

*Minutes:
Special Meeting
December 17/12*

Special Meeting of December 17, 2012

Mayor Peters asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of December 17, 2012.

Motion #2013-01-07-2499 – Burt/Rogers

Resolved that the minutes of the December 17, 2012 special meeting of council be adopted.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Finance

1) Bills

Bills were presented in the amount of \$35,693.84.

Motion #2013-01-07-2500 – Stagg/Samson

Resolved that the bills be paid in the amount of \$35,693.84.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

2) The Quick Statistics was presented as of January 4, 2013.

*Town Manager's
Report*

1) Meeting with the Task Force

The Town Manager informed council that he received a call from our MHA's office stating that the Chair of the Task Force Committee, the Honourable Derrick Dalley, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture would meet with us but wanted a date, detailed agenda and who would be attending.

Motion #2013-01-07-2501 – Stagg/Rogers

Resolved that we send Mayor Peters, Councillor Burt and the Town Manager to a meeting with the Honourable Derrick Dalley, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture to be scheduled at his earliest convenience. Also, prepare a detailed agenda and forward to him.

In favour 6 {Mayor Peters, Deputy Mayor Stagg, Councillors Samson, Rogers, Johnson and Burt}; Opposed 1 {Councillor Duffett}; Motion Carried

2) Fire Hall Extension

The Town Manager informed council a motion was required from Municipal Affairs for council to accept the conditions on cost sharing on Project #10052 - Fire Hall Extension.

Motion #2013-01-07-2502 – Samson/Johnson

Resolved that we accept the conditions of cost sharing on Project #10052 – Fire Hall Extension as outlined in the letter received from Municipal Affairs.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

3) CEEP

The Town Manager Informed Council that the CEEP for plant workers is winding down and that there are now two workers remaining. He also informed council that there was no extra funding allocated to us and that we now have one worker remaining on the regular CEEP.

4) Emergency Plan

The Town Manager requested a motion from council to accept the Emergency Plan so that it can be submitted to the Government for approval.

Motion #2013-01-07-2503 – Rogers/Burt

Resolved that we approve the Emergency Plan in principle and submit it to the Government for approval.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

5) Union Letter – Overtime/Sharing

A letter was received from Rick Gill, Transport & Allied Workers regarding Section 21.05 Overtime-Share/Refuse. He advised that some members want the wording changed in this section to read “every reasonable effort will be made to share overtime equally”. It was decided to pass the letter over to the Public Works Committee to deal with and report back to the next meeting.

Fire Department A lengthy discussion arose regarding the situation of the ambulance service in this area.

Motion #2013-01-07-2504 – Stagg/Johnson

Resolved that we contact Bob Fewer and request a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the ambulance service in our area.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Human Resources The Town Manager brought up concerns he has regarding some of the councillors coming in while he's out of the office on council business attending meetings of the various committees he serves on, wondering where he is and who is paying for the cost of him being away. He stated that if council do not want him to sit on these committees then he will resign. A lengthy discussion occurred on this matter.

Motion #2013-01-07-2505 – Burt/Duffett

Resolved that this matter be tabled.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Economic Dev. The Town Manager advised that there is a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013 @ 7:00p.m. at the Catalina Elementary school.

Correspondence Councillor Duffett asked if we could deal with Correspondence #7 first.

A letter was received from Murray Trask requesting council clean out the river from all debris remaining from the road that washed out over two years ago during Hurricane Igor and push the debris against the bank of his property. He advised that since the Hurricane the river has altered its course and has been running against the bank of his property rather than its natural course pre Hurricane Igor therefore, providing him with no protection against future erosion.

The Town Manager advised that we contact our MHA Glen Little and Emergency Services to meet with council and then have them visit the site to see what can be done for Mr. Trask.

Motion #2013-01-07-2506 – Rogers/Duffett

Resolved that the Town Manager contact the appropriate people to meet with council and see what can be done to assist Mr. Trask with his problem.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 1) A travel claim was received from the Town Manager for travel expenses incurred from December 7, 2012-January 3, 2013 in the amount of \$357.24.

Motion #2013-01-07-2507 – Burt/Stagg

Resolved that we reimburse the Town Manager for travel expenses incurred from December 7, 2012-January 3, 2013 in the amount of \$357.24.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 2) A letter was received from Gord Mackey advising that he is interested in purchasing a piece of land in our subdivision on Gullage Drive and was wondering how to acquire the land and how much it would cost.

Motion #2013-01-07-2508 – Stagg/Duffett

Resolved that we give Gord Mackey permission to purchase a piece of land in our subdivision adjacent to 16 Gullage Drive at a cost of \$6,000.00.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 3) An invitation was received from MNL to attend their Eastern Regional Meeting scheduled for January 18-20, 2013 in Clarendville.

Motion #2013-01-07-2509 – Burt/Rogers

Resolved that we send two delegates to attend the MNL Eastern Regional Meeting scheduled for January 18-20, 2013 in Clarendville.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion #2013-01-07-2510 – Stagg/Johnson

Resolved that we send Mayor Peters and the Town Manager to the MNL Eastern Regional Meeting.

In favour 7; Opposed; Motion Carried

- 4) A letter was received from Neal Tucker, Vice-Chair with the Elliston Heritage Foundation seeking a letter of support in their efforts to acquire funding for the 2014 unveiling celebrations of their planned Sealers' interpretation centre/statue.

Motion #2013-01-07-2511 – Rogers/Duffett

Resolved that we write a letter of support to the Elliston Heritage Foundation in their efforts to acquire funding for the 2014 unveiling celebrations of their planned Sealers' interpretation centre/statue.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 5) A letter was received from MNL regarding the 2013 membership fees for MNL and PMA.

Motion #2013-01-07-2512 – Burt/Stagg

Resolved that we pay the 2013 membership fees for MNL and PMA in the amount of \$1,830.84.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 6) A letter was received from a business owner requesting a partial exemption on the 2012 business tax due to the business is only in operation from September 1 to January 1 of each year.

Motion #2013-01-07-2513 – Rogers/Johnson

Resolved that we grant the business owner's request for an exemption on it's 2012 Business tax equal to one half of the rate.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

- 7) Dealt with earlier in the meeting.
- 8) A copy letter was received from Service NL to Rexford Lodge regarding the ATV Trail from town boundary of Port Rexton to Bonavista following the old rail bed. They advised that his application dated September 24, 2012 has been approved in principle.

New Business

1) Comments from Bruce Sweetland in The Packet

Councillor Johnson brought to council's attention the comments that Bruce Sweetland made in his interview with The Packet regarding his negativity towards council.

Motion #2013-01-07-2514 – Johnson/Stagg

Resolved that we write Bruce Sweetland expressing our displeasure at the remarks he made during his interview with The Packet in a recent edition.

In favour 6 {Mayor Peters, Deputy Mayor Stagg, Councillors Rogers, Johnson, Burt and Duffett}; Opposed 1 {Councillor Samson}; Motion Carried

Motion #2013-01-07-2515 – Burt/Stagg

Resolved that the meeting adjourn with the next regular meeting scheduled for February 4, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

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MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

Date

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