

February 28, 2018

**Whitbourne Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Whitbourne Town Hall  
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In Attendance: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam  
Councilors: Peter Petipas  
Terry Rose  
Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier- White

Members absent: Mayor Hilda Whelan, Councillor Lionel Rodrigues

Present: Town Clerk C. Peddle, Outside Foreman J. Hutchings

Spectators: Christine Vaters, Shawna Vaters

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Deputy Mayor Gillam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Motion-2018-02-012- T. Howe/T. Rose**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 31, 2018 be adopted as read with corrections made to each motion adding Councilor Rose as present and Under fire department the Town Fire chief was asked to instead of accepted fill a causal fire fighting training position at the Vale site.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam  
Councilors: Peter Petipas  
Terry Rose  
Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Backhoe Repairs

The tender ad for the backhoe was sent to four different companies. The deadline to accept bids is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The town clerk will put the tender ad out next week for the old backhoe. She will discuss the details with the outside foreman.

Compost Facility committee

There will be a public committee meeting on March 3, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Whitbourne School. Mayor Hilda Whelan will be contacting the Federal Government Minister to see if he has an input on this development.

Whitbourne Ball field

The Town council agreed to write a letter to the school board trustees asking to purchase the land for the ball field before the town continues with anymore upgrades or repairs to the field.

**Motion-2018-02-013- T. Rose/T. Howe**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved that they would ask the school to sell the property known as the ball field.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas

Terry Rose

Thomas Howe

Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

**Petitions and/or comments from spectators**

Letter from business Owner – Sheer Studio – Shawna Vaters

Ms. Vaters is wondering why her business taxes are so high. A council members explained to her it is based on the space she is using for her business. Council suggested to her that she should contact the Municipal Assessment Agency to check on her assessed space. Council will allow her to hold off on paying her taxes until see hears something from the assessment agency.

Ms. Vaters also said she didn't get the 50% discount for her first year in business. The town clerk will check on this.

Letter from business owner – Linda's Mini Mart

Mrs. O'Reilly is asking council for the 50% discount off her business taxes for the first time business owner.

**Motion-2018-02-014- P. Petipas/T. Rose**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the request from Mrs. O'Reilly to give 50% discount off her business taxes.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas

Terry Rose

Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

### **Fire Department**

Councillor Howe said he visited the fire hall last night and the men were completing their first aid course and some were completing drills. Councillor Rose said he renewed his first aid course with the town's fire department; the training they put off was second to none. For volunteers they are doing an awesome job.

### **Sports & Recreation**

The sports and Recreation wants to apply for a winter day funding through Recreation NL, \$500.00 half day, \$1000.00 full day and \$2000.00 for 2 days.

#### **Motion-2018-02-015- P. Petipas/D. Hillier-White**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the request from the sports and recreation to apply for a full day funding of \$1000.00.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas

Terry Rose

Thomas Howe

Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

### **Whitbourne High – class reunion**

A committee is formed to host put off a school reunion. The committee is requesting the use of Bond's Park for July 7, 2018. The committee is asking the sports and recreation to host this event in the park on this day and provide a bar. Council agreed to allow the committee to use the boat house free of charge but will have to provide a \$500.00 deposit and also provide council with a special events insurance policy.

### **Trinity Bay wrestling team**

Councillor Petipas said the wrestling team traveled to Ireland and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Atlantics and placed first overall in the Provincial tournament.

Council congratulated the team for a great job.

### **ITEMS FOR THE OUTSIDE FOREMAN**

#### **Letter from Mr. Neil Hillier**

In the letter Mr. Hillier explained that because of the development next to his property he is getting water build up on his property.

Council agreed that Mr. Don Mercer needs to fix this problem ASAP. Jason will go see him in the morning.

Mr. Mercer's development will expire in April 2018. Council also agreed if this problem is not fixed Mr. Mercer may not be able to renew and finish his development.

Councillor Deanne Hillier-White is in conflict.

**Applications**

New home Construction – 81 Sunset Blvd.

**Motion-2018-02-016- T. Rose/T. Howe**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the building application located at 81 Sunset Blvd in principal subject to approvals from the department of Health and any other Government agency.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam  
Councilors: Peter Petipas  
Terry Rose  
Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier-White Carried

New commercial building – 690 Trans Canada Highway.

**Motion-2018-02-017- T. Howe/D. Hillier-White**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the building application located at 690 Trans Canada Highway in principal subject to approvals from the department of Health and any other Government agency.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam  
Councilors: Peter Petipas  
Terry Rose  
Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier-White Carried

Business building extension – 437 Main Street

**Motion-2018-02-018- T. Rose/T. Howe**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved the building extension application located at 437 Main Street as per the outside foreman’s inspection.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam  
Councilors: Terry Rose  
Thomas Howe  
Deanne Hillier-White Carried  
Councillor Petipas declared conflict.

**Administration**

Waterline on Hutchings Lane

A resident on Hutchings Lane, Ms. Phyllis Noseworthy is wondering if council will upgrade the waterline if and when they make repairs to Brigus Road. Council agreed to get the outside foreman to go in with the flow meter and test their lines. If there is any issue council will see to it that this gets fixed this spring.

2016 Financial Statements

**Motion-2018-02-019- T. Howe/T. Rose**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved 2016 financial statements as presented

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and completed by Smith, Bussey, Muir.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas

Terry Rose

Thomas Howe

Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

Councillor Peter Petipas Left the meeting at 8:55pm

Jason explained to council that they had some issues on Bond Road with water. So he had Afonso come in with their camera and the water problem is coming from the old RCMP detachment on Bond Road. Jason will go speak to someone at the RCMP and see if this problem can get resolved.

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

**Motion-2018-02-020- T. Howe/T. Rose**

**Let it be resolved that** council approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas

Terry Rose

Thomas Howe

Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

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**Mr. Terry Gillam**  
Deputy Mayor

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**Crystal Peddle**  
Town Clerk