

TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
MINUTES
September 11, 2023

In Attendance:

Mayor: Shannon Carter
Deputy Mayor: Max Harmon
Councillors: Lorne Denty
Roy Higdon
Jason Patten
Town Clerk Manager: Sarah Skinner
Galley: Guy Wells, Wilf Wyatt, Phillip Hunter

ACCEPT AGENDA: September 11, 2023

ACCEPT MINUTES: : August 14, 2023

BUSINESS ARISING : August 14, 2023

Capital Works – Newfoundland Power has not placed the poles to the tower hoping to be later this month. Deputy Mayor Harmon will call Mr. Doug Short, Engineer Tech, Allnorth and request that he look into Newfoundland Power's lack of service to have these projects completed.

Two invoices have arrived for payment one from Greatario in the amount of \$255,645.00 and one from Cougar in the amount of \$144,900.00. Two payments in the amount of \$231,827.78 and \$131,400.36 totalling \$363,228.14 for Government's share have arrived, leaving council to pay the amount of \$37,316.86 the town's 10%. The clerk manager will pay both invoices and take \$40,000.00 from the Scotiabank account to cover the town's share.

The second phase of the water and sewer project was declined for 2023 and will have to be reapplied for. The council will need a resolution to borrow its 10% from the bank for next phase of water and sewer project. **Councillor Patten moved to borrow 10% of the town's share of Phase II Water and Sewer Project, seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried.**

CRA – the town has not received the \$114,178.51 GST/HST rebate from CRA and Lori Mercer Chartered Accountant has requested that the town contact CRA to get the information of why it is taking so long. Mayor Carter and Clerk Skinner have finally been able to find out that the application was received by CRA in May 2023 and the first half of 2022 in the amount of \$6,244.84 has been processed but the second half is still being processed, no word on timeframe given.

Deputy Mayor Harmon has purchased the locks and placed them at on the gate the tower ladder and access hole to prevent anyone from accessing the road or tower top or inside.

Financial Report — Clerk's financial report: Amount is bank accounts as of today Scotiabank - \$56,659.79 MCW - \$1630.00 Gas Tax - \$3,521.87 and regular account \$79,547.19 The clerk can write a check from Scotiabank in the amount of \$40,000.00 for payment.

Total	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	\$91.30	\$443.95	\$443.95	\$620.60	2465.10	\$5,064.70	8473.79	\$31,939.58
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Lift Station – The clerk looked at the budget and the only money not used this year will be the \$21,457.00 for payments for a bank loan that is not needed at this time if council would like BioMax Environmental to do the work with what was quoted to survey the sewer system for the town, they will have to decide quickly, **Councillor Patten moved to spend \$3.50/m at approximately \$5,250. plus HST, to inspect sewer system seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried.**

Councillor Higdon has the lift station repaired again light is off and pumps are working. There are more fuses at East-Glo if the problem happens again.

Roads – the roads need a good grading before the cold weather sets in. Councillor Patten will contact Station Road Contracting and ask whoever does the grading to do a better job. Councillor Patten has requested Station Road Contracting to put up the Head n Nose Park sign as soon as possible.

Grants – Councillor Denty has applied for grants for the rink and put in the clean up amount for the town as the council's share.

Pissingmare Pond - Signs: The signs have been ordered for the Tower Gates, Ploughed Ground Park Facilities, Pumphouse fence, Woodrock Park & Head n Nose Park, no authorization permitted beyond this point, no overnight camping, no open fires, no trespassing. The cost is \$534.36, councillor can pick them up, when they are ready

Student The student received her 150 hours four weeks at 37.5 hours per week. All of the 1971 – 1992 minutes have been scanned and placed on a stick to be used later to put on webpage with all the names of the councillors over the years as well as the town clerks.

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage Contractor – request to raise amounts charged for pickup; \$213 per week up from \$733.50 per month plus HST. Cost for 52 weeks at \$213 is \$11,076.00 plus HST \$12,737.40 up from \$8,802.00 per year plus HST \$10,122.30 an increase of \$2,615.10 per year. The cost of clean up is up from \$75.00 per truck load to \$125.00 per truck load. 2023 Spring clean up was 21 loads @ \$75 plus HST \$1,575.00 with HST \$1,811.25, this year it will cost \$2,625. for 21 loads plus HST \$3,018.75 an increase pf \$393.75 depending on the number of loads generated by the town. Council would like to have a three year contract signed for this amount and a two year extension if needed at that time **Councillor Higdon moved to accept the increase in garbage pick up fees as stated, seconded by Deputy Mayor Harmon all in favour, motion carried.**

Permits – Brought forward: Deputy Mayor Harmon moved to construct 25 by 30 garage on 1 Cherry Hill, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

When council updates its Town Plan it will look at making a few changes.

Deductions: Councillor Patten moved to approve #6 & #7 Deduction Income less than \$26,000 less 35% Income less than \$24,000 – 45% Seconded by Councillor Higdon all in favour, motion carried.

Finance Statements Councillor Denty moved to accept and approve payment of the 2022 financial statements, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.

Correspondence: 1. RCMP building to be built where Funspot cabins used to be.

2. Ask Darren Poole to give council a price to cut trees back from town roads, will ask also ask Terra Nova Dump Runners for a price.

3. Still needs housing built over heat pump before winter Councillor Patten will try to get one constructed.

Bus Shelter – Request to move it from its original area to in front of 131 Main Street. Councillor Higdon will ask Feltham’s Construction how much this would cost.

Quarry – Council will apply for a permit to operate a quarry for town use only.

Juniper – Deputy Mayor Harmon will ask Allnorth for an update on paving Juniper and Councillor Higdon will talk to Department of Highways about removing culvert on the exit of Juniper onto Main Street. The bump has become a huge problem for motorist and needs to be fixed.

Next Meeting – October 9, 2023

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

Mayor

Town Clerk Manager