

TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
MINUTES
January 8, 2024

In Attendance:

Mayor	Shannon Carter
Deputy Mayor	Maxwell Harmon
Councillors	Jason Patten
	Roy Higdon
	Lorne Denty
Town Clerk Manager	Sarah Skinner

ACCEPT AGENDA: January 8, 2024 Moved by Councillor Patten, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harmon, all in favour motion carried.

ACCEPT MINUTES: December 4, 2023 Moved by Councillor Higdon, Seconded by Councillor Denty, all in favour motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING December 4, 2023

Capital Works – Newfoundland Power has erected two of the poles, that were needed at the tower site, but were unable to complete the work and erect the other poles due to granite, A company “Landmarks” was in the area today as well. Deputy Mayor Harmon will contact Mr. Douglas Short, Allnorth, and request an update on the progress. Mr. Short has also emailed an Invoice claim #9 from Cougar, in the amount of: - \$57,649.51. Council reviewed claim, the town clerk manager may pay this invoice once the Deputy Mayor has discussed it with Mr. Short on the amount and what it is for. Councillor Higdon as given the council the requested Fence price, which is over \$10,000.00 with the way council has requested. The fence will now be reviewed on Sunday by Councillor Higdon, Patten, and Deputy Mayor Harmon to determine the best avenue on the fence position. Deputy Mayor Harmon will also discuss with Mr. Short the one year warrantee on repairs to the site and report back to council.

Financial Report — Scotiabank - \$25,089.92, General banking venture - \$151,579.71, MCW - \$4,889.69, Gas Tax - \$13,961.90 TOTAL - \$191,121.22

Total	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	91.30	443.93	443.93	620.60	2465.10	4744.70	7562.19	18,675.59

Lift Station –. Sewer inspection waiting until spring

Grants – \$5,130. Arrived today for rink repairs, the repairs can wait for better weather, the council has one year to the end of November 2024 to complete the repairs which includes electrical and structure but no to the use of the money for pump.

BUDGET – changes requested by Municipal Affairs: Budget for by election, gas tax changed, move the money from own sources motion for changes. **Deputy Mayor Harmon moved to address Municipal Affairs issues with the budget with the changes seconded by Councillor Higdon all in favour, motion carried.** The Residential Property Tax Mil Rate will increase from 5.0 to 5.3 the Commercial Property Tax will increase from 3.0 to 3.3 mills; Business Tax will increase from 2.6 to 3.0 for all businesses. The Minimum Property Tax for all property will be \$300.00 including vacant property which is owned by people with more than one property. Commercial Property Tax Minimum will be \$335. 2024 Tax invoicing will commence once Municipal Affairs approves the Council's Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Permits –

Deductions: Council will continue with the deduction for low income.

Correspondence: 1. Zoom meeting with Tract on Wednesday January 17, 2024 @ 2PM – Town clerk manager will attend from Gander.

Councillor's business – When one of the councillor's are in St. John's in the near future could they pick up some tools that will be needed for the town 1. Curb Stop Wrench as well as other things needs a list will be supplied to anyone going to Princess Auto.

Next Meeting – February 5, 2024

Meeting adjourned Moved by Councillor Patten seconded by Deputy Mayor Harmon all in favour, motion carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk Manager