

JOINT COUNCIL OF CONCEPTION BAY NORTH
OCTOBER 27th, 2016
SPANIARD'S BAY MUNICIPAL CENTER

In attendance:

Name	Town
Gordon Power, Chairperson	Cupids
Brenda Seymour	Spaniard's Bay
Marjorie Dawson	South River
Wayne Snow	Clarke's Beach
Kevin Connolly	Cupids
Betty Parsley	MHA (Harbour Main)
Andrew Robinson	Compass
Gordon Stone	Harbour Grace
Paul Brazil	Spaniard's Bay
Tracy Singleton smith	Spaniard's Bay
Tony Menchions	Spaniard's Bay
Frank Butt	Carbonear
Eric D. Jewer	Spaniard's Bay
Tony Dominix	Spaniard's Bay
Ralph Trickett	Brigus
Lewis Sheppard	Spaniard's Bay
Graham Letto	Parliamentary Secretary M/A
Terry	Harbour Grace
Betty Moore	Clarke's Beach

Chairperson Gordon Power called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

WELCOME

Chairperson Gordon Power welcomed Tracey Smith, new councillor for Spaniard's Bay to the Joint Council of CBN.

Mayor Tony Menchions of the Town of Spaniard's Bay welcomed all to the Municipal Center and invited everyone to explore the facility.

Chairperson Power welcomed all to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Tony Dominix to adopt the agenda

Seconded by Gordon Stone

Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Frank Butt to adopt minutes of September 26th, 2016 meeting

Seconded by Paul Brazil

Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Betty Moore spoke about wastewater testing regulations and efforts made by Wayne Rose of Brigus. He was speaking with Ken Carter at MP Ken McDonald's office and hopes to have information soon.

Paul Brazil commented on the discussions at the MNL Convention and the fact that small towns are finding it difficult to pay for the requirements of the wastewater management regulations, noting that much of the province is the same position. He also pointed out that areas having treatment plants in the past could not get the support they need to repair the plants, and many closed down. Betty Moore added that the government is staying with the 2020 deadline for compliance.

Members discussed regionalization and the possibility of adding a plebiscite to the ballot at the next municipal election to determine if residents are in favour of their towns engaging in discussions around regionalization. While many in attendance are in favour of a plebiscite, several members felt that this would have adverse affects on the elections as it could become the major campaign issue. Members discussed the time frame for implementing regionalization, which could be lengthy, and contacting other regionalized town to gain insight into the process. Overall, members express interest in moving

forward with regionalization and felt it would be good for the towns if implemented properly.

TRESURERS REPORT

Gordon Power reported the bank balance of \$2455.13 and noted that the 2017 bills would be sent out in January or February.

Motion by Ralph Trickett to accept financial report
Seconded by Tony Dominix
Motion Carried.

Betty Moore noted that Joint Council positions are elected for a 2 year term with members indicating their intensions after 1 year.

DELEGATES

The RCMP was unable to attend the meeting as there were only 3 officers covering all of CBN that night.

MHA Pam Parsons sent her regrets, thanking council for the invitation.

MHA Betty Parsley addressed the group indicating she was pleased to be there and to see the Mayors and Councillors. She was happy to see such interest in regionalization as it could be beneficial to towns and cut down on costs. Ms. Parsley indicated that Ministers Joyce and Hawkins were unable to attend and thanked Graham Letto for his presence.

Parliamentary Assistant Graham Letto thanked council for inviting Minister Joyce and expressed his regrets. Mr. Letto discussed the fiscal update, noting that the province is doing better. He commented on the significant contributions made to infrastructure and the provinces continued commitment into next year.

Mr. Letto commented on a good MNL convention, noting that the wastewater regulations were a concern as the province and towns cannot fund the initiative without federal government support. He advised that discussions are planned to work on the issue.

Mr. Letto fielded question and discussed issues with the group including:

- Substandard road construction, erosion, and difficulty in reaching the appropriate government representative to address the issue. MHA Parsley invited those concerned about road construction to contact her for assistance in connecting with the appropriate people.
- Overgrown vegetation on road sides.
- Crown land, the town's right to reserve, and cost/payment time frames. Mr. Letto advised of new procedures to expedite matters.

- Brenda Seymour applauded the provincial government for reducing middle management positions within its ranks, noting she would welcome further cuts in that area.
- Kevin Connolly raised questions about whether or not a town could operate without a Mayor. Mr. Letto and others commented that the position would typically be filled by the Deputy Mayor. Alternately, councillors could vote for a new mayor from the council body.

Chairperson Power thanked Mr. Letto for attending the meeting and addressing the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Power informed the gathering of a letter from MHA Pam Parsons, thanking the Joint Council of CBN for its part in keeping the Harbour Grace court house open.

Gordon Stone indicated that 9 of the 11 town that make up the joint council responded in favour of the Economic Development Attractions Package and that it was time to move forward with the initiative.

Motion by Tony Dominix to move forward with the Economic Development Attractions Package

Seconded by Tony Menchions

Motion carried.

Motion by Tony Menchions for the Town of Harbour Grace to make application for Federal Funding [ACOA] on behalf of the Joint Council of CBN for the Economic Development Attractions Package

Seconded by Paul Brazil

Motion Carried

Motion by Philip Wood that the 4 larger towns within the Joint Council of CBN take a turn editing and updating the Economic Development Attractions Package document on an annual basis

Seconded by Terry Barnes

Motion Carried

Philip Wood noted that MNL will provide support for regionalization. He discussed seeking a mandate from the residents to explore regionalization and arranging speaking nights for the people.

Wayne Snow indicated that the town of Clarke's Beach is experiencing a surge in signage theft in the community and replacement costs are considerable.

Gordon Stone advised that Harbour Grace is considering using Eastern Waste Management to collect fire service fees and invited other towns to consider the service.

Kevin Connolly raised concerns about traffic on the Conception Bay Highway in Bay Roberts, and the difficulty in entering the road from parking lots. May Wood advised that a traffic study had been conducted and that some measure would be implemented to alleviate problems.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Gordon Stone

Seconded by Philip Wood

Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Next Meeting: November 24, 2016 at 7:30pm in Upper Island Cove