01
Invoice from DMG Consulting Oct 2014	\$ 5,059.58
Cheque from Dept. of Municipal Affairs Jan 2015	\$ 166.01
Invoice from DMG Consulting Jan 2015	\$ 193.00
10% Holdback from G&R (waiting from invoice)	\$ (unpaid)

The clerk will contact Tracey Bates, Engineer, DMG Consulting and ask her the total of the pay out to G & R Contracting. Will there be another invoice for the extras that were done or is that the final payment.

BUDGET – Deputy Mayor Carter moved to adopt the following 2015 Budget, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

REVENUES

Residential

Property Tax Mill Rate – 4.7 mills – due June 30, 2015

Minimum Property Tax - \$200

Low Income Reduction - Homeowners are eligible for the following reduction in their property taxes provided that the Total Income into the household is as shown below. Income is deemed to be household income from all sources, including both spouses and adult children, rental income etc. No homeowner pay less than the \$200 minimum property tax, plus the garbage fee of \$66, and where applicable, the sewer fee of \$250.

Annual Household Income	Property Tax Reduction
\$0.00 - \$16,000	50%
\$16,001 - \$18,000	45%
\$18,001 - \$20,000	40%
\$20,001 - \$22,000	35%
\$22,001 - \$24,000	30%
\$24,001 - \$26,000	25%

The reduction will be based on the preceding year's income. Applicants will complete a form indicating their household income for the year. They must verify their income with the Town by providing copies of Revenue Canada Assessment Notices for the year when they become available. After the income is confirmed, the credit amount will be adjusted out of the taxpayer's account.

Garbage disposal charge - \$66 – due June 30, 2015

Sewer - \$250 – due June 30, 2015

Commercial

Property tax mill rate – 2.0 mills – due June 30, 2015

Minimum property tax - \$200

Sewer - \$40 per unit for tourist accommodations. \$250 per property for other businesses.

Business tax mill rate – due June 30, 2015

Class	Mill Rate	Business Type
1	3.0	Retail stores, beauty salons, bars, lounges, restaurants
2	3.0	Construction services
3	3.0	Amusement services
4	1.6	Tourist accommodations

Business tax for tenants and home based businesses - \$300

Quarry permits - \$500

Utilities - 2.5% of gross revenue

Vacant Land

Property tax mill rate – 4.7 mills – due June 30, 2015

Minimum property tax - \$200

EXPENDITURES – TOTAL OF \$182,000.00

Councillor Denty moves to approval the Low Income Discount as printed, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

WARMING CENTER BUDGET REVIEW - Mayor Baird attended a meeting of the Lion's Club Warming Center on Monday January 19, 2015 @ 2:00pm. At this meeting the committee was informed that the total electrical work for the warming center has been completed but was over the original budget. The amount of the work came to \$20,900.00, the committee is requesting help from the local councils to help pay for the extra cost. The committee requested that Traytown contribute \$2,000.00. Council decided to contribute the \$2,000.00 from the 2015 budget for emergency services plus the \$500.00 left in donations. Council feels that the Warming Center is a crucial part of the Emergency Preparedness. **Deputy Mayor Carter moved to donate \$2,000.00 to the Alexander Bay Lion's Club for the electrical charges they incurred, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

The clerk will put a section in the newsletter informing everyone about the warming center and request names addresses and telephone numbers of anyone needing special assistance in case of a power failure to be passed on to the Lion's Club for their records.

TAX PAYMENTS TO TOWN OFFICE – Traytown Council will look at the cost of a debit machine for the Town Office. The clerk will contact Scotiabank and inform council of the expense before a decision is made.

SEWER MAINTANENCE – Council will contact Mr. Scott Murphy again to try and locate the missing manholes. Mayor Baird and Councillor Patten found 12 out of the 17 but are unable to locate the remaining 5 manholes. Mayor Baird will try to contact Mr. Murphy again.

ROAD MAINTANENCE – The Public Works Committee will examine the Road Contract and make necessary changes before the contract ends in August 2015.

AMALGAMATION – Mr. Vincent Whey contacted the clerk Monday January 12, 2015 to discuss the finalizing of the study. Mr. Whey wanted the mill rate that would be charged to the residents. The clerk informed Mr. Whey that the Budget meeting was taking place on Friday January 16, 2015 but the mill rate would be between 4.5 and 4.9 depending on the extras that would be needed by the different committees.

The Gander Beacon contacted Mayor Baird about the Amalgamation issue and Mayor Baird informed them that Traytown residents would decide the outcome by a vote of the residents.

QUARRY – Dept. of Natural Resources informed to hold all applications that Quarry Business Tax has not been paid for 2014.

STREET LIGHT – Balsam Lane has been completed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Traytown Recreation Committee is requesting that Traytown Council help pay for the new fencing around the rink. The fencing will cost \$160.00 per roll and they will need 4 rolls. Council agrees to pay for 2 rolls of fencing for the rink. Traytown Recreation wants to know if the council will honour the request of \$500.00 to the memorial for George Rowsell that was requested before Christmas. Council will honour the motion for \$500.00. The new

treasurer of Recreation is Ms. Dawn Mesh.

GAS TAX -- The Town Clerk will apply for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Gas Tax with the following request: **Councillor Patten moves to apply for \$10,000 to build a shed to store the council's assets, the rest of the money will be used for water testing and water and sewer for the town, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.**

NEWSLETTER - the clerk will send out a newsletter with the town tax rates, town schedule and the news from the Lion's Club, Traytown Recreation, etc.

CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT – The clerk will contact Edward Evans, Director of CNWM and ask him how much the sorted garbage will cost the towns when we move into the blue and clear bags. Sorted garbage cost \$15.00 per ton not \$122.00 for regular garbage.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Dept of Municipal Affairs requesting final Budget approval for the town. Letter from Glovertown Fire Rescue thanking the town for the donation.

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

NEXT MEETING – Monday February 2, 2015 7:00pm

Mayor

Town Clerk