

Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

MINUTES

June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Line Community Centre, 2 Neary Road, Paradise, NL

ATTENDEES:

- Joedy Wall, Pouch Cove (Chair)
- Bill Antle, Mount Pearl (Vice Chair)
- Sam Whalen, Colliers (Treasurer)
- Deborah Quilty, Paradise
- Bridget Hynes, Colliers
- Corrina Martin, Flatrock
- Michelle Martin, Flatrock
- Madonna Stewart-Sharpe, Portugal Cove-St. Philips
- Kevin Costello, Holyrood
- Mike Doyle, Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview
- Craig Williams, Conception Harbour
- Jamie Korab, St. John's
- Bradley Power, Eastern Regional Service Board & Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove

PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joedy Wall at 6:35 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Antle, seconded by Ms. M. Martin, that the agenda be adopted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

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3. **DELEGATION(S)**

- a) **Neil Dawe, Tract Consulting:**

Mr. Neil Dawe and Ms. Corrina Dawe thanked the joint council for the opportunity to meet and present on municipal asset management and the work Tract Consulting Inc. is doing throughout the region. Mr. Dawe used a PowerPoint presentation which is included as an attachment to this document.

Mr. Dawe took questions after the presentation concluded:

1. What is the biggest barrier to communities engaging in the development of an Asset Management Plan? Cost is not always a barrier; most plans are relatively low cost. Land ownership is an issue in most, if not all communities.
2. How much funding can a community attain from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for the development of a plan? FCM offers up to \$60,000 to successful municipal applicants. This funding is for maps, basic infrastructure analysis, and identifying the life expectancy of current infrastructure. The mapping process prioritizes the asset management process.
3. How can communities in the Northeast Avalon partner to complete Asset Management Plans? Each community must apply individually, but the work gets grouped and married together once completed.
4. Is there any risk to the consultant that they will not get paid from FCM? Consultants recognize there is some risk, but they typically negotiate an upfront payment with the municipality, which will lessen the risk to a certain degree.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Whalen, that the Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **Ban The Bag Campaign:** The Chair noted the Ban the Bag NL campaign is once again picking up steam. He noted that the joint council and a number of the member communities have sent letters in support of the one-use plastic bag ban to Municipalities NL and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. He asked that those communities who have not yet written a letter please do so as soon as possible. Letters should be copied to Mr. Power for file as well.
- b) **Summer Social:** The NEAJC Summer Social will be held at the St. John's Convention Centre on Friday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. Those who have yet to register are asked to do so as soon as possible. The budget for this event is \$2,500 from the NEAJC.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Whalen delivered the financial report:

- The current bank balance is \$13,949.44.
- There are no outstanding accounts payable.
- In terms of accounts receivable, remittance of 2018 membership payments is almost complete. The cheque from the final community has been issued.
- The only anticipated payable before the meeting in September will be the cost of the Summer Social in June.

Councillor C. Marin left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Whalen, seconded by Ms. Hynes, that the Treasurer's Report for June 2018 be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

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7. EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Whalen delivered a report on behalf of Eastern Regional Service Board:

The ERSB met last on Wednesday, April 25.

The Board discussed a number of key issues, including Board Expenditures, 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events, and the investment of Reserve Funds. A handout regarding the Board's investments is provided tonight for you information.

Eastern Waste Management offers free household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events for residents across the Eastern Region each June and September. Materials from contractors and business will not be accepted at household hazardous waste collection events.

Household hazardous wastes are the left-over products from hazardous products used in the home. Some of these wastes exhibit poisonous, combustible, explosive and/or flammable properties. When compared with other types of wastes, HHW are a small component of the waste stream.

The HHW drop off events will take place on June 2 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), or June 9 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), at the following locations respectively:

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- North Shore (Small Point-Adam's Cove-Blackhead-Broad Cove) - Ronnie Johnson Community Centre
- Bay de Grave Fire Hall
- Hant's Harbour Fire Hall
- Heart's Delight-Islington Fire Hall
- Trinity South Central (Whiteway) Fire Hall
- Upper Island Cove Fire Hall
- Winterton Fire Hall
- Whitbourne Fire Hall

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- Bay Bulls Waste Recovery Facility
- Colliers Fire Hall
- Conception Harbour Fire Hall
- Fermeuse Fire Hall
- Holyrood Fire Hall
- Mount Carmel-Mitchell's Brook, St. Catherine's Fire Hall

- St. Joseph's Fire Hall
- St. Vincent's-St. Stephen's-Peter's River Fire Hall
- Trepassy Fire Hall

The HHW collection event schedule for September 2018 will be posted in August.

At the recent Board meeting, we also discussed a waste operations report for the first quarter of 2018, as well as a client engagement strategy for the future.

In terms of the Board's activity in the first quarter related to waste collection, the full report can be found in the minutes of the May Board meeting online.

In regard to overall collections:

- There has been a small change in the curbside diversion rate: 2.5% in 2014 / 2.7% in 2015 / 3.5% in 2016 and 3.1% in 2017 and 4.2% to date in 2018.
- The ERSB is seeing an overall decrease in waste collected. Total waste collected in 2017 was 15,990,900 Kgs, while anticipated values for 2018, including new service on Bell Island, are expected to be approximately 14,500,000 Kgs.

In regard to activity at Waste Recover Facilities:

- Waste removal from the WRFs is up from Q1 of 2017 by over 775,000 Kgs and up from Q1 of 2016 by over 1,050,000 Kg.

All this information and more can be found on the ERSB website.

Joint council members are also reminded the monthly Board meetings are open to the public. The next one will take place on Wednesday, June 27.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- RCMP Auxiliary Program:** Mr. Power noted that other joint councils were writing letters to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to express concern over the cancellation of the RCMP Auxiliary Program. This program sees noncommissioned, volunteer members go into school to teach public education programs. Mr. Power noted a new auxiliary program was implemented in January per a new release he distributed. The Chair suggested Mr. Power follow-up with the Assistant Commissioner to determine if in fact the program was cancelled. If so, the joint council will write a letter of support for it to be re-installed immediately.
- Business Outlook for Fall 2018:** The Chair noted members should begin thinking about what issues the joint council will tackle in the fall. Some ideas that were presented during a roundtable were:
 - Public opinion polling on an issue of importance to the region; and,
 - Public campaign for the banning of one-use plastic bags.

Mr. Power indicated he has noted the ideas presented, and encouraged everyone to come back with additional ideas at the next meeting.

- c) **MP and MHA Attendance at Meetings:** Mr. Power noted that some Members of Parliament and Members of the House of Assembly would like to get engaged in the joint council discussion. He said other joint councils invite their local MP(s) and MHA(s) as regular monthly speakers. In those areas, there is usually only one MP and maybe two or three MHAs. The Northeast Avalon has a significantly larger number of MPs and MHAs. The group agreed to invite one MP or MHA per meeting beginning in October or November 2018.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Antle, seconded by Mr. Korab, that a Member of Parliament and/or Member of the House of Assembly be invited to address the Northeast Avalon Joint Council at each future meeting beginning in the fall of 2018. All in favour. Motion carried.

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- d) **Eastern Regional Service Board Survey:** Mr. Power noted that the ERSB is undertaking a survey of joint council members regarding the future direction of that organization. He brought along tablets for members to complete the 2 minute survey. He asked as many members as possible to complete the survey and help guide the ERSB into the future. The Chair noted this is a unique opportunity to influence the Board's future direction and encouraged everyone to participate.

9. ROUNDTABLE

- a) **Civic Numbering:** Ms. M. Martin brought up the issue of civic numbering in all communities. She encouraged those who have yet to enact a policy in this regard to do so as soon as possible to support first responders. The Chair noted NL911 Bureau is working on a new process in this regard. They hope to have guidelines released in the near future. He added that education for 911 operators is also essential. Residents also need to know exactly where they live, too. Some disregard current street names and refer to their location based on historical street names. This could mean the difference between life and death. The group agreed this should be a priority for all municipalities.
- b) **Heart and Stroke Foundation Golf Tournament:** The Chair noted that the Town of Pouch Cove would be hosting a golf tournament at Clovelly Golf on July 24 in aid of the Heart and Stroke Foundations. Registration is \$75 per person. The event is sponsored by Telus. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Mr. Wall or the Pouch Cove town office.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2018 in the Town of Paradise.

11. ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Whalen that the meeting adjourn.
All in favour. Motion carried.*

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.