

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN  
JANUARY 5, 2017**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>John Baird</b>
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Jason Patten</b>
	<b>Colleen Denty</b>
	<b>Wilfred Janes</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor Shannon Carter</b>

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

**Councillor Denty moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councillor Patten all in favour, motion carried.**

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 5, 2016**

FINANCIAL – The total owing for Property, Sewer and Garbage Tax for 2016 is: \$16,693.04. The clerk will send out all statements requesting immediate payment. In 2015 the total owing for taxes was around the same amount, but by June of 2016 the amount left owing was less than \$5,000.00. Council has the choice of taking the same people to court to collect the taxes faster but they are always the same people. While at a training session with Municipal Affairs the clerks were told that council has the right to put a lean on houses to insure that if the house is sold or changes hands legally the amount would have to be paid.

CAPITAL WORKS – Mayor Baird met with Deputy Minister Chippett, MHA Colin Holloway, Titia Praamsma, groundwater consultant from AMEC, and Dorothea Hanchar, Groundwater Manager from Department of Environment to discuss the potential of groundwater as a water supply for the town. They encouraged Council to submit a Capital Works application for funding for a well pumping test, as well as a request to the Minister for special assistance for the same.

**Councillor Patten moved to submit an application to Capital Works in the amount of \$31,498.18 for a pump test to find the capacity of an existing well on Maple Lane, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

**Councillor Patten moved to send a request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for special assistance toward a cost of \$31,498.18 of a pump test to test the capacity of the well, seconded by Councillor Janes. All in favour motion carried.**

GAS TAX – The clerk has been informed that the \$77,000 plus in the Gas Tax account does not include the amount the town has in bank.

MNL – Council has not received any information on the resolution for Quarry Permit application referrals at this time.

RECREATION REPORT – Have not met at this time.

WEB SITE PROGRAMER – New Site - <https://travtowntk.wordpress.com/> The clerk will ask Matthew Garrett to get a price for a new site with a more user-friendly name. The clerk will inform the council by email of the cost.

HARASSMENT POLICY – Clerk will work on this and present to council when ready.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – (1.) Department of Municipal Affairs dated December 13, 2016 received January 3, 2017 – Municipal Recommendation Forms – Applications for Crown land will now be forwarded to Council for their comments as part of the general referral process. This will replace the former process where applicants had to submit their applications to Council for approval before submitting to Crown Lands. The new application process comes into effect as of January 3, 2017.

(2.) Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association dated December 10, 2016 – Received January 3, 2017 - Pleased to report that NL continue to outpace all other provinces in Canada in terms of maintaining a strong municipal presence in the Recycle My Cell (RMC) program.

(3.) Dept. of Municipal Affairs dated December 5, 2016 received January 3, 2017 –, Market Value Pricing Policy for Municipalities, The Provincial Government will be offering eligible municipalities the opportunity to acquire leases for Crown lands under a new policy with the objective of promoting economic activity within the province and supporting the growth and development of municipalities. Council also has the right to apply for crown land in its boundaries. Council has been approach requesting commercial land in the town, council will look at applying for crown land.

(4.) Central Newfoundland Waste Management - Dated December 20, 2016 received January 3, 2017 – Correspondence from Grand Falls-Windsor, NL – in response to the letter looking for support from Grand Falls-Windsor.

(5.) Workplace NL – 2016 assessment rate - \$2.06 – 2017 assessment rate - \$1.98.

**MAPPING** – Councilor Patten moved to have a detailed mapping of the town completed seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

**ROAD TO THE BEACHES** – Request from Road to the Beaches MOU approved. Councilor Janes moved to approve The Road to the Beaches memorandum of understanding approved, seconded by Councilor Patten all in favour, motion carried.

**2017 AUDIT – Councilor Denty moved to have the 2016 Audit completed seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

**STREET NUMBERS -** The clerk will advise the residents that the new numbering system for the 911 communications will be implemented very soon, this will go into the newsletter that will be done in January.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday February 6, 2017**

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