

August 5, 2015

**Whitbourne Town Council
Regular Meeting
Whitbourne Town Hall
August 5, 2015**

In Attendance: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
Brent Cole
Thomas Howe
Terry Gillam

Present: Crystal Peddle, Town Clerk, Admin. Assistant Karen Bennett Outside Foreman, Jason Hutchings,

Spectators: Gary Holloway, Natasha Mercer, Lorna Vokey and Douglas Vokey

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, Mayor Hilda Whelan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion-2015-08-088–Deputy Mayor Morgan/T. Rose

Let it be resolved that council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 8, 2015 without any errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
Brent Cole
Thomas Howe
Terry Gillam

Carried

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Business Arising

Main Street Phase 2

The town clerk spoke with the engineer and the contractor should be on site to do the lift station upgrades in the next week or so. The contractor should also be on site to start road construction late July month/early August. Councillor Gillam said the quick connect the contractor is looking to the town to install is the responsibility of the contractor not the town. Also Councillor Gillam said he would like to see a certificate of inspection when the job is complete on the lift station.

Purchase of a canoe – Sports and Recreation

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if the sports and recreation had purchased the life jackets. The town clerk explained that the sports and recreation had ordered the canoe the day after the meeting.

Ditching for Mr. Wayne Mercer

Jason has been talking with Daniel Gosse and he is going to clean up the ditch and ditch also right along the soccer field. Jason will be in touch with Daniel again.

Ball field sand

The town clerk called the company where the sand was purchased. They said this is the sand they have been selling for 5 years to all surrounding communities.

Comments from spectators

Ms. Lorna Vokey read a letter to council from some concerned residents about Targa NL coming to the community. There was a discussion that took place. Mayor Hilda Whelan said the town is going to try this for one year only not four years likes Targa NL had hoped. Deputy Mayor Morgan said during that scheduled day the Fire Department is going very much involved and some residents. If the residents still have concerns after this year the race will be taken into consideration for the next year. Councillor Petipas said he was talking to the President of Targa NL and he said if council decides that they don't want Targa to race in the town then they will back out. Ms. Lorna Vokey said they have a petition going around for any concerned residents to sign. Councillor Cole said for the group to pass their petition along to council and they will have another look at targa.

Mr. Gary Holloway said he didn't know about Targa NL coming to the town. He didn't want to close his business but Targa NL looked into it and changed their route to accommodate him and his business.

Deputy Mayor Morgan said the council will put out a notice asking residents if they have any questions or concerns to call the town office.

Family fun time day care – Natasha Mercer

Mrs. Mercer is looking to receive approval in principal to hopefully operate her day care business in new building closer to the TCH or could be a residential home. Wondering if council would have issues with this in any way. Council discussed this with her and would accommodate her in anyway.

Motion-2015-08-089–Deputy Mayor Morgan/T. Howe

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Let it be resolved that council will give approval in principal for Family Fun time day care to operate in new building or residential home closer to the TCH.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
Brent Cole
Thomas Howe
Terry Gillam Carried

Fire Department Issues

Councillor Howe wants to remind the council that the Firettes garden party is this coming Saturday, August 8, 2015.

He said the department is being kept busy with the number of calls they are receiving. Deputy Mayor Morgan said the call the town workers had to respond to on the TCH with the backhoe. The town should try and get the workers' wages and travel time and the cost of repairs to the backhoe. The town clerk is working with the fire chief on this and they will be a claim submitted to the Insurance Company of Day & Ross Inc.

Sports and Recreation Issues

Request for speed bumps on Main Street

Mayor Whelan read the request from the Sports and recreation for speed bumps on Main Street in front of the playground. Council said they will see to it that the workers put these in place.

Council Rose said the town needs more Police in the Whitbourne Area. The town is out of control from ATV use, speeding and heavy equipment damaging town roads. The town made a by-law about the contractors coming to the community damaging property. This will be made clear that it will be the reasonability of the property owner who hires the contractor.

Councillor Gillam asked what authority do the town have to stop any work. The town clerk will get in touch with Municipal affairs.

Councillor B. Cole, Ms. Vokey, Mr. Vokey and Mrs. Mercer left the meeting at 8:20pm.

Items for the outside Foreman

Garage extension – 97 Brigus Road

Motion-2015-08-090–Deputy Mayor Morgan/T. Rose

Let it be resolved that council approves the construction of the garage extension on 97 Brigus Road.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
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New residential construction – 139-141 Amber Drive

Motion-2015-08-092–P. Petipas/T. Howe

Let it be resolved that council approves the construction of the new construction on 139-141 Amber Drive in principal subject to approvals from Department of Health and any other government agencies.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
Brent Cole
Thomas Howe
Terry Gillam Carried

Crown land applications – 1, 3 and 11 Vokey's place

Motion-2015-08-093–Deputy Mayor Morgan/ T. Howe

Let it be resolved that council approves the crown land applications for land extensions for 1, 3 and 11 Vokey's Place in principal subject to approvals from Crown lands and any other government agencies.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Terry Rose
Brent Cole
Thomas Howe
Terry Gillam Carried

Letter from residents on 547 Main Street

The mayor read the letter from the resident about the drainage problem she is having with her property. She explained this has been ongoing for many years. She was wondering if council could help her in resolving this problem. Jason said he had looked into this and the problem is coming from the next property belonging to Councilor Petipas. Councillor Petipas said he is also having a drainage problem but it's being caused by the next-door property. Mayor Whelan said resident at 547 Main Street and councillor Petipas will have to deal with their neighbor not council issue.

Letter of support

Mayor Whelan read the letter from Jovanax Enterprises Inc., taxi service in New Harbour requesting a letter of support for his company to obtain funding for a wheelchair accessible vehicle. All surrounding communities will benefit from this service. The town will provide this letter to Jovanax enterprises Inc.

Administration

Annual Leave

The annual leave request for:

Bradley George for 3 days August 12, 13 and 14th
Jason Hutchings for 5 days from August 14th to the 21st
Crystal Peddle for two days August 13 and 14th
All of the annual leave requests will be granted.

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Bell Mobility – Water tower rental

The new contract is up for renewal for the water tower rental. Councillor Gillam told the town clerk to check the amount of rental fees for a year. The last contract that was passed to council, Bell mobility said they couldn't change the amount until 2015. The town clerk will get in touch with Bell mobility about the rental fees.

Comments from councillor:

Councilor Rose said he would like to add to the minutes his apology for his earlier comment about Mrs. Karen Osmond not paying business taxes to the town of Whitbourne.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Let it be resolved that council adjourns the meeting at 9:10pm

In Favor:	Mayor Hilda Whelan	
	Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan	
Councillors:	Terry Rose	
	Brent Cole	
	Thomas Howe	
	Terry Gillam	Carried

Hilda Whelan
Mayor

Crystal Peddle
Town Clerk