

**TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
MINUTES
February 5, 2024**

In Attendance:

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

ACCEPT AGENDA: February 5, 2024 Moved by Councillor Denty, seconded by Councillor Higdon all in favour motion carried.

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

BUSINESS ARISING: January 8, 2024

Capital Works –Deputy Mayor Harmon report- talked to MHA, Lloyd Parrot, who informed council that he will approve Phase II application for the town, the only reason it was not approved last year was that, the first Phase had not been completed. DM Harmon talked to Douglas Short, Allnorth and Ryan Chaulk, Newfoundland Power, their concerns: with the erecting of the poles to the tower Mr. Short has a concern if the contractor installing the poles are going to blast due any damage that could occur to the infrastructure already in the ground, and where the pegs are placed to erect the poles could be a problem with snow clearing and accessing the tower with large equipment if needed. Mr. Chaulk informed council that the contractor assures council, that they will not blast, but use another method to access the depth needed for the poles. They will be adding two guide wires to the pole to stabilize it and they will need to be fastened to the granite as well. Council request Deputy Mayor Harmon go back to Newfoundland Power and request that the poles be placed in a different location to service the tower or maybe underground wiring not near the existing waterline pipes but to the side of the road. This would ensure that the area would be accessible. DM Harmon will report back to Council on the response next meeting.

Council has not received a cheque from government for last invoice sent from Cougar, the clerk will pay this invoice as soon as the money arrives from the government.

Fence review – Councillor Higdon has looked at the pump house and well area to estimate on the amount of fencing that will be needed and feels it will be less than what was estimated, exact measurements will be taken and new estimates will be discussed when weather permits.

Financial Report — Clerk's financial report: Amount is bank accounts as of today Scotiabank - \$28,289.92 MCW - \$4,889.69 Gas Tax - \$13,973.17 and regular account \$148,157.41 for a total \$195,310.19. The 2024 Property Tax invoice will be in the mail as soon as the budget is approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	\$91.30	\$443.95	\$443.95	\$620.60	2465.10	\$4644.70	7562.19	15,016.94

Tract – Thursday 6:30pm for Tract on assessment management Motion to adopt policy tonight Councillor Denty, Higdon and Deputy Mayor Harmon will attend along with the clerk. The last Zoom meeting was done on January 17, 2024 Clerk attended from Gander, along with Councillor Denty. **Councillor Patten moved to approve the Asset Management Policy as presented, seconded by Councillor Higdon, all in favour, motion carried.**

Grant - \$5,130.00 for rink repairs, already put new sensor light on the garage and fixed the lights out over the doors. All invoices will be recorded for final report.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Audit – moved by Councillor Patten to have 2023 audit done, seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried

Recreation report – Not going to buy a pump for the rink will keep using Parks Canada's until they no longer allow it. Recreational breakfast Saturday February 17, 2024 at a cost of \$2.00, the sign for Head and Nose Park to be erected by Glenn and Curtis Abbott as soon as weather permits.

Permits –
Deductions:

Correspondence:

1. Request for donation Graduating class of 2024 **Councillor Denty moved to donate \$75.00 per student to the graduation class, with two students from Traytown attending the amount this year will be \$150.00 seconded by Councillor Higdon, all in favour, one abstaining due to child graduating.**

2. Support for the Town of Harbour Grace put forth the following Resolution at the MNL Conference held October 25-28, 2023 :

BE IT RESOLVE that Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador shall lobby the Provincial Government to enact legislation such that when towns are forced to remove dilapidated buildings, debris, waste etc. from property they would recover the expenses related to such removal by having the right of first lien on the sale of that property.
The Town is asking for your support and to write your members to ask

that the Town of Harbour Grace's Resolution, which as presented at the MNL Conference be tabled in the House of Assembly.

Council will hold of until later.

Next Meeting – March 4, 2024

Meeting adjourned – Moved by Deputy Mayor Harmon Seconded by Councillor Higdon all in favour, motion carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk