## TOWN OF TRAYTOWN MINUTES April 1, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor: Shannon Carter

Deputy Mayor: John Baird

Councillors: Jason Patten

Maxwell Harmon

**David Janes** 

Gallery: Jeffrey Patten, Mike Ralph, Donna & Clayton Chaffey, Melvin Arnold,

Wilfred Wyatt

ACCEPT AGENDA: Councillor Janes moved to accept the Minutes of March 4, 2019 Seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried

ACCEPT MINUTES: Deputy Mayor Baird moved to accept minutes of March 4, 2019, seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM March 4, 2019**

Financial Report — Gas Tax will be doubled this year only in Federal budget the town was to receive \$21,071 now this amount will be \$42,142. The Town has received two cheques for the Capital Works Project in the amounts of \$12, 404.92 and \$64,520.89 both amounts sent to Wood waiting on final amount to pay for town. A total of \$143,729.4 has been received since January 1, 2019. The bank balance as of March 29, 2019 is \$14,663.00. Last year's MOG (Municipal Operating Grant) arrived in the amount of \$15,953.85 which \$13,385.78 was placed in the Gas Tax Account to cover the loans that was used while waiting for the MOG.

**Amendment to Town Plan** – Municipal Affairs informed Deputy Mayor Baird that they made a mistake reporting that the amendment was passed they first have to verify that the Red Pine trees are listed as or are going to be listed as endangered, they will get back to the council as soon as they have their report finalized.

Recreation Committee report – The terms of Reference has been finished and will now be enacted as Appendix A to the Minutes of April 1, 2019. Making the Traytown Recreation Committee an arm of council. The auditor has done an audit on 2017 and 2018 of the Recreation's financial statements. The Community Breakfast brought in around \$1,200.00.

**Audit** - Was done on March 27, 2019 Recreation's included, Ms. Mercer has stated that she will have the financial statements into the Municipal Affairs before the end of June as per the requirements to receive the MOG and Provincial Gas Tax.

**Email request from Balsam Lane** – Councillor Harmon contacted Eastlink and was informed that they will have to do a desk stop study to see if they can accommodate the resident with service.

Councillor Harmon will contact the resident for an update.

## **New Business**

Permit – Application to build Storage Garage 20 feet by 40 feet 99 Main Street – Councillor Janes moved to approve the Application to Build the 20 x 40 storage garage on 99 Main Street, Seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

Application for Reduction of Property tax -2019 #1 - Resident total income \$18, 837.00 Total Property Tax \$371.45 - \$71.00 \$271.45 Minimum amount \$200.00 Reduction \$71.45 #2. Resident total income \$24,487. Total Property Tax \$418.45 - \$71.00 = \$347.45 - Deduction \$121.60 = \$225.85 + \$71.00 = \$296.85 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baird for reduction as stated, seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

Correspondence: 1. Lion's Club Seniors Dinner – April 27, 2019 anyone attending RSVP April 20, 2019 5:30pm includes dinner and dance. Mayor Carter will RSVP that she will attend and Deputy Mayor Baird will accompany her if he is available.

Request from resident to pay Property Tax \$100.00 per month until paid in full. 2015-2019 — request to have Garbage and Sewer Tax Exemption. Councillor Harmon moved to exempt the Garbage Tax in the amount of \$940.00 seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried. The arrears on Sewer will stand as they can be taken to court for payment along with the Property Tax.

The town hall had a water issue on Wednesday the well was frozen over and the water stopped. Mr. Arthur Baker, Plumber and Jeffrey Patten resolved the issue. Mr. Baker informed council that the hot water tank is rusting out the pipes needs replacing, the toilet in the men's washroom needs replacing. We had three leaks which he fixed. Deputy Mayor Baird moved to buy and replace new hot water tank and new toilet for the town hall, seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

SAWMILL APPLICATION - Deputy Mayor Baird moved to approve the application to renew a sawmill license for 8 Balsam Lane, seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

**CLEAN UP WEEK** – The clerk will contact Kimberly Ralph Garbage and ask when they would be available to do the towns clean up week.

**MEETING CHURENCE ROGERS** – The clerk will set up a meeting with Churence Rogers, M.P. Bonavista-Burin-Trinity to discuss the town's issues.

**WEB COURSES** – Deputy Mayor Baird and Councillor Harmon took advantage of one of the webinars that are promoted by MNL and Municipal Affairs. The webinar cost \$50.00 plus taxes and both councillors thought it was a complete waste of money and that the issue should be

passed on to MNL and MA to promote only educational material to councils. The council will reimburse Deputy Mayor Baird the fees.

MNL - April 12-14, 2019 is the date for the Regional meetings in Gander, will anyone on council be attending this year. No one feels there is anything on the agenda that they need at this time.

**ROADS** – The roads are all in need of grading and as soon as weather permits the grading will be done. There is a problem with excess sand on the hill of Juniper Crescent. Residents would like this swept of as the road is washboard like and difficult to travel on. Knowing that the snow will return a few more times before the good weather sets in council will hold off on asking the contractor to sweep the roads at this time and wait until the warmer weather brings favourable conditions.

**SIGNS** – The clerk will order more signs for the roads. Bigger signs for Slow Down this time and a few stop signs need to be put in place,

**THANK YOU** – Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Riggs were seen picking up garbage on their walks around Traytown, the clerk manager will write them a letter thanking them for their community spirit in helping clean up the town.

Next Meeting – May 6, 2019 – 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned - Deputy Mayor Baird moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

 Mayor
Town Clerk Manager