

Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

MINUTES

*Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 1:45 p.m.
The Keepers Café, Wabana, NL*

ATTENDEES:

- Mr. Craig Williams, Conception Harbour
- Mr. Moses Tucker, PC-SP
- Mr. Randy Simms, Mount Pearl
- Mr. Jim Joy, Holyrood
- Mr. Chris Dredge, Bauline
- Mr. Gary Gosine, Wabana
- Ms. Linda Hickey, Wabana
- Ms. Teresita McCarthy, Wabana
- Mr. Sterling Willis, Paradise
- Mr. Glen L. McDonald, Colliers
- Mr. Brian Whitty, Torbay
- Mr. Bradley Power, Eastern Regional Service Board

REGRETS:

- Mr. Bert Hickey, LB-MC-OC
- Mr. Steve Tessier, CBS
- Mr. Sam Whalen, Colliers
- Mr. Joedy Wall, Pouch Cove

PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Craig T. Williams at 1:45 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Whitty, seconded by Mr. Tucker, that the Agenda of the NEAJC meeting of July 29 be adopted as tabled. Motion carried.

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3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) **Summer Student for Plastic Bag Research:** Mr. Williams noted that interview for the summer student position have been completed and the successful candidate was Ms. Candace Crane, a student from the College of the North Atlantic Business Management Program. She will commence her work soon. The focus of her work will be on developing a survey for consumers and retailers regarding plastic bag usage. Additional updates on Ms. Crane's work will be provided at the next meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Minister Dale Kirby Regarding Provincial Libraries:** A letter from Minister Kirby was tabled for information purposes. It noted that the joint council should seek a meeting with the chair of the library board if they want to speak about provincial libraries. Minister Kirby will not meet on the topic as requested.
- b) **Minister Eddie Joyce Regarding Cost Sharing Ratios:** A letter from Minister Joyce in response to the joint council's correspondence of May/June 2017 was tabled for information purposes.
- c) **Minister Al Hawkins Regarding SOPAC:** A letter from Minister Al Hawkins in response to the joint council's correspondence of May/June 2017 was tabled for information purposes.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report was deferred due to Mr. Tessier not being in attendance.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Succession Planning:** Mr. Williams noted that Mr. Power will trigger the first meeting of the new joint council as soon as the municipal elections are over. He will aim to have the first meeting in November, once all councils have had ample time to appoint their representative, etc.
- b) **Presentations:** Presentations were made to Mr. Randy Simms, Mr. Moses Tucker and Mr. Chris Dredge to recognize their contributions to the NEAJC during their time in office. All three gentleman have indicated they will not be seeking re-election in September.

8. ROUNDTABLE

- a) **NEAR Plan:** Mr. Randy Simms suggested that the joint council follow-up with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding the NEAR Plan. He noted the plan was supposed to be completed in July, but this hasn't happened. He is fearful the process has gone off the rails again. He also feels the NEAJC should work with MNL to help the plan along.

Mr. Williams said he will follow-up with MNL on the issue and see if there's anything we can do.

Mr. Tucker highlighted a letter he wrote on behalf of the Killick Coast Mayors Association on this issue. He suggested that Mr. Power send the letter to everyone for their information.

- b) **Notes of Appreciation:** Mr. Joy thanked everyone for their contribution to the joint council over the last year. He noted that significant progress has been made, of which we should be very proud. He looks forward to what happens after the election.

Mr. Willis and Mr. Williams thanked Mayor Gosine and the Town of Wabana for their great hospitality. They were very impressed by the tours, and the fantastic community spirit which was evident in all of the visits the joint council made throughout the day. They said Bell Island has a lot to be proud of and the entire group agreed wholeheartedly.

9. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair, or via a notice from Mr. Power on behalf of the group.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Willis that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.