

**TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor:	Shannon Carter
Deputy Mayor:	John Baird
Councillors:	Maxwell Harmon
	David Janes
	Jason Patten
Town Clerk Manager:	Sarah Skinner
Gallery:	Jeff Patten

ACCEPT AGENDA: April 12, 2021 with the addition of Crown Lands, moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Patten all in favour, motion carried

ACCEPT MINUTES OF March 15, 2021 , moved by Deputy Mayor Baird, seconded by Councillor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM April 12, 2021

Capital Works – Deputy Mayor Baird scheduled a conference call meeting with Wilfred Maloney, P. Eng. Central Region Municipal Affairs to discuss the Water and Sewer Project, Councillor Harmon was informed of the meeting and choose to attend Mayor Carter and Councillor Patten could not attend, due to work commitments. Councillor Janes was informed by Councillor Harmon and decided to attend the meeting. The Clerk Manager was not informed and did not attend.

The meeting did not go as planned and there has been a difference of opinion on the matter. Deputy Mayor Baird feels that the code of conduct was not followed by the two councillors because they didn't support the decision of council that was motioned and voted on. The two councillors had their own point of view and undermined a decision of council to fulfil their own objective.

When a motion is made and voted on by council that decision is a decision of the body of council it is not to be challenged or undermined. Council has to follow a high standard of decorum and follow those standards when meeting with other people. The result of this meeting could result in the department questioning the decisions of the council. The council voted for fire flows on October 28, 2020 and the resolution was passed and sent to Municipal Affairs, the decision had been made. Deputy Mayor Baird quoted several articles to back up the statements he made.

Councillor Janes feels that the Deputy Mayor lied and that he runs council like a dictator. Mayor Carter requested that Councillor Janes state the lie that Deputy Mayor Baird had said for the record.

Councillor Janes feels that he was not informed of the meeting until Councillor Harmon told him about it and if he did not impose and invite himself to the meeting he would not have known about it. Furthermore he feels that he can no longer be on council feeling that the Council is being run by dictatorship. Councillor Janes presented a letter to the Mayor as follows: "April 12, 2021 To whom it may concern Please consider this, my letter of resignation from the volunteer position of councillor of Traytown effective immediately. My reason for this decision is that I feel that the dictatorial manner of certain individuals and their secretive attitude toward what is considered public information, to say the least, leave a lot to be desired. This Council has turned into, what I would call a Dictatorship and I will not be told what I can say and when and where I can say it as long as it is true. David Janes 9 Aspen Drive Traytown, N.L. A0G 4K0 signed and dated" Mr. Janes exited the Town Hall.

Councillor Harmon feels that after talking to Deputy Mayor Baird before the meeting that they had a common front but during the meeting he felt that the reason for the meeting was to push the big tank. He felt he was misled if not lied to. What was the purpose of the meeting? He thought that the discussion was going to be about the different designs, the two options that were discussed at an earlier meeting. Councillor Harmon also felt that the town's engineer put his view in where it was not needed. The intention was to go to tender with the two options. During the meeting it felt like there was only one option. The idea that by supporting a smaller tank that it would squash fire flows which we were willing to look at with the cost of the estimates to do the first phase. Councillor Harmon felt that Deputy Mayor Baird had his own objective to call the meeting and he felt that he was misled.

Deputy Mayor Baird stated that he texted Councillor Patten on March 24, 2021 and informed him about the meeting and what the object of the meeting was. He felt that the two councillors had their own objectives at the meeting and that they were not working on behalf of council.

Mayor Carter - Council can discuss this issue all night but because there were no minutes taken during this meeting it is a matter of he said she said and there is no way to resolve this issue, but from now on, NO council members shall meet with anyone on behalf of COUNCIL without the town clerk manager in attendance to take the minutes and this means all meetings that are attended on behalf of council. This is not to be taken lightly and we will move forward with the meeting.

Crown Land Applications are stalled with Dave Mercer in Gander, Mr. Mercer has sent out the referral list and is waiting to hear from all of the departments before the final approvals can be made. The easements are being surveyed and done by Scott Murphy they could be finished very soon, there are three easements one in Ploughed ground road, one on the United Church property for a road to the tower and one behind Wilfred Wyatt's property.

Financial Report — March 15, 2021 – April 12, 2021 council received: \$64,982.47 in payments of taxes and funding for projects. The funding amount was \$23,607.92 which was sent to CBCL - \$9,759.75 and \$17,392.01 and DMG – \$1,774.16 which totals \$28,926.37 which means the town's share was \$5,318.72. Another funding amount \$14,455.12 was received which

\$17,711.32 was sent to CBCL with town's share \$3,256.20. The \$26,919.43 was from taxes. The total expenses was \$57,351.95 which includes the projects and the regular invoices.

Stimulus Funding –Ashley Gover and Deann Spurrell have informed the town that the approved funding from the Gas Tax for the wharf expenses and town hall upgrade in the amount of \$11,233.00 has been finalized and all invoicing has to be sent to them for funding pay out. The Wharf Stimulus Project is a total of \$140,000.00 with the town's share coming from the Gas Tax and GST.

BUDGET – The department of Municipal Affairs has approved the 2021 budget.

Lift Station – The cost estimates for the repairs to the lift station is \$45,000.00 the town can apply for Special Assistance but the total amount of this "if" it is approved is \$30,000.00 which is \$15,000.00 less than what is needed for the repairs. The town can also apply for Gas Tax to cover off the some of this cost. **Deputy Mayor Baird moved to apply for the Special Assistance in the amount of \$30,000.00 seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

MNL Registration for 2020 AGM Deputy Mayor Baird is registered and will attend virtually the cost is covered under the training allowance and will be reimburse after the conference is over and the town submits the paper work.

Road Contract Renewal for 2021-2024 there are several new contractors in the area that may want a copy of the road contract and the town will have to add an Appendix to the contract for the cost of plowing the road to the tower and the pump house near the wells. It may not be needed this year.

Roads – There has been many complaints about the roads from residents but the roads are too wet to grade at this time the contractor will grade as soon as weather permits. The culvert in Pine Tree Road and Cedar filling full of sand causing water to rise. Maple Lane water rising and going to have to get Station road to clean out these areas before the end of the contract.

LAND OWNERSHIP – The land on Main Street from the Border Lounge property to the Smith's Property on what was known as the neck has been claimed by two brothers who inherited from their mother. The land has been claimed through the Supreme Court in 2013 and the brothers want to know how much property tax is owed on this land. The Town Clerk Manager will asked the land owners if they have the title deed to the property and if so charge the Property Tax for vacant land from 2015 to 2021 which will be Property Tax before that date it was Poll Tax and that tax would no longer be charged due to the owner being deceased.

Permits – sheds 20 foot by 16 foot shed at 6 Pine Tree Road and 1 Juniper the shed on Juniper must be 1 1/2 feet smaller to meet the town plan variance of 890 square feet or not be adjoined to the other shed moved by Deputy Mayor Baird, seconded by Councillor Harmon all in favour, motion carried.

Deductions:

Correspondence: An Email arrived from a concerned citizen wondering if the companies hired to do the work for the town were all Core Certified as prescribed by the Provincial Government. Traytown council has checked with the Department of Municipal Affairs and the work that is being done in Traytown is less than the \$100,000.00 statutory price of work and the contractor does not have to be core certified although they do have to have to present a certificate of good standing from Workplace NL which all the companies have sent and they have been printed and placed in the file as required.

Councillor's business -

Next Meeting – May 10, 2021

Meeting adjourned: Moved by Councillor Harmon Seconded by Councillor Patten all in favour, motion carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk Manager