

## SOUTHERN SHORE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

# MINUTES

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Ferryland Town Office, NL-10, Ferryland, NL

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### ATTENDEES:

- Mr. Harold MULLOWNEY, Bay Bulls (Chairperson)
- Mr. Adrian Kavanagh, Ferryland
- Mr. Jerome Kenny, Tors Cove
- Ms. Beverly O'Brien, Cape Broyle
- Mr. Gerard Conway, Renewes
- Ms. Hannah Power, Tors Cove
- Mr. Bradley Power, ERSB

### PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mr. MULLOWNEY.

#### 2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, that the Agenda of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of June 1, 2017, be adopted as tabled. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2017-012*

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Ms. Power, that the Minutes of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of April 6, 2017, be adopted as tabled. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2017-013*

#### 4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) **Response from Minister Kirby re: Mobile School:** A letter was received on April 13 from Minister Kirby stemming from our inquiry about the renovation plans for the school in Mobile. Minister Kirby confirmed that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has not changed its mind in regard to renovating the current school instead of constructing a new one. The letter was tabled for members to bring back to their respective councils.

Ms. Power asked about the current status of the tender for the impending renovations/expansions. Mr. MULLOWNEY confirmed work was ongoing and tenders can be expected very soon.

Mr. Mullooney highlighted the issue the renovations/expansion plans will have for parking at the school in particular. He fears the work will have a negative effect on parking overall, which could become a safety concern.

After a general discussion, a number of members suggested the best place for a new school to be constructed would be at the Southern Shore Area site. There is ample space on that site to accommodate new buildings/facilities.

Mr. Mullooney said he would continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they become available. He noted that the advocacy and protests didn't have an impact on Minister Kirby, which is really unfortunate.

- b) **Updated Municipal Cost-Sharing Ratios:** Information provided by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding new cost-sharing ratios for municipalities was tabled for discussion. Cost-sharing ratios have changed for a wide range of project types, meaning it will cost towns/communities more to complete work.

Most members present were against the changes to cost-sharing ratios. They expect the additional cost that will have to be taken on by communities will be prohibitive. Others pointed out that some projects have engineering work already completed, and these projects are now unaffordable overall for their respective communities.

Mr. Power highlighted a regional recreation facility that was being planned by numerous communities in Conception Bay Centre, which is now shelved because the communities can no longer afford their contribution to the overall cost. A lot of work and money went into the planning process, which is now all for nothing.

Ms. O'Brien highlighted a similar situation in her community where all the planning was completed for a new community centre but now they have to reassess what to do next. They are hoping government grandfathers in their \$100,000 project. She will let everyone know what happens.

## 5. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Recreational Groundfish (Cod) Fishery Update:** Mr. Power reminded members that a letter was sent on their behalf to DFO requesting that proposed changes to the food fishery not be implanted.

Included in the meeting package was a recently distributed new release from DFO. The release outlines DFO's plan for the 2017 food fishery. Thankfully, the Federal Government has not implemented a tagging system as they were proposing.

Mr. Mullooney noted that he was pleased to hear that no changes were made to the fishery in 2017, but suggested the joint council keep an eye on this issue moving forward in light of the new consultation process that was recently announced.

Mr. Power will table the What We Heard document from the first round of consultations once it is available.

- b) **Snow Clearing Joint Tender Update:** There is still some uncertainty surrounding what the Provincial Government plans to do about snow clearing in 2017-18. The last note received by the joint council from the ADM for Transportation, Mr. Joe Dunford, was that government was reviewing the original plan to cease municipal snow clearing. He noted that a second letter outlining their plans was forthcoming. This policy change could significantly impact communities financially. Mr. Power will continue requesting updates from the Department of Transportation and Works and will report back to the joint council as soon as possible on the issue.

A motion was passed last meeting to look at a joint snow clearing tender for the Southern Shore. The group agreed to wait for the update from government before proceeding, so not to waste time and resources; however, Mr. Power will continue compiling information to support a joint tender if communities plan to move forward.

Mr. Kavanagh noted that Ferryland put out a tender and the cost that came back was astronomical. Others present at the meeting noted that their communities had similar results.

## **6. EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD UPDATE**

Mr. Mullaney provided an update on the work of the Eastern Regional Service Board.

He began by noting the ERSB met the previous night in St. John's. The agenda included a number of items of significance.

The Board discussed a number of new policies for Waste Recovery Facilities. These policies include:

- ATV's will no longer be permitted on waste sites; and,
- Vehicles and trailers must have a valid license plate affixed to gain access to sites.

The Board also received an update on operations for the first quarter of the year. This report is available on its website.

Mr. Power updated the Board on a number of regional service sharing opportunities the ERSB are exploring, including the regional water technician for the Southern Shore, as well as a regional residential construction inspector on the Killick Coast (Northeast Avalon area). Mr. Power also provided an update on his work with joint councils throughout the Eastern Region.

Finally, the Board introduced its new remote attendance policy, and a policy on the use of tablets and digital devices at our meetings.

The next meeting of the Board will be in late June and 2018 budget planning will begin over the summer.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Regional Water Technician**: Mr. MULLOWNEY noted the ongoing work to determine the viability of having a regional water technician on the Southern Shore. He and Mr. Power plan to meet with some communities over the summer to provide additional details on the idea, and determine the interest overall. They will report back at the next meeting of the joint council.

## 8. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

- a) **Lamanche Bridge** - Ms. O'Brien expressed frustration with the ongoing bridge construction near Lamanche. She highlighted the frustration of residents and expressed concern about the impact on tourism in the coming months in particular.

Mr. MULLOWNEY explained how important it is for the bridge to be completed as soon as possible.

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. O'Brien and seconded by Ms. Power that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Works outlining the joint council's concerns with the ongoing construction, in particular the impact ongoing construction will have on the tourism industry. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2017-014*

- b) **Ballfield Repairs in Cape Broyle** – Ms. O'Brien noted the ongoing work to upgrade the softball field in her community. She also noted that the local chase the ace recently raised approximately \$83,000.

9. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair after the summer break.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kenny and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2017-015*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.*

## APPENDIX A

### APRIL RECORD OF DECISIONS (MOTIONS)

MOTION NUMBER (Ref#)	MOTION TYPE	DETAILS
SSJC2017-012	Agenda	MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, that the Agenda of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of June 1, 2017, be adopted as tabled. Motion carried.
SSJC2017-013	Minutes	MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Ms. Power, that the Minutes of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of April 6, 2017, be adopted as tabled. Motion carried.
SSJC2017-014	Policy/Position	MOTION: It was moved by Ms. O'Brien and seconded by Ms. Power that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Works outlining the joint council's concerns with the ongoing construction, in particular the impact ongoing construction will have on the tourism industry. Motion carried.
SSJC2017-015	Adjournment	MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kenny and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.