

NORTHEAST AVALON JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Paradise Town Hall, Town of Paradise, NL*

ATTENDEES:

- Joedy Wall, Pouch Cove (Chair)
- Bill Antle, Mount Pearl (Vice Chair)
- Sam Whalen, Colliers (Treasurer)
- Madonna Stewart-Sharpe, Portugal Cove-St Phillip's
- Mary Thorne-Gosse, Torbay
- Jordon Blackwood, Wabana
- Denis Hickey, Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove
- Mike Doyle, Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview
- Kirk Youden, Conception Bay South
- Sam Lee, Petty Harbour
- Patrick Martin, Paradise

REGRETS:

- Members of the House of Assembly
- Members of Parliament
- Sterling Willis
- Sheilagh O'Leary
- Stephen Jewczyk
- Bridget Hynes
- Corrina Martin
- Lisa Niblock
- Kevin Costello
- Isabelle Fry
- Kimberley Street

PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wall at 6:32 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Thorne-Gosse, seconded by Mr. Antle, that the Agenda be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. DELEGATION(S)

a) Mr. Robert Buck, Orion Entertainment Inc.

Mr. Buck provided a brief overview of his history in the entertainment industry and tabled a pamphlet for information purposes. He informed the Council that Orion Entertainment Inc. acts as a bridge between municipalities and artists to coordinate and mainstream special events. Being the liaison for these events, Orion will help municipalities manage their event budgets, ensure that fair and appropriate fees are applied, and that contracts are followed. Open communication and an easy flow of information is important when planning events such as these, and so Orion will manage schedules, sound checks, artists requests, etc. to ensure the smoothest event possible. Mr. Buck noted that costs to the municipalities are low when booking with Orion, and that prices to book artists will vary depending on the number of people attending the event, the building/arena in which they are performing, etc. Some of the upcoming events that Orion is coordinating for 2020 are the Salmon Festival and Rib Fest.

Mr. Antle mentioned the Mount Pearl City Days event and noted that they are entertaining the idea of using Orion for future events within the City of Mount Pearl.

Mr. Youden asked Mr. Buck about why types of entertainment they provide. Mr. Buck informed the Council that they mostly deal with musicians and comedians right now, but are looking to expand their capabilities in the future.

Mr. Doyle asked about liability for the acts. Mr. Buck noted that Orion Entertainment Inc. has a \$2 million liability insurance plan, and that most of the artists booked will have insurances built into their contracts.

Mr. Wall mentioned his connection with the Jack Byrne Arena, and Ms. Thorne-Gosse on her activity within the Town of Torbay. Both members approved of Mr. Buck's presentation and noted that they will bring positive feedback to their own municipalities.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Youden, that the Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, May 9, 2019 be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Healthy Eating Policy Update

Mr. Youden had commented on how he brought the Healthy Eating presentation back to his council and they have since made efforts to implement a healthy eating policy. They are considering the options of different food trucks at municipal events, the basic needs

of players and families at canteen services during municipal sporting events, and expanding their menus to incorporate more balanced and healthier options.

Representatives from Pouch Cove, Torbay, Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove, and Portugal Cove-St. Philips noted that they had already adopted similar policies before the presentation, but noted the positive effects on the community and events that those decisions have made.

Mr. Martin mentioned how Paradise has a policy built into their Tenders and vendors have to implement the policy before they can bid on the Tender. Other members thought that was a great idea.

b) Summer Student 2020

The Chair opened the floor for discussion on a 2020 Summer Student after noting that funding is available for the position if that is what's agreed upon by the Joint Council.

Ms. Thorne-Gosse noted that this position will have to be given up by one of the municipalities and she thinks that the members should bring this topic back to their own council for discussion before any decisions are made. She also noted that we need to get creative with duties for the potential summer student and hold another meeting to discuss the ideas further.

Mr. Youden suggested a particular project be brought forward and supported by each municipality in the Northeast Avalon to be ran by the summer student, and that every municipality can take part in and benefit from said program.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Whalen reported a balance of \$13,451.00 in the bank with no outstanding debts. There are no receivables or payables to report. The bank is reconciled and ready to start into the new year of 2020.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Whalen, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Treasurer's Report for November be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. **EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD (ERSB) UPDATE** – Ms. Coles provided the monthly ERSB report. There were no questions or discussions related to the report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Municipalities of Newfoundland & Labrador (MNL) Conference and Trade Show Update – November 14-16, 2019, St. John's, NL

Mr. Doyle note that the Conference and Trade Show was very well attended, he felt that it was informative and futuristic. Other members that attended the event also agreed.

b) MNL Women’s Leadership Summit – November 13, 2019, St. John’s, NL

A discussion took place on the Women’s Leadership Summit and it was noted that the sessions contained some great speakers. Her Honour, The Honourable Judy May Foote, P.C., O.N.L., Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador provided a great speech and was very encouraging to all women who attended.

c) 2020 Membership Fees

Mr. Wall noted that the annual membership fees are \$300.00, and with the funds that are in the bank, he sees no reason to raise the fees in the coming year.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Whalen, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the membership fees remain unchanged at \$300.00 for the year of 2020. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Election of Officers

Mr. Wall noted that he’ll be stepping down as Chairperson, and encouraged everyone to be active within the Joint Council and to run in the election. He will Chair the next meeting in January until the election of officers takes place at the AGM, which is scheduled for the same date. Mr. Power will attend that meeting to help facilitate the election.

9. ROUNDTABLE

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 15, 2020 in the City of Mount Pearl.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Stewart Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Whalen, that the meeting adjourn. All in favour. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.