

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor:	John Baird
Deputy Mayor:	Shannon Carter
Councillors:	Colleen Denty
	Jason Patten
	Wilfred Janes
Town Clerk	Sarah Patten
Gallery:	Aubrey Arnold, Melvin Arnold, Jeffrey Patten

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

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM JANUARY 7, 2016

FINANCE REPORT - Amount owing for 2015 Property Tax, Sewer Tax and Garbage Tax Total - \$11,786.14 Business - \$550. Commercial - \$796, 2014-2008 Garbage Fees -- \$1,139.00, Poll - \$13,181.19. In 2015 the Department of Municipal Affairs requested a Tax Plan Recovery to show how all arrears were being collected. The council at that time made a motion to place all arrears in the Provincial Court. The clerk will advise all people on their statements that there will be no further notification of arrears, and all arrears will be proceeding to court for legal action. This will insure the town receives its annual Municipal Operating Grant, Provincial Portion of Gas Tax and Federal Portion of Gas Tax without delay.

SEWER MAINTAINANCE - Councillor Patten will contact G&R Contracting before the roads are started to receive a quote for the flushing of the manholes as well as having the roads graded and compacted (roller).

QUARRY PERMIT – A letter was sent to Mr. Gerald Kennedy, Natural Resources, explaining to him that Traytown Council approved a Quarry Permit for Station Road Contracting in July 2015 and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mr. David Hiscock before the new pit was approved for his company. In December 2015 the Dept. of Natural Resources sent Traytown Council the 2016 Quarry Pit referrals to be approved before December 31, 2015, at that time the referral for Station Road Contracting was approved by council. There was no referral for Adam's Enterprises in December 2015. Mr. Kennedy contacted the town office and would like council to now approve a referral for Adam's Enterprises for the same quarry that was approved for Station Road Contracting. The council will abide by its decision as stated and will contact Mr. Kennedy and inform him that Council's decision stands.

ROAD MAINTAINENCE UPDATE – Nothing new

AMALGAMATION - Glovertown request meeting. Letter arrived dated Jan 20, 2016 states that the proposal is still significantly higher than amounts offered for other regional cooperation initiatives. One of the identified gaps in the feasibility report and listed as an investment priority is the water and sewer development initiative. Suggest that in revising the joint financial proposal the towns remove the inflationary factor. The Northwest Pond intake upgrades were removed from revised proposal which may have engineering and operational consequences. The clerk will contact Joanne Perry and set a date for the meeting.

GROUNDWATER STUDY – The study arrived for council. Due to a potential breach of the privacy act Mayor Baird will contact Amec Foster Wheeler and discuss having changes made to the report before it can be made public.

CAPITAL WORKS - \$50,780.00 for road upgrades this year. The approval request for the \$16,771.58 surplus over the tendered price has been forwarded to Municipal Affairs to complete the rest of the upgrades to the roads.

RECREATION REPORT – Hockey game scheduled for Thursday February 18, 2016 @ 5:30 – 8:30 for fries poutine drinks, etc. The Rec Committee has decided to place an 8 X 11 Plaque in remembrance of George Rowsell and all volunteers on the large rock in front of the Town hall. There will be a community breakfast in March a date will be set later. The lumber has been ordered for the vegetable boxes, these will be made and put in place at a later date.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA - A memory card from one of the town's surveillance cameras is in the hands of the police as part of an investigation. Has not yet been returned.

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS - Mr. Glenn Abbott will take a look at the foundation of the building and get back to council with his findings. He feels the building is on cement but will look at the structure.

STREET LIGHTS – Ordered for Balsam Lane and Spruce Road.

MCW 2015-2016 application – Martina Gale requested information for the MCW application – she suggest that we use the Provincial Gas Tax Money for the council's portion which means the town would not need a loan or Gas Tax approval. If council agrees to this the MCW application will be sent up the ladder to the next step. Councillor Patten moved to use the Provincial Portion of the Gas Tax to cover the 10% of the town's portion of the Municipal Capital Works Project 2015-2016. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE - Training dates sent by email anyone interested in attending will inform the clerk so they can be registered for the programs.

DISCOUNTS –REQUEST – None

PERMITS – Crown Land application for a residential lot – Aspen Drive next to LOL Deputy Mayor Carter moved to approve the application for Crown Land on Aspen Drive, seconded by Councillor Patten all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS – A resident has requested a report on the donation given to FABEC by the Town to cover expenses for a project on the Terra Nova River; Mayor Baird has the report and will send it to council by email.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 7, 2016

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

Mayor

Town Clerk