

**Municipality of Trinity Bay North
Special Council Meeting March 11, 2014**

**Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the
Municipality of Trinity Bay North, held in the
Town Hall, March 11, 2014 at 4:30p.m.**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor Councillors	Donald Burt Shelly Blackmore Roger Cullimore Albert Johnson Pauline Stagg William Tulk
<i>Also Present</i>	Town Clerk Town Manager	Valerie Rogers Darryl Johnson

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current financial situation of the town.

Councillor Blackmore presented a cost projection of the some of the services that the town is obligated to pay versus the cost per household to provide these services. She also included some information on what will be presented at the public meeting on March 26, 2014.

The Town Manager went on to inform council that the line of credit that we recently borrowed has been depleted and we are currently operating the town in the red. The Mayor then reported that he had been speaking with Minister Steve Kent and the situation with our MOG's and the water rates has been resolved. Minister Kent stated in his letter that the arrears that the town owes the province are \$835,803 which was a reduction of \$380,582 based on applying a cost recovery rate to our water system. Our MOG's for the period 2010-11 to 2013-14 totals \$504,978 which will be intercepted in full and applied against the water arrears owing and to assist our town with respect to the loss of tax revenue as a result of the closure of the OCI plant a one time special assistance grant of \$497,500 has been approved. A portion of this grant, totaling \$330,825 will be intercepted and applied against the remaining water system arrears owing. The balance of \$166,675 will be paid to the town assuming there are no other government arrears outstanding at the end of March, 2014.

Mayor Burt advised he requested from the Minister the approval to increase our line of credit at the Venture Credit Union to \$150,000 to be able to operate our town with the intent on repaying the loan with the monies that we will be getting from the Province.

Motion #2014-03-11-2856 – Tulk/Johnson

Resolved that we seek from the Minister of Municipal Affairs an approval to borrow \$150,000 from the Venture Credit Union to be used as an operating line of credit.

In favour 6; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion #2014-03-11-2857 – Tulk/Johnson

Resolved that we increase our operating line of credit at the Venture Credit Union to \$150,000.

In favour 6; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

4:55p.m. Deputy Mayor Cooper arrived

A lengthy discussion then arose on our budget and possible increases in taxes to offset the cost of operating the town.

Motion #2014-03-11-2858 – Blackmore/Cooper

Resolved that we charge a \$30.00 minimum property tax on vacant parcels of land and a \$100.00 water rate for vacant land that is accessible to the water commencing in 2014, for 2015 a charge of \$160.00 will apply to vacant land that is accessible to the water and in 2016 it will increase to \$220.00. Also, there will be no prorating of the water and sewer when it's disconnected at the curbside for any reason.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion #2014-03-11-2859 – Tulk/Stagg

Resolved that the meeting adjourn.

In favour 7; Opposed 0; Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:31p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

Date

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