

**JOINT MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF TRINITY-BAY DE VERDE**

# MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Heart's Desire, NL**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

11 attendees representing 5 communities

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mayor Clayton Branton, at 8:02 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked the Town of Heart's Desire for hosting the meeting.

### **2. DELEGATION(S)**

**Staff Sgt. Greg Hicks (Commanding Officer) and Cpl. Dave Hopkins (Supervisor) with the RCMP Detachment in Harbour Grace:**

Staff Sgt. Greg Hicks, CO for the local RCMP Detachment, thanked the association for the opportunity to attend and provide an update on policing in the area. He introduced Cpl. Dave Hopkins, who is the Supervisor for the area.

Staff Sgt. Hicks provided an overview of the number of calls for service in the area. In 2018, the detachment received 3,447 calls to service, with 816 being in the areas represented by the Association. The detachment serves 28 different communities and unincorporated areas in the region. These communities have a total population of over 17,000 people.

The RCMP Detachment in Harbour Grace has 17 employees. Currently there are two individuals on sick leave. Two brand new officers are expected to join the team in the very near future.

The detachment is focused heavily on impaired driving and road safety. They call on the highway patrol unit in Holyrood on a regular basis to support the area. In addition, the detachment is continuing to promote the TYRE program, which educates children and their families on ATV safety.

Staff Sgt. Hicks noted that calls to service for mental health-related issues continue to increase. When there are safety concerns, whether for the individual in crisis or others, police resources are allocated and they can get tied up at the hospital for many hours. This is a big challenge for the RCMP.

Mr. Burridge said that police presence in the area is extremely important for deterring crime. He said regular traffic patrols are their primary request to the police. Staff Sgt. Hick noted that resources are always spread thin. He said that they try to be in the community on a daily and weekly basis for simple traffic patrols. He encouraged towns in the area to advocate to the Assistant Commissioner for additional resources in the area when he visits next month.

Cpl. Hopkins reminded members that the RCMP maintain an operational office in the Old Perlican town hall. There is visitors log on site that shows each visit by police to the area. This log is available to any council that wishes to see it.

Mayor Cumby noted that the Town of Heart's Content wrote the Minister of Justice in Newfoundland and Labrador to advocate for additional police in the area. They did not have success in getting a positive response.

Some additional questions were brought forward by members present. Staff Sgt. Hicks provided insight as best as possible without breaking confidence. These specific cases in the community were discussed in camera.

Mayor Branton noted that the RCMP are interested in attending Association meetings each month moving forward. The group agreed this would be very beneficial for everyone involved.

***MOTION: Moved by Mr. Burridge and seconded by Mr. Rendell that the RCMP be made a standing delegation at each future meeting of the Joint Mayors' Association. The RCMP attendee(s) will be given 5-10 minutes each meeting to deliver a report and take questions from members present. All in Favour. Approved.***

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, November 21, 2018 were presented for review and approval.

***MOTION:** Moved by Mr. St. George and seconded by Mr. Rendell that the minutes of November 21, 2018 be adopted with the revisions. All in favour. Approved.*

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**Municipal Training:** Mr. Power continued to reach out to Mr. Peckford in regard to arranging a councillor training session. He will try once again in a few days. It is intended that this meeting will take place before the summer break.

**Cell Phone EOI Update:** Mr. Power noted that only four communities have submitted letter of support for the Cell Phone EOI application. He will reach out to those that have yet to submit a letter, but members present are encouraged to ask their town staff to complete this request as soon as possible.

The Association will receive a presentation from Mr. Colin Corcoran in the future. Mr. Corcoran was the architect of the St. Mary's Bay Cell Phone Tower Project. He will provide an overview of how the communities in his area came together and how they bridged the gap related to financing the project. This discussion will be organized before the summer break.

**Ambulance Services:** Mr. Power tabled a letter for review and approval. It was addressed to the Minister of Health and Community Services and requested an update on Government's plan for ambulance service in the region. The letter also noted the region's support for the community ambulance model, and the need for additional funding to deliver the service.

Mr. Branton noted that Minister Haggie will be meeting with the Community Ambulance Operators' Association in January/February. He will provide an update after he speaks with President Max Taylor following the meeting.

**Tourism and HeritageNL:** Mr. Power noted that he followed up with Mr. Dale Jarvis and Mr. Jerry Dick from HeritageNL regarding their work in the area. Mr. Jarvis suggested a joint meeting with members of the association and HeritageNL representatives. Mr. Dick will be back in town in a couple of weeks

and will reach out to setup a discussion. The Association agreed that Mayor Branton and Mr. Power should attend the meeting and report back to the group. The goal is for all communities and the local heritage groups to begin working collectively on tourism-related initiatives.

Mr. Branton noted that Mr. Jarvis will be meeting with the Town of Heart's Delight-Islington in the near future. They have a new heritage committee established in that community with over 500 members on their Facebook group already.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report for October and November was presented by Ms. Coombs. Expenses totaled \$1,566.64 for the period. There was no revenue noted. The current bank balance is \$504.46.

Membership invoices for 2019 have been sent out. The Association can expect the financial situation to improve in the coming months as annual fees are paid.

***MOTION: Moved by Ms. Coombs and seconded by Mr. Rendell that the financial report be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Approved.***

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Meeting Request from MHA Ches Crosbie:**

A request regarding MHA Ches Crosbie attending a future meeting of the Association was presented and discussed. The group agreed that Mr. Crosbie should be invited to a future meeting. The exact date will be determined by the Chair.

Mayor Branton noted other individuals who have expressed an interest in attending a future meeting, including MNL Director Trina Appleby, MP Churence Rogers, Minister Steve Crocker and

### **6.2 Meeting Request from MRON to Discuss Housing and Homelessness:**

A request regarding representatives of MRON attending a future meeting of the Association was presented and discussed. The group agree that MRON should be invited to a future meeting. The exact date will be determined by the Chair.

Ms. Coombs noted that MRON offers support to communities and groups who wish to apply for summer student jobs. Clients of MRON are available to fill those positions and their staff can support the application process. Ms. Coombs encouraged everyone to inform their councils of this opportunity and to call Holly Parsons if they have questions.

### **6.3 Pre-Budget Consultations:**

Mr. Power tabled a news release that outlined details of the upcoming pre-budget consultations being delivered by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. This was for informational purposes only.

### **6.4 MNL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting:**

Mr. Power tabled information regarding the upcoming MNL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting on February 1-2, 2019 in St. John's. The cost to register is \$130 per person. This was for informational purposes only.

### **6.5 Council Changes in New Perlican:**

Mayor Branton noted that Eric Hiscock is no longer the Mayor of New Perlican. Eric has moved to Nova Scotia with his family. The new Mayor is Ms. Trudi Martin. Ms. Melissa Fitzgerald is now Deputy Mayor. The Association offered their congratulations to Mayor Martin and Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald on being elected to their new roles.

## **7. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE**

### **7.1 Highway Cameras:**

Mr. Burridge suggested that the Association write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Works to have a highway camera installed on the Heart's Content Barrens. This would support safety on the road which is prone to snow drifts, whiteouts and other unsafe driving conditions.

***MOTION: Moved by Mr. Burridge and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Joint Mayors' Association write the Department of Transportation and Works to have a highway camera installed on the Heart's Content Barrens. All in Favour. Approved.***

**8. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held in Hant's Harbour on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. The Chair will confirm the location in the coming days.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at approximately 9:40 p.m.

**Submitted by:  
Kimberly Coombs  
Town of Heart's Desire  
Secretary/Treasurer  
2/20/2019**