

Clarenville and The Sounds Joint Council

MINUTES

Monday, January 28, 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Bill Bailey, Clarenville (Acting Chair)
- Gardner Carberry, Burgoyne's Cove
- Ralph Froude, Burgoyne's Cove
- Peggy Hogan, Caplin Cove-Southport
- Valerie Johnson, Caplin Cove-Southport
- Jennifer Lambert, Caplin Cove-Southport
- Paul Tilley, Clarenville
- Morgan Ellis, George's Brook-Milton
- Craig Pardy, George's Brook-Milton
- Harvey Drover, Hodge's Cove
- Sabrina Fazio-Stringer, Hodge's Cove
- Cam Martin, Hodge's Cove
- Wilf Trahan, Hodge's Cove
- Bob Gammon, Random Sound West
- Lloyd Phillips, Random Island West

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Bradley Power, Joint Council Coordinator

REGRETS:

- None

PROCEEDINGS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairperson, Councillor Bill Bailey, at 7:35 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Carried Unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Minutes of the meeting on November 26, 2018 be adopted with edits made for errors/omissions. Moved by Ms. Johnson; Seconded by Mr. Gammon. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Update on Joint Council Constitution:

The second version of the draft Joint Council constitution was presented for review.

Mr. Martin noted that the constitution should include better formatting, with section numbers specifically. He also suggested that the Executive Committee as outlined maintains a lot of power that could be misconstrued/misused. He suggested the Executive Committee be removed. He also added that there should be no terms limits for those serving on the Joint Council.

The group agreed with the commentary from Mr. Martin. Mr. Power was directed to update the constitution and present version 3 at the next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Planning Session: The group agreed to participate in a strategic planning session on Wednesday, May 22. The time and location will be confirmed as the date approaches.

b. Waste Management Review: Mr. Bailey noted that a review of the Provincial Waste Management Strategy is ongoing. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Mr. Tilley asked if the administrative support provided to the Joint Council by Mr. Power could be impacted by the review. Mr. Power noted that it is unclear if his services will be impacted.

c. Exemption Process for Eastern Waste Management: Mr. Power noted that the Eastern Regional Service Board is currently reviewing its waste fee exemption process based on a request from the Joint Council. The review is currently in the hands of the ERSB Strategy and Policy Committee. A decision on the request will be made in the near future by the Board of Directors. Mr. Power or Mr. Bailey will provide additional updates as the process unfolds.

Mr. Gammon noted that the current exemption process is excessive in that it requires a property owner to board up their property in order to be exempt. These properties then become an eyesore and potentially decreases their value.

- d. **MNL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting:** Mr. Power noted that registration is open for the upcoming Municipalities NL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend this valuable two-day session. Additional information can be found on the MNL website.
- e. **Request from MHA Ches Crosbie, Leader of the Official Opposition:** Mr. Bailey noted the meeting request received recently from the Leader of the Official Opposition, MHA Ches Crosbie. The group agreed to invite Mr. Crosbie to a future meeting of the Joint Council. All other political party leaders will be invited to attend future meetings as well. Mr. Power was tasked with writing letters to the respective party leaders requesting their attendance at Joint Council.
- f. **Request from Assistant Commissioner Ches W. Parsons, RCMP-NL:** Mr. Power noted that the Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP has requested some time on the Joint Council agenda to speak about policing in the region. The group agreed that Mr. Parsons is welcome to attend, as well as the local Commanding Officer at the Clarenville Detachment, Staff Sgt. Larry Turner. Mr. Power will coordinate the A/Commissioner's attendance in the next month or two.
- g. **General Memo from Fire Commissioner's Office – Adoption of New Code Editions:** A memo from the Fire Commissioner's office was tabled for information for those communities with local volunteer fire departments.

6. COMMUNITY REPORTS

A short roundtable took place allowing members to raise issues of importance to their community:

- a. **George's Brook-Milton:** Mr. Pardy noted that his town has purchased their first piece of equipment, a new F250 pick-up truck. He also noted that his town has had some internal discussion about ambulance service in region, but feels it is less of an issue for their community than others because of their proximity to the health centre in Clarenville.
- b. **Caplin Cove-Southport:** Ms. Johnson noted that some progress has been made as of late on their water system. An assessment was completed, but they are now waiting on government to do some additional groundwork. She will update the Joint Council as things progress.
- c. **Hodge's Cove:** Mr. Smith noted that the LSD of Hodge's Cove is working on a fleet replacement plan for their local fire department. He added that they receive a lot of medical calls throughout the year.

- d. **Burgoyne's Cove:** Mr. Froude noted that snow clearing in his community is satisfactory, but road maintenance is very poor. He feels this is consistent across the region and the group agreed.

Mr. Gammon said he feels tourism is suffering in the region as a result of the poor road conditions. Roads in Northwest Brook in particular are in extremely poor condition. The group suggested that Mr. Power reach out to Minister Steve Crocker from the Department of Transportation and Works, and local MHAs, to attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

- e. **Clarendville:** Mr. Tilley noted the ongoing challenges surrounding the condition of Shoal Harbour Bridge. He anticipates some safety signage and traffic controls will be put in place soon as a result. The cost to replace the bridge is estimated at \$4 million. The town has applied to the Provincial Government for financial support.

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Joint Council write a letter to the Provincial Government supporting the Town of Clarendville's efforts to replace the Shoal Harbour Bridge. Moved by Mr. Gammon; Seconded by Ms. Hogan. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Tilley also provided an update on White Hills Ski Resort. He noted the facility is a regional asset, and its success is dependent on the weather. He noted that the Town of Clarendville provides financial support for the facility's operation, which is repaid each year. The Town also supports annual capital expenditures at the hill, which is an important investment in the facility. White Hills provides many benefits to the local economy and is an important part of the region. If the facility fails (for whatever reason), it will significantly impact the region in terms of lost jobs, lost economic spin-offs, etc.

Mr. Pardy said recreation in general should receive more support from the Provincial Government. He feels the income taxes paid by residents should cover the operating costs of the facilities. He suggested the Joint Council write a letter to the Provincial Government expressing support for White Hills and request that a provincial operating grant be provided to help keep the ski hill open.

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Joint Council write a letter to the Provincial Government advocating for operational funding for White Hill Ski Resort, and a greater focus on recreational funding for the region as a whole. Moved by Mr. Tilley; Seconded by Mr. Pardy. All in Favour.

Carried Unanimously.

- f. **Random Sound West:** Mr. Gammon said his community is working on an upgrade to their local water supply. They added a new well to the system recently.

The LSD is looking for a new water supply. The next couple of months are going to be very important.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the joint council will take place on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Mr. Bailey will reach out to request Fewer's Ambulance attend the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Seeing no further business to be discussed by the Joint Council, Be it Resolved THAT the meeting adjourn. Moved by Mr. Foude; Seconded by Mr. Pardy.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 p.m.