

**TOWN OF TRAYTOWN**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2022**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor: Shannon Carter  
Deputy Mayor: Maxwell Harmon  
Councillors: Jason Patten  
Roy Higdon  
Lorne Denty  
Town Clerk Manager Sarah Skinner  
Gallery: Brian Simms, Renee Cormier, Deborah Arnold, Jeffrey Patten

**ACCEPT AGENDA: April 11, 2022 moved by Councillor Patten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Harmon all in favour, motion carried.**

**ACCEPT MINUTES OF February 28, 2022 moved by Councillor Higdon, seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM February 28, 2022**

1. Concerned Citizen – Post Office and Balsam Lane – Ms. could not attend the meeting her letter was read to council (attached to minutes). Council's discussion:  
To annex the Town Hall for the Federal Government's Post Office the Municipality would have to avail of funds in the amount not less than \$12,000. And could exceed that amount depending on the Service NL requirements. The council has not budgeted any amount for this. Council feels that this is a federal government responsibility and not at a local Municipality level. The council meet with Canada Post Officials a few years ago and was informed that the majority of Traytown residents voted in favour of postal boxes rather than the actual post office because of the post office working schedule. At the time of the meeting Canada Post offered a one night a week opening from 5 PM until 8 PM for anyone unable to receive their mail due to the office hours, this has never come into effect. The Post Office Officials also informed council that the Post Master would be responsible for the premises for the post office. Council has no way of obtaining funds to build a building for a federal government building and there is no money allotted in the budget for any excess due to trying to keep taxes down. The cost of building a post office should not be placed on the backs of the residents. The town clerk manager will write a letter informing the Ms. of the council's decision.

**1. Capital Works –** The tender evaluation for Phase II was received and evaluated by council and returned to MA. The Part B tender (Tank) came in over budget in the amount of \$629,625.00 which is over \$100,000 over budget. MA has asked DMG to scope the work back in Part A before proceeding. DMG redone the scope of work to be done in Part A which will now only go to 25 Juniper Crescent and the sewer will not be connected until the second phase. This is due to the government requirements that only 1750 meters of water main can be developed per phase,

there is 645 meters from the well to the first house. DMG will now have to design the water main back to the government specs. The council would like this completed and sent to Municipal Affairs this week and have it tendered before the end of this week. Town clerk Manager will contact Jim Harty Municipal Affairs and ask him if the new scope of work comes in under budget could the town use the remainder of the funds to complete the sewer to the end of Juniper to connect to the Main Sewer Line

## 2. Financial Report —

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 owes	Total owing	Total bills 2022
\$391.30	\$841.95	\$964.95	\$1,687.50	\$4,098.10	\$9,815.75	\$84,210.50	\$102,010.05	\$108,133.50

The decrease in Property Tax arrears from December 2021 until April 11, 2022 is \$10,066.50, which is very favourable with council and hopefully the remainder will be collected in the near future. Financial statement from February 28, 2022 to April 11, 2022 presented to council for review. No discrepancies noted.

3. Covid Stimulus Report – installation heat pumps completed Money from Stimulus program arrived in the amount of \$16,944.86 final report submitted.

While G. Abbott contracting limited was installing the electrical for the pumps a few maintenance issues were discovered and G. Abbott has been asked to: insulate the floor under the Town Office Repair broken joist and jack up floor. This work is completed but an invoice has not arrived at this time. G. Abbott was also asked to place a roof over the town's heat pump outside unit. Mr. G. Abbott informed council he would not be able to do this work with the stand that the heat pumps are installed on. Councillor Patten will talk to Mr. Wilfred Janes from Crosstown HVAC and asked why 2 x 4 lumber was used instead of something stronger.

4. Emergency Plan –finished will email full version to council and government this week, unless council would like a paper version, email is fine.

5. Credit Union account opened will contact the bank tomorrow and order cheques review if online banking can be set up and payment plans for customers.

6. Grants – Councillor Denty - We have been awarded some funds for the community healthy Living fund in the amount of \$13,331. \$8,000 for capacity building grant and \$5,331 for small infrastructure grant (swimming area).

Council had submitted for \$15,000 for CBG but only received \$8000. Council contacted Tract Consulting to see if they could make the \$8000 work. Their response was they could do a Master Trails Plan for \$8,000 plus HST and \$500-\$700 expenses which totals about \$9,700.

Council, will ask recreation committee if they have any funds they would like to put towards this project.

Secondly, the \$5,331 for the swimming area is short by \$4,250 which was the cost of the wharf. Money is there for change rooms, and the earthworks. However, we have a floating wharf that was donated so that takes care of that portion. The Town of Traytown will pay for the gazebo at the swimming area.

Finally, Councillor Denty has talked with Gina, Sign Factory about the design for the Come Home Year sign. She is still working on it; Councillor Denty will check with Gina again in the next couple days to get progress status. Council agrees to the extra expenses.

7. Budget – 2022 Budget approved by Municipal Affairs Christopher Stamp Regional Manager (A) signed and dated March 28, 2022.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Deductions:** - none
2. **Permits** – none
3. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Email from Anne Johnson request to use hall approved by council Councillor Denty to arrange for pickup of key. Town Clerk email Ms. Johnson to let her know.
  - b. Crown Lands rejection of request, submitted without council's decision, leave it.
4. **Councillor's business –**
  - a. Recreation Meeting – Councillor Denty meet with Traytown Recreation and informed them of all the new projects that have been applied for. Ms. Deborah Arnold has informed council that Neal Garrett has made a path into the rolling stone from behind Maple Lane from the old well path if anyone would like to walk it.
  - b. Mayor Carter – request to have flower pots built on the Welcome signs Councillor Patten will try to get them built and put in place before June.
  - c. Hanger – request from citizens to have area on causeway removed, not a council issue.
  - d. Request to have the two rocks in Traytown Bay marked – Ms. Deborah Arnold will ask Neal Garrett to place two buoys on the two large rocks in Traytown Bay to mark them for the boating season. Council will purchase the buoys that are needed.
  - e. Rentals –Councillor Patten, Denty and Higdon and Deputy Mayor Harmon will take a copy of the key to disburse to renters when town clerk is not available. Hall is renting on May 7, and May 20. Request to have code lock for main entrance, unable due to panic bar has to be on the doors.
5. **Next Meeting – May 9, 2022**
6. **Meeting adjourned – Moved by Councillor Denty seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour motion carried.**

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Mayor

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Town Clerk Manager



Town of Traytown  
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Agenda  
Balsam Lane  
Post Office

Date : 24 March, 2022

received  
March 25/22

**Re: Postal Services**

Madam Mayor & Councillors

As taxpayer and concerned citizen of this beautiful community it saddens me to know that our town has the opportunity to keep postal services in this town but decided not to take advantage of this situation. I have learned through the town clerk that the issue was discussed at length at a regular council meeting and it was decided not to avail of this service for its tax payers. Rational being, the cost that would be incurred to this town. One of these reasons cited to me was that the road would have to be plowed every day if needed. I submit that if this is a public street it would not be treated any different than any of the towns other public streets. If it needs to be plowed than plow it, Other reasons included the cost of insurance and utilities cost etc.

I'm sure that the cost incurred to avail of this service and have a room constructed within the community hall or attached to it could very easily absorbed by our budget and the cost that would be past on to its citizen would be minimal in the worse case senario. I'm sure I speak for everyone in this community that when I go for my mail I don't want to have to go to another community to another Post Office to get it. Keep in mind that some of our citizens can only get their mail by walking.

Traytown is slowly losing its autonomy . Regionalization is on our back door. Our government has had this on the table for some time. Eventually we will lose our own self government and we will only have representation on a larger body. We know this is in the not too distant future. We have the opportunity to at least maintain what we still have as far as our postal service is concerned. I believe that our council can discuss this with Canada Post and come to a conclusion that will benefit its citizens. It has been proven that this service being housed by private enterprise does not work and we are left wondering where have I got to get my mail tomorrow.

In addition to this. I believe Council should in this case at least, give the people a chance to voice their concerns in a public meeting before concluding that we don;t need Postal Services. I encourage council to do the right thing and first of all rescind your previous motion on this issue, and put it back back on the table.

Sincerely

Concerned Citizens

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