

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

In Attendance:

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

Deputy Mayor Carter called the meeting to order. (Mayor Baird arrived 7:05PM)

Mayor chairs meeting.

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to accept the December 7, agenda as presented with the addition of a Proposal from AMEC for the Capital Works Project, seconded by Councillor Janes all in favour, motion carried.

Councillor Patten moved to accept minutes of November 2, 2015 meeting as presented, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

DONALD OSBOURNE – Deputy Mayor Carter entered an email that she received this afternoon:
Shannon

I am unable to make it to the meeting tonight I have been bedridden for the past sever days, however there are several questions I would like answered --

- What was the cost of putting 40-50 feet of culvert in at the LOL?
- What was the cost of putting the culvert with manhole in Dan Garrets driveway?

Thank You
Don

Council will have the clerk review the records for the cost of the culvert on Aspen Drive at the LOL with regards to the cost of putting the culvert with manhole in Dan Garrett's driveway that was covered under the Capital Works project and the specific cost of each culvert is not available. There were two culvert with catch basin put in place on Aspen Drive by request of the engineers to stop Juniper Crescent from washing out. The cost was included in the whole project.

The cost of the culvert for Aspen Lane for the LOL was to stop the washing out of the hill due to the ditching done on the road. The clerk will get the cost of this culvert as per Mr. Osbourne's request.

With regards to Mr. Osbourne's driveway that he maintains was incorrectly installed nine years ago during the Capital Works Project, he can't expect the tax payers of Traytown to repair someones driveway. Why didn't Mr. Osbourne bring this to the former council's attention at the time?

Comment from Mr. Melvin Arnold: He did bring it to council's attention.

Mr. Osbourne's ditch was cleaned out last year and again this year. The council feels that Mr. Osbourne is responsible for his own driveway the same as the other residents of Traytown.

2016 BUDGET – Deputy Mayor Shannon Carter moved to approve the 2016 Budget as presented seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried.

Council has adopted a budget of \$184,688 for 2016, representing an increase of 1.5% from the 2015 budget of \$182,000. Municipal tax rates and charges are proposed to change as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Residential property tax	4.7 mills	3.7 mills
Residential sewer fee	\$250	\$250
Residential garbage disposal fee	\$66	\$71
Commercial property tax	2.0 mills	2.0 mills
<u>Business tax</u>		
Tourist accommodations	1.6 mills	2.0 mills
All other businesses	3.0 mills	2.0 mills
Quarry fee	\$500	\$750
Home based businesses	\$300	\$300

Please note:

The higher garbage disposal fee is a result of increased tipping charges by Central Waste Management from \$122 to \$132 per tonne.

CAPITAL WORKS 2015/16 – Resolution attached for \$81,041.05 request for testing and drilling wells. Brought forward from November 19, 2015 meeting.

Resolution of Council to authorize the submission of the annual TRP (Tax Recovery Plan) to MIGA (Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs). Attached to December 7, 2015 minutes. This will be an annual submission that the government will have to receive before towns can receive their MOG's or Gas Tax.

FINANCE REPORT – Finance report -November 2, 2015 – December 2, 2015 (Attached)

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to adopt the monthly finance report as presented, seconded by Councillor Janes all in favour, motion carried.

With the arrears from 2015 and earlier should council charge interest on all outstanding arrears. **Councillor Patten moved to charge interest of .75% per month on all arrears 2015 and earlier**

beginning January 1, 2016. Seconded by Councillor Janes all in favour, motion carried.

The clerk will send out a notice in the mail to inform the residents of the new interest rate, on this notice the clerk will include the changes to the Budget as well as the changes to garbage collection during the Christmas Holidays.

SEWER MAINTAINENCE UPDATE – Council will get a price from G& R Contracting in the spring to flush the manholes.

ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE – Council will get a price from G & R in the spring to reshape and compact all the roads and have Station Road Contracting place the calcium on the roads to keep them in good shape for the summer.

AMALGAMATION STUDY REPORT – nothing new

GAS TAX – Proposed Water Supply Wells - AMEC Foster Wheeler has completed their onsite work and is preparing a document for the council

CAPITAL WORKS - \$50,780.00 for road upgrades this year. Three bids were received for the 2015/16 Capital Works Project the winning bid was G&R at \$28,371.48. The other two bids were Goobie Rentals & Contracting at \$62,562.45 and Hann's Electric LTD. At \$116,051.00. The approval request for the \$16,771.58 surplus has been forwarded to Municipal Affairs to complete the rest of the upgrades to the roads.

RECREATION REPORT – Painting the change room if Recreation doesn't have anyone to do it maybe the art class from Glovertown Academy would like a blank canvas to showcase their work?

GARBAGE COMPLAINT - Cameras checked twice in the last two months - a lot of traffic entering the road no new garbage dropped. Kimberly Ralph has cleaned up the pit and other areas of the Ploughed Ground Road.

MCW 2015-2016 application – Gone into Municipal Affairs for request for \$81,000.00 to drill and check wells.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION REQUEST – One night Stand against cancer Daffodil Place – A letter requesting support by picking up the tab for a night at Daffodil Place. Since 2009 – 6 residents from Traytown have spent 41 nights at Daffodil Place. A one night stay cost \$100.00 and provides comfortable accommodations, 3 hot meals plus snacks and beverages Transportation to and from hospital appointments, emotional and practical support services evening entertainment. **Councillor Janes moved to send a donation of \$100.00 to Daffodil Place for One Night Stand Against Cancer, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE -

FFAW – Fish, Food & Allied Workers – letter dated October 26, 2015 arrived November 19, 2015 request to speak to as many regions as possible over the next six months to speak with municipal leaders to discuss the process of building an economically stronger rural NL that speaks with one voice. Council does not have time to meet at this time.

DISCOUNTS – none

EXEMPTION – Request from resident to be exempt from paying sewer and garbage tax. Resident owns two houses in Traytown. Lives in one and pays garbage and sewer tax as well as property tax. Second house is vacant and has been for many years, resident pays property tax for the property but feels that the garbage and sewer tax should not be charged on the vacant property. The clerk contacted over 15 communities around the province and 99% of the communities charges Water and Sewer as well as Garbage Tax to all residential homes. Some towns charge it to vacant land if the service is available to the area. Council looked at the possibility of this becoming a regular occurrence with six vacant houses in Traytown at the moment and feels that to do it for one they would have to do it for all of them. The clerk will write the resident and explain that they are not the only person paying Sewer and Garbage Tax for vacant properties and council feels that they cannot exempt the taxes at this time.

REQUEST – Street Light – Spruce Lane Report from Mayor Baird and Councillor Janes. The clerk will order a new street light for end of Spruce Lane.

PERMITS –

CHRISTMAS BONUS – Councillor Janes moved to give the clerk her annual Christmas bonus the same amount as last year, seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour motion carried. Councillor Patten excuse himself from this motion due to conflict of interest.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 4, 2016

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

Mayor

Town Clerk