

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF TRAYTOWN**  
**August 22, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

**Mayor**           **John Baird**  
**Deputy Mayor** **Shannon Carter**  
**Councilors:**   **Wilfred Janes**  
                      **Jason Patten**  
**Town Clerk:**   **Sarah Patten**  
**Absent:**         **Colleen Denty**

**Called to order: 7:00 P.M. – Mayor Baird**

**Accept Agenda: Deputy Mayor Carter moved to accept Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

**Accept Minutes - July 18, 2017 – Councilor Patten moved to accept the minutes of July 18, 2017 as presented, seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM July 18, 2017**

FINANCIAL – Total of taxes incoming for the month of July 2017 was \$15,875.68 this included all taxes, quarry, business, property, sewer, garbage, etc. The total expenses for July \$17,176.30 which includes: Road contract - \$3,250.00 Calcium - \$3,933.00, Newfoundland Power - \$1,108.75 which includes the heat, light for town hall, lift station, and street lighting for one month. MMA - \$1,694.00 for this quarter, student for 4 weeks out of the 7 was paid for 35 hours per week at \$10.75. June Remit - \$929.50, Central Waste - \$817.06, Kim Ralph's Garbage - \$843.00. All invoices are paid and up to date and all taxes are slowing coming in. The budget is still in good standing.

CAPITAL WORKS – Invoice arrived called to verify the charges Tita is out of office until August 28, Testing results have not arrived and the Mayor will call and get the expected time of the report.

RECREATION REPORT – Nothing new

STUDENT – hired for 35 hours per week for 7 weeks started June 26, 2017 Did not show up for work several times. Showed up on crutches and was unable to work. The student has left the province and will not be able to complete the assigned work that needs to be done. The clerk will try to have the unfinished work completed as soon as possible. Hire someone for a day or two to complete.

MAPPING – Mayor apologizes for the delay will try to have them before the election.

EMAIL – Land disagreement driveway A letter has been sent informing the party that Council previous decision that Council is not responsible to relocate the driveway still stands. Council agreed in principle to cover reasonable costs associated with repairs to the ditch bank that the resident claims was caused by snow clearing equipment. The resident was asked to provide an estimate for repairs for Council's consideration.

CULVERT REPAIR – Letter received from resident requesting council pay towards replacing a private culvert in the lane that is used by three households. The culvert is not located on town property, but due to a street culvert flowing water into the private culver, it was decided that the Town would contribute 25%

toward te replacement cost with the three landowners being responsible for 25% each. Council will send a letter to the resident asking for a cost estimate of the needed work and suggesting he contact the other two residents for a portion of the cost.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**LOW INCOME REDUCTION – 2017 – Deputy Mayor Carter move to approve the request to be exempt from taxes due to a house having the power shut off and plans to tear down the house within the next year. The resident has paid their Property, Garbage and Sewer Tax in full for the year, due to the power being cut in they are entitled to have a portion of their sewer tax back based on electricity cut of date August 15, return of four months Sewer Tax will be adjusted, Seconded by Council Patten all in favour, motion carried.**

**ROAD CONTRACT – Station Road Contracting has informed Council it will meet its obligations under the Three Year Road Maintenance Contract which took effect on September 1, 2016. The Second Year of the contract Begins on September 1 and includes a contract renewal fee of One Thousand Dollars to be paid as of September 1, 2017.**

**SEWER MAINTENANCE – Council Patten will contact Art Baker and request that he take over maintenance of the lift station.**

**CORRESPONDENCE –1. Letter from Jim Mercer Fire Ban Regulations, Mayor Baird will address this letter.**

**2. Letter requesting donation Gander SPCA – Councilor Janes moved to donate \$100.00 to Gander SPCA for their new facility for the region, seconded by Councilor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.**

**NOMINATION DAY – August 31, 2017 8am until 8pm.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – September 11, 2017**

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

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**Mayor**

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**Town Clerk**