

## SOUTHERN SHORE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

# MINUTES

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Ferryland Town Office, NL-10, Ferryland, NL

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### ATTENDEES:

- Harold Muldowney, Bay Bulls (Chair)
- Joan Luby, Bay Bulls
- Hannah Power, Tors Cove
- Diane Tee, Burnt Cove
- Bev O'Brien, Cape Broyle
- Gerard Conway, Renewes
- Jerome Kenny, Fermuse
- Lucy Carew, Witless Bay
- Jerome Croft, Aquaforte
- Debbie Windsor, Aquaforte
- Rene Estrada, Witless Bay
- Harry Bryan, Ferryland
- Bradley Power, Eastern Regional Service Board

### DELEGATION(S):

- Mike Rose and Pat Curran, Fermuse Enterprises Ltd.

### REGRETS:

- Sean Walsh, Ferryland (Vice Chair)
- Ken McDonald, Member of Parliament
- Keith Hutchings, Member of the House of Assembly

### PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Chair.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Power and seconded by Ms. Luby, that the Agenda of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of November 8, 2018, be adopted with the additions. All in favour. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2018-030*

3. **DELEGATION**

- a. **Mike Rose, Fermuse Enterprises Ltd.:**

Mr. Mike Rose and Mr. Pat Curran delivered a presentation on a proposed new marine service facility in Fermuse to support offshore oil exploration and development (PowerPoint presentation attached). The initiative is being led by Fermuse Enterprises Ltd.

Mr. Rose explained that Fermuse Enterprises Ltd. was formed in 2009. Their proposed development would include millions of dollars of private investment, along with support from the provincial and federal governments. It would effectively create the largest offshore service site in Eastern Canada.

Since 2014, significant project scoping and development planning has taken place. The vast majority of planning and environmental assessments are now completed, and construction can begin.

Mr. Rose showed an overview of the project and a video of a rendering of what Fermuse Harbour would look like when the project is complete.

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Te5PyccqVJA>

Mr. Croft asked whether the project will include roadwork or improvements to the local transportation network. Mr. Rose acknowledged many local roads are in need of upgrades, but he is confident the vast majority of work at the site will be what's known as "in by sea, out by sea", and the impact on local transportation networks should be minimal. Mr. Estrada reiterated Mr. Croft's comments and said the two levels of government need to look into this issue before issuing any approvals.

Mr. Bryan inquired about the project timeline. Mr. Rose noted there will be backload of work in 2020-2025, which is what they want to capitalize on. He expects the site could be up and running (to a certain extent) in a year, once construction begins. He is hopeful construction will begin in the near future once all final permits are in place. Mr. Rose said it is sad to see so much work for the offshore being done in other provinces and countries. He wants Newfoundland to be the prime beneficiary for anything happen of our shores. The owners of Fermuse Enterprises Ltd. feel the same way, hence why they are investing here.

Ms. Luby asked if the noise, light and fumes from the site were considered. Mr. Rose said they were. He added that some parts of the design address these issues up front.

Ms. Windsor asked about employment and whether locals will be considered for positions on the site. Mr. Rose said the construction process will employ hundreds, while the operation and the other businesses that will cluster around the site will employ hundreds more. This is a big opportunity for the region in that regard.

Mr. Mallowney thanked Mr. Rose and Mr. Curran for their presentation. He suggested a meeting of all councils and committees be convened in the New Year as the project proceeds. Mr. Rose said he is more than happy to accommodate that request.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

***MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Croft, seconded by Ms. Luby, that the Minutes of the Southern Shore Joint Council meetings of October 11, 2018 be adopted with the noted changes. All in favour. Motion carried.***

***Ref#: SSJC2018-031***

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

##### **a. La Mache Park:**

Mr. Power confirmed that a meeting with the manager of La Manche Provincial Park has been arranged for Monday, November 26. Mr. Mallowney, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Tee would be in attendance. An update will be provided at the next joint council meeting.

Ms. O'Brien gave an overview of the ideas she has compiled for improvements at the park from council members and the general public (via Facebook). She said to reach out to Mr. Power if anyone has any additional items they would like added to the list for the meeting.

##### **b. Mistaken Point:**

Mr. Mallowney highlighted a news release that was distributed announcing the appointees to the newly established Mistaken Point World Heritage Advisory Council.

##### **c. Quarry Development Letter for Approval:**

Mr. Mallowney read a draft letter regarding the concerns the joint council has about quarry development on the Sothern Shore. The letter is addressed to Minister Siobhan Coady. Mr. Power will ensure the letter is delivered.

#### **6. EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD (ERSB) UPDATE:**

Mr. Mallowney delivered the regular monthly report from the Eastern Regional Service Board.

The Board met on Wednesday, October 24. At that meeting members received an update from the City of St. John's on operations at the Robin Hood Bay Waste Management Facility.

The Board approved snow clearing contracts for 2018-19 for all of its facilities.

The 2019 ERSB Fee Schedule was also approved and was recently mailed to all communities. This is the 6th year in a row that fees will remain the same.

Members also received updates on the establishment of new joint councils throughout the Eastern Region, with the Clarenville and The Sounds Joint Council being the newest. That joint council includes 2 municipalities, and 10 local service districts. Three additional joint councils will be established over the next 3-4 months.

The Board approved a sponsorship of \$8,000 for the upcoming Joint Council Summit. All Board members and the Chair of ERSB will be in attendance.

The Board approved a new public engagement initiative and survey recently. The Board is seeking input from its clients throughout Eastern Newfoundland on current and future municipal service delivery. The initiative invites residents and property owners to answer a series of questions either online or by phone. Invites are being distributed by mail and through targeted traditional and digital media.

Finally, Joint Council members are reminded that ERSB monthly Board meetings are open to the public. The next one will take place on Wednesday, November 28 at the Fairfield Inn and Suites on Kenmount Road in St. John's.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Joint Council Summit:** Mr. Mallowney reminded everyone about the upcoming joint council summit in St. John's. Each joint council is permitted to send five to seven members. Those interested in attending should reach out to Mr. Power as soon as possible. Mr. Bryan, Mr. Estrada, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Windsor, Ms. Tucker and Ms. Luby expressed interest in attending. Mr. Power will follow-up with everyone regarding their attendance. Mr. Power also distributed the draft agenda for the summit.
- b. **Pre-Budget Consultation:** Mr. Mallowney reminded everyone of the pre-budget consultation for communities on the Southern Shore. The session, which is being hosted by MP Seamus O'Regan and MP Ken McDonald, will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Town of Ferryland.

- c. **Municipal Capital Works Program Update:** Mr. Mallowney noted the impending deadline for MCW projects proposals. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment by December 21, 2018.
- d. **Regional Collaboration Initiative:** Mr. Power highlighted the letter he drafted which was recently sent to all communities outlining the proposed regional collaboration initiative (as presented by Mr. Pat Curran at a previous joint council meeting). Members are asked to follow-u with their town staff regarding responding to this letter.

## 8. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

- a. **Community Policing Meeting:** Mr. Mallowney noted that MHA Hutchings pulled together a meeting recently in Bay Bulls regarding community policing. Those in attendance discussed the increase in crime in the region in recent months. RCMP representatives were also present and provided some good ideas to address the situation. The MHA and other participants will meet with RCMP again in January to discuss further potential solutions.
- b. **Brush Cutting:** Ms. Windsor asked whether anyone had received an update on the brush cutting that was to take place on Witless Bay Line. Mr. Power will follow-up with MHA Hutchings and/or the Department of Transportation and Works to get an update for the next meeting.

9. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Joint Council will take place in Ferryland on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the final meeting of 2018.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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***The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.***