

Clareville and The Sounds Joint Council

MINUTES

Monday, November 26, 2018

Bill Davis Chalet, Elizabeth Swan Park, Tilley’s Road, Clareville, NL

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Bill Bailey, Clareville (Acting Chair)
- Bob Gammon, Random Sound West
- Darren Ellis, George’s Brook-Milton
- Brian Foley, George’s Brook-Milton
- Paul Richards, George’s Brook-Milton
- Gardner Carberry, Burgoyne’s Cove
- Ralph Froude, Burgoyne’s Cove
- Valerie Johnson, Caplin Cove-Southport

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Bradley Power, Joint Council Coordinator

REGRETS:

- None

PROCEEDINGS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, Councillor Bill Bailey, at 7:06 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Carried Unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Minutes be adopted as tabled with corrections to the noted errors/omissions. Moved by Mr. Gammon; Seconded by Mr. Richards. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Official Joint Council Name:

A brief discussion took place regarding the official name of the Joint Council.

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Joint Council be known as The Clarendville and The Sounds Joint Council. Moved by Ms. Johnson; Seconded by Mr. Richards. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

b. Updated Joint Council Constitution:

The Chair noted the updated constitution that was tabled, with suggested changes from the previous meeting incorporated. The constitution should be brought back to individual communities now for sanctioning. Communities are asked to provide an update on progress at the next Joint Council meeting. Once the constitution is adopted, an Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will be held.

c. Meeting Date for 2019:

A brief discussion took place regarding the date for future meetings in 2019.

MOTION: Be it resolved THAT the Clarendville and The Sounds Joint Council will meet on the last Monday of the month. Moved by Mr. Gammon; Seconded by Ms. Johnson. All in favour.

Carried Unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Joint Council Summit Update:

A short update was provided by Mr. Power in regard to the recent Inaugural Joint Council Summit. Mr. Power explained that the vast majority of participants found the meeting valuable. He is now working with the Joint Councils throughout the region to determine the date for the 2019 summit.

Mr. Gammon said the topics discussed at the summit were beneficial. Some of the topics did not affect local service districts, but they do in a round-about way. He added that as regional governance proceeds, it will become more and more important for local service districts to understand issues like authorities, land use planning, etc. Mr. Gammon also suggested the meeting be held on a Saturday to accommodate those who work throughout the week.

The Chair thanked everyone in the region who attended. He suggested Mr. Power send out details of the next summit as soon as they are available.

b. Community Ambulance Operators Association, Request for Letter of Support:

Mr. Power tabled a request from the Community Ambulance Operators Association (NLCAOA) who are looking for a letter of support from the Joint Council. The request stems from the NLCAOA's ongoing issue with the Provincial Government regarding contracts and funding.

Mr. Gammon noted that most communities in the area are supported by private ambulance operators, as opposed to community ambulance operators.

Mr. Froude suggested that a new Request for Proposals for ambulance services in the area might address some of the concerns that are currently present.

Mr. Froude also noted that the condition of roads in the area affect ambulance response times.

Mr. Carberry said the distance between communities is also an issue for the delivery of the service.

Mr. Gammon suggested that ambulances should be stationed no more than 20 minutes from an area they are responsible for servicing. The group agreed. He went on to suggest that fire halls could be satellite stations for the ambulanced.

Mr. Bailey said the Town of Clarendville used to operate its own ambulance at one point in time. He believes it provided a reasonable level of service. Mr. Bailey will reach out to Fewer's for more information about the ambulance service issue in this region specifically.

It was by consensus that the request from NLCAOA be deferred until such time as more research can be done regarding local ambulance services.

c. Overview of ERSB Fire & Emergency Services Mandate:

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Power distributed a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to the Eastern Regional Service Board, which outlined the Board's expanded mandate for providing fire and emergency services in communities and unincorporated areas throughout the Eastern Region. The letter was provided for information purposes only where there seemed to be some misinformation circulating in the community about what the expanded mandate can mean for communities.

d. ERSB Client Survey:

Mr. Power noted that the Eastern Regional Service Board released a survey recently for clients of the Board. He encouraged all those present to spread the work and encourage individuals to fill out a survey as soon possible. The results of the survey will be released publicly in 2019.

Mr. Gammon raised the issue of ERSB exemptions. He suggested that exemptions should not require that a property owner board up their home/cabin. He said it

affects a community in many ways when properties are boarded up, one being the effect on tourism. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Power will determine the process for having this policy reviewed. They will report back at the next meeting.

e. Strategic Planning Session:

Mr. Bailey noted that a strategic planning session for the Joint Council will be organized in 2019. The group, by consensus, suggested the session take place in May. By the next meeting, individuals will determine their availability in May and report back to the group with the goal of setting the exact date of the session then.

6. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

A short roundtable took place allowing communities to raise issues of importance to them:

- Ms. Johnson noted that a new water committee has been established in her community. They have since submitted a capital works application to the Provincial Government for upgrades to their system. There are approximately 30 homes on this system in the community of Southport. She will keep everyone updated on their future progress on this issue.
- Mr. Bailey noted the ongoing challenges with wastewater in his community. He asked if others have had similar experiences. Mr. Gammon added that his community has an issue implementing the new federal regulations as well. Others present also had the same problem.
- Mr. Gammon noted the challenges his town is experiencing with the new Public Procurement Act. He believes the new legislation has requirements that are prohibitive for some smaller communities. He suggested that more information about the legislation is needed before smaller communities can move forward. Mr. Power will reach out to ServiceNL to request a presentation on the new legislation in the future.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Joint Council will take place on Monday, January 28, 2019.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

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