

Clarenville-Random Island-The Sounds Joint Council

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Bill Davis Chalet, Elizabeth Swan Park, Tilley's Road, Clarenville, NL

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Bill Bailey, Clarenville (Acting Chair)
- Bob Gammon, Random Sound West
- Paul Richards, George's Brook-Milton
- Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton
- Dave Adams, George's Brook-Milton
- Craig Pardy, George's Brook-Milton
- Morgan Ellis, George's Brook-Milton
- Gardner Carberry, Burgoyne's Cove
- Ralph Froude, Burgoyne's Cove
- Roy Marsh, Hickman's Harbour
- Elizabeth Marsh, Hickman's Harbour
- Jennifer Lambert, Caplin Cove-Southport
- Valerie Johnson, Caplin Cove-Southport

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ken Kelly, Eastern Regional Service Board
- Bradley Power, Joint Council Coordinator

REGRETS:

- Terry Ings, Smith Sound

PROCEEDINGS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Bailey, Clarenville Town Councillor, at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Bailey, as the regional representative on the Eastern Regional Service Board, will serve as acting Chair of the joint council until such time as an Annual General Meeting is held and an election of officers takes place.

2. WELCOME FROM HOST COMMUNITY

Mr. Bailey welcomed everyone to the Town of Clarenville. He said the town was pleased to host the inaugural joint council meeting on behalf of all communities in the region.

Mr. Bailey outlined how the first joint council meeting came about, and he explained the free service the Eastern Regional Service Board will provide in terms of logistics and administration for the group.

3. ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

A roundtable introduction took place. All members noted their name, their position, and the community they represent. There were 15 people in attendance representing 6 communities.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as tabled. Moved by Ms. Johnson; Seconded by Mr. Pardy. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

5. OVERVIEW OF JOINT COUNCILS IN THE EASTERN REGION

Mr. Bradley Power, Board Clerk and Outreach Coordinator at the Eastern Regional Service Board, delivered an overview of the purpose and composition of joint councils. The presentation (attached) included an overview of all operational joint councils, regional committees and joint mayors' association in the Eastern Region (St. John's to Clarendville). It also noted new proposed regional groups that he is working to create, so to ensure all communities in the region are represented by a joint council.

Mr. Power went on to outline how joint councils currently operate in terms of having a Chair/Vice Chair, membership fees, meeting documentation and so on.

Mr. Power also provided his advice on what will make a joint council successful, such as set meeting dates, a constitution and code of conduct, etc.

Mr. Power provided some examples of success from other joint councils. He explained that these groups have been very successful in advancing issues of regional importance.

Mr. Power concluded by highlighting an upcoming Joint Council Summit in St. John's where all currently operational joint councils, regional committees and joint mayors' associations will come together and have a day-long session to talk about issues of common importance. He encouraged representatives from the area to attend. Registration is free.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Joint Council Constitution:** Mr. Bailey noted a draft constitution that was distributed to all those in attendance. He then asked Mr. Power to walk everyone through the draft document.

The group discussed the draft constitution for approximately 30 minutes. Suggestions and notes were recorded by Mr. Power and an updated version will be distributed at the next meeting.

- b. **Process for Selection of a Chair:** Mr. Bailey noted that he will serve as acting Chair until and election of officers takes place.

Mr. Power suggested that an Annual General Meeting be held in November. The AGM would take place before the regular meeting and will include the election of officers. Moving forward, the AGM will include a report from the Chair, as well as other reports as deemed necessary per the constitution (when adopted).

- c. **Meeting Dates:** Mr. Bailey suggested that the joint council have a regularly scheduled meeting date. Mr. Power said this is common with the other joint

councils. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Power was instructed to poll all communities to determine the best possible date for future meetings.

- d. **Advocacy/Agenda Issues:** Mr. Bailey noted that the joint council's purpose will be to advocate and advance issues affecting all communities in the region. A discussion then took place to compile a list of issues the group could look into. The issues included:

- Fire and Emergency Services
- Community Ambulance Services
- Walking Trails and Tourism
- Economic Development
- Marinas
- Roads and Road Maintenance
- Limitations of Local Service Districts

Mr. Power also noted that most joint councils coordinate a presenter on a topic of interest to the group at each of their meetings. Mr. Power noted that Recreation NL is already interested in speaking with the group. These presenters could also include MPs, MHAs and other key community leaders. Per the constitution, these delegations will be given a certain amount of time to present, with additional time for questions. All presentation requests must be approved at least by the Chair and Vice Chair, but requests should be brought to the overall group for approval where possible.

7. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

- A short roundtable took place allowing communities to raise issue of importance to their community.
- Mr. Pardy discussed ambulance services in his community. He was surprised to learn there's a 20 minute delay for ambulances responding to his area. He said he is quite concerned.
- Mr. Carberry noted his community has similar concern with the local ambulance service. It takes approximately one hour to get a response his him area.
- Mr. Pardy also noted the lost opportunities in the region related to tourism on account of the road conditions and whatnot in the area. He said all communities need to come together and advocate for a greater investment in this area.
- Mr. Ellis said that his community has focused on recruiting teachers and other who work in the community to support fire and medical calls. This is extremely important when fire departments struggle to find members on account of people working out of the province.

- Mr. Pardy suggested that the region look at walking and hiking trail development. He said ACOA has supported groups in the past and it might be a good idea to have someone come in a talk about the issue with the group.
- Mr. Bailey said he would like to see all communities in the area explore opportunities to partner on marina and trail development, too.
- Mr. Gammon thanked the Eastern Regional Service Board for supporting the development of a joint council for the area. He is very excited to see how everything goes.

8. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Bailey asked Mr. Power to send out a poll to all communities to determine the next meeting date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Seeing no further business to be discussed by the joint council, Be it Resolved that the meeting adjourn until the Call of the Chair. Moved by Mr. Pardy; Seconded by Mr. Gammon. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

WHAT IS A JOINT COUNCIL?

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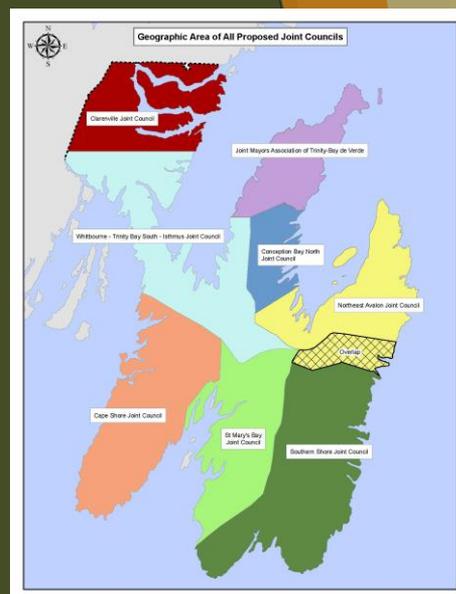
- ▶ An association of communities in a geographic area that share common issues and concerns related to local governance.
- ▶ Typically comprised of incorporated municipalities, as well as local service districts in some cases.
- ▶ No legislative authority. Combined and strategic advocacy to groups or other levels of government is the primary goal.
- ▶ Discuss issues like regional service sharing (snow clearing, animal control, regional land use planning, etc.), economic development, and the greater utilization of current resources and infrastructure.
- ▶ Great opportunity to network on a regular basis with neighbouring communities.
- ▶ By working together, joint councils can make communities stronger and more influential on issues of regional importance.

ACTIVE JOINT COUNCILS

- ▶ Joint Council of Conception Bay North
- ▶ Northeast Avalon Joint Council
- ▶ Southern Shore Joint Council
- ▶ Joint Mayors Association of Trinity-Bay de Verde
- ▶ Others:
 - ▶ Isthmus Regional Committee
 - ▶ Killick Coast Regional Mayors Committee

PROPOSED NEW JOINT COUNCILS

- ▶ Clarenville-Random Island Area Joint Council
- ▶ Whitbourne-Trinity Bay South-Isthmus Joint Council
- ▶ **St. Mary's Bay Joint Council**
- ▶ Cape Shore Joint Council



HOW JOINT COUNCILS OPERATE

- ▶ Chair/Vice Chair
 - ▶ Secretary/Treasurer (Optional)
 - ▶ Coordinator
- ▶ Membership Fees (Optional)
- ▶ Agenda/Minutes/Reports
- ▶ Advocacy Calendar/Issues Management
- ▶ Delegations/Presentations [MPs, MHAs, etc.]
- ▶ Community Roundtable

WHAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED

- ▶ Regularly Scheduled Meeting (Monthly or Quarterly) and Location
- ▶ Chair/Vice Chair
- ▶ Code of Conduct/Constitution/Policy Manual
- ▶ Advocacy Calendar
- ▶ Coordination Support (ERSB)
- ▶ Willing Participants

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESS

- ▶ By leveraging the support of the Eastern Regional Service Board, other Joint Councils have been successful in the following initiatives:
 - ▶ Safety Improvements on the Veterans Memorial Highway
 - ▶ Development of an Economic Development Attractions Package
 - ▶ **Fire Truck for Heart's Content Regional Volunteer Fire Department**
 - ▶ MMSB Recycling Project in Brigus
 - ▶ Cell Phone Service EOI
 - ▶ Assessment Commissioner EOI
 - ▶ Plastic Bag Ban Research Project

The Joint Council Coordinator can be utilized to study regional service issues, such as a proposal to partner on a new service like regional municipal enforcement, regional water technicians, etc.

Grand Joint Council Summit

- ▶ In November 2018, all operational joint councils will come together for a summit to discuss issues pertinent to the entire Eastern Region.
- ▶ **Meeting will be in St. John's, hosted by the Northeast Avalon Joint Council and ERSB.**
- ▶ Summit will include presentations, information sessions, joint discussions, etc.
- ▶ Stronger voice when we work cooperatively.
- ▶ Annual event.

