

JOINT MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF TRINITY-BAY DE VERDE

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m.
Heart's Content, NL

ATTENDANCE:

15 attendees representing 6 communities

PROCEEDINGS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clayton Branton at 8:05 p.m. He thanked the Town of Heart's Content for hosting the general meeting and annual general meeting of the Joint Mayors' Association of Trinity-Bay de Verde.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, September 19, 2018 were presented for review and approval.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bren Power and seconded by Ms. Zoe Doucette that the minutes of September 19, 2018 be adopted with the revisions. All in favour. Approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Fall Social Event: The Chair noted that the date for the social event has changed. It will now be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 in Heart's Content. The community centre and DJ have been booked, and invitations have been sent out. Communities and fire departments are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible. The budget for the event is set at \$1,000.

Cell Phone Service Expression of Interest: Mr. Burrige suggested that all towns issue a letter of support for the association's expression of interest for

enhanced cell service in the area. Mr. Power will draft a letter to all communities for the next meeting outlining our request.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Peter Burridge and seconded by Mr. Bren Power - Be it resolved that the Joint Mayors' Association of Trinity-Bay de Verde request each community to write a letter of support for the Expression of Interest being developed for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Cell Phone Pilot Project. All in favour. Approved.

Ambulance Service Update: The Chair and Mr. Bren Power provided an update regarding the ongoing issue affecting ambulance operators throughout the province. Where the situation is still unclear, and the advocacy by the ambulance operators is ongoing, there is not yet a need for the association to write a letter of support. The ambulance operators' convention is on November 4 in Gander. More information is expected to come from that gathering.

Mr. Bradley Power provided the group with a copy of the most recent media article on the topic. The Minister of Health and Community Services has confirmed there will be no increase in operational funds or new services developed until 2020 or later.

The Chair said this is of serious concern for everyone. The association will await the right time to forward a letter of support for the ambulance operators to Minister John Haggie. Mr. Bren Power said all communities will be asked to write individual letters as well.

The Chair then provided an overview of his frustration regarding training for ambulance operators. He outlined how operators were under the impression that government would pay the cost of additional training for EMRs, but found out recently that they will not. This is a big financial burden for towns and an unfair approach to an already bad situation between operators and the government. He will provide an update as one becomes available.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Coombs delivered the financial report. The current bank balance is \$2070.10.

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Lori Hiscock and seconded Ms. Trudy Martin that the financial report for October 2018 be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1.Premier’s Forum and MNL Convention Update: Mr. Bradley Power gave an update on what went on at the convention. Some of the sessions were beneficial, but some were repetitive from previous years. He said the conference addressed a number of topics, such as regional governance, new municipal legislation, asset management, among others. He said MNL is going a good job by bringing people together to learn from one another. These conventions are very important.

The Chair noted that MNL wants to make 911 mandatory and it will have a cost to towns. He said civic numbering is the greatest barrier. He also added that it seems dispatch centers will also be looking into getting placed into the province at a local cost. This will have to be monitored moving forward.

5.2.Joint Council Summit in St. John’s: The Chair and Mr. Bradley Power gave an update on the upcoming joint council summit. This event will see representatives from all joint councils, regional committees and mayors’ associations come together for an afternoon of discussions and planning. There is no cost to register for the summit, and travel expenses will be covered up to \$300 per regional group. Mr. Power said this is the first event of its kind and he encouraged everyone to attend.

5.3.Tract Tourism Project: Mr. Bradley Power gave an update on the presentation delivered by Neil Dawe and Tract Consulting last month. The proposed cost of the project would amount to \$15,000-\$20,000 for the towns involved. ACOA and the Provincial Government would hypothetically cover the other 75%. The Chair suggested that Mr. Power write a letter to all communities for the next meeting that will outline the potential cost of this project and request towns note their interest (and budget for their contribution accordingly).

5.4.Municipal Capital Works Call for Applications: Mr. Bradley Power reminded those in attendance that the 2019-20 Municipal Capital Works proposal deadline is December 21, 2018.

5.5. Demographic Change and Regionalization of Public Services: Mr. Bradley Power provided members with a copy of a report titled Demographic Change and Regionalization of Public Services. The report was written by Mr. Pat Curran, and supported by the MUN Harris Centre. He added that Mr. Curran would be giving an overview of the report at the upcoming Joint Council Summit. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

6. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

There were now community reports or additional issues raised.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held in Old Perlican on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at approximately 9:30 p.m.

**Submitted by: Kimberly Coombs
 Secretary/Treasurer
 11/21/2018**