

## SOUTHERN SHORE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

# MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Ferryland Town Office, NL-10, Ferryland, NL

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### ATTENDEES:

- Harold Mallowney, Bay Bulls (Chair)
- Rene Estrada, Witless Bay
- Sean Walsh, Ferryland
- Jerome Croft, Aquaforte
- Deborah Windsor, Aquaforte
- Gerard Conway, Renewes
- Joan Power, Trepassey
- Lucy Carew, Witless Bay
- Evelyn Tucker, Bay Bulls
- Eric Mahoney, Bay Nulls
- Joan Luby, Bay Bulls
- Diane Tee, Burnt Cove-St. Michaels-Bauline South
- Beverly O'Brien, Cape Broyle
- Ken Kelly, Eastern Regional Service Board

### Delegations:

- Jessica Puddister, Conservation Corp NL
- Samantha Peverill, Quest Canada/FCM
- Sgt. Frank Flynn, RCMP Ferryland Detachment

### PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Luby and seconded by Mr. Croft, that the Agenda of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of April 11, 2019 be adopted with the revisions. All in favour. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2019-008*

3. **DELEGATION**

a. **Jessica Puddister, Conservation Corp NL:**

Ms. Puddister and Ms. Peverill delivered a presentation on climate change mitigation. The presentation included examples of ways communities can address

climate change at the local level, as well as advice on how to fund infrastructure projects to mitigate against it. A copy of the Climate Change Toolkit referenced during the presentation can be downloaded at <https://municipalnl.ca/resources/tool-kits/>.

**b. Janice Ryan, Liberal Candidate for the District of Ferryland:**

Ms. Ryan introduced herself to the group. She is running for the Liberal Party in the District of Ferryland in the upcoming provincial election.

Ms. Ryan's family is from the area. She's worked for Whale Watch and many other local groups while making her way through university. She has worked with a lot of fisheries ministers over the last 20 years. She most recently worked with Minister Crocker and has been getting to know more about important issues through the Liberal caucus.

Ms. Ryan said she was planning to run in another four years, but was asked to run in Ferryland district this time around.

Ms. Ryan spoke about Witless Bay Line, domestic abuse issues, and how to expedite a crab license. She was also a fisheries observer in the past, so she truly understands the fishery.

Ms. Ryan's connection to west coast of the province opened her mind to agriculture and there are a lot of similarities to the fishery. She believes there's lots we can do to promote both industries.

In regard to her attendance tonight, Ms. Ryan simply wanted to start a conversation, which is how she has worked on all issues over the last 20 years. She loves working on the ground with people and communities. She asked for everyone's consideration on Election Day.

**c. Sgt. Frank Flynn, RCMP Ferryland:**

Sgt. Flynn provided an update from the local RCMP detachment. He began by providing an update on the DARE, Ice Safety and other public education programs currently being delivered by RCMP auxiliary officers in the community. He said great progress is being made on all fronts. He encouraged Joint Council members to spread word about the value of these programs and the positive impact they are having throughout the region.

Sgt. Flynn also noted that this is the start of the new fiscal year for the RCMP. The targets for this year have just reset and they will be working hard to keep the community safe. Joint Council members noted that they appreciate the additional patrols now occurring in school zones.

Sgt. Flynn encouraged communities to purchase new digital speed signs. They are working well in all communities. The data certain models collect can be used to guide RCMP traffic patrol efforts.

Sgt. Flynn noted that there is no update yet on break-in taking place in the region. They believe the criminals are coming from the St. John's area. Additional signage will be erected in cabin areas which will note regular RCMP patrols in the area. These signs have been successful in other areas. Anyone with suggestions on where signs should go up can reach out to Sgt. Flynn directly.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Luby, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Minutes of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of Thursday, March 14, 2019 be adopted with the revisions. All in favour. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: SSJC2019-009*

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Update on Physician Recruitment:** The Chair read out an update from Eastern Health regarding physician recruitment in the area. The e-mails are included below:

**From:** Judy O'Keefe  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019  
**To:** Bradley Power; Amy Howard  
**Subject:** Re: Trepassey

Hi Bradley, we have interviewed for the Nurse Practitioner position and hope to offer shortly. We also have negotiated an agreement with two physicians to provide coverage of two days per week (they will alternate weeks) beginning May 1. Interim, we are assessing whether we can provide temporary NP services to bridge us to May start with the physician/ NP team.

The agreement with the physicians is temporary and time limited to 6 months to allow us to assess demand and potential new model of service delivery. We have also been in discussions with MUN Medicine Division of Family Practice and may partner with them on a model similar to Ferryland. Again, we need to conduct a thorough review of patient demand and patient type to develop the collaborative team service model.

Hope this helps. We will certainly keep everyone informed as we know more and are continuing to develop the open town hall meeting idea that a few folks recommended when we were with you. Amy is leading on this file.

**Judy O'Keefe, MSW, RSW, CHE**  
**Vice President, Clinical Services**  
**Eastern Health**

Ms. Power noted that Eastern Health will be coming to Trepassy on April 25 or 26 to present an update to the community. She will let everyone know exactly when and where the meeting will take place.

## **6. EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD UPDATE**

The ERSB update was covered under New Business.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Update on Emergency Waste Management Meeting:**

Mr. Mallowney and Mr. Kelly provided an update on the emergency waste management meeting, which was held on April 6 in St. John's.

Approximately 96 people and 50 communities were represented at the meeting. The topics discussed included waste collection services at seasonal properties (and the Provincial Government's recent directives); waste diversion targets and anticipated costs; and, transportation issues and anticipated future costs for other parts of the province (and how this might affect the Eastern Region).

Mr. Kelly said the Eastern Regional Service Board is currently working on a plan to implement government's recent directive, specifically how to cease providing waste collection services on un-serviced roads. The deadline for the ERSB to submit a plan is June 30.

Joint Council members expressed their dissatisfaction with what government is doing in regard to changing waste management. They don't think it is fair. They also don't think government realizes the implications of their decisions.

Mr. Mallowney encouraged all communities to write the Minister and Premier with their thoughts on these issues. He also said the government's decision on the matter of seasonal properties will likely prevent the ERSB from delivering other services in those areas, too, like fire and emergency services. This is unfortunate, he said.

Mr. Kelly said the ERSB will send out a letter in the coming weeks to outline next steps, and how to advocate to government on this issue. Mr. Mallowney said government needs to hear our position on the issue, because all they are hearing now is criticism from people on Facebook.

### **b. Update on Regional Cooperation Initiative:**

Mr. Mallowney said that very few communities responded to the invitation to participate in a regional cooperation strategic planning initiative. He said about 50 people were required, but only 12 responses were received after multiple attempts. Mr. Mallowney will inform Mr. Curran that there wasn't enough interest to proceed and that the Joint Council will revisit the idea in the future. He will thank Mr. Curran for the work that has been completed to date.

c. **NEWS RELEASE: Municipal Infrastructure Funding:**

Mr. Mallowney tabled a news release from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. The release outlined municipal infrastructure projects approved recently by the Provincial Government. This was for information only.

d. **NEWS RELEASE: Plastic Bag Ban:**

Mr. Mallowney tabled another news release from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. This release outlined the new plastic bag ban. This was for information only as well.

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

- a. **La Manche Provincial Park:** Mr. Mallowney noted that no progress has been made in regard to the Joint Council's suggestions on how to improve La Manche Provincial Park. Minister Mitchelmore has not followed up like he committed to. The Joint Council suggested writing a letter to the Premier expressing displeasure for the way Minister Mitchelmore has treated the delegation.
- b. **Cost Share Rations for Municipal Infrastructure Funding:** Ms. O'Brien noted that MHA Keith Hitching stood in the House of Assembly recently and questioned government on why cost sharing ratios in this province are greater than what is permitted by the federal government. MHA Hutchings committed to bringing this forward for the Joint Council. Unfortunately, government's response didn't provide a rationale, they simply outlined the projects being funded. Joint Council members said this issue should be pursued further during the upcoming provincial election.

9. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Joint Council will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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