

## Northeast Avalon Joint Council Meeting

# MINUTES

*Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
City of Mount Pearl, Admiralty House, Mount Pearl, NL*

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### **ATTENDEES:**

- Joedy Wall, Pouch Cove (Chair)
- Bill Antle, Mount Pearl (Vice Chair)
- Sam Whalen, Colliers (Treasurer)
- Denis Hickey, LBMCO
- Jordon Blackwood, Wabana
- Andrea Power, Mount Pearl
- Michelle Martin, Flatrock
- Kirk Youden, CBS
- Madonna Stewart-Sharpe, PCSP
- Patrick Martin, Paradise
- Dave Aker, Mount Pearl
- Mary Thorne-Gosse, Torbay
- Mike Doyle, Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview
- Bradley Power, Eastern Regional Service Board

### **PROCEEDINGS:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joedy Wall at 6:36 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the agenda be adopted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: NEAJC2019-001*

3. **DELEGATION(S)** – There was no delegation present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Thorne-Gosse, seconded by Mr. Antle, that the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, September 12, 2018 be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.*

*Ref#: NEAJC2019-002*

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **Presentation Request from MHA Ches Crosbie:** The Chair noted that MHA Ches Crosbie, Leader of the Official Opposition will be the guest speaker at the next joint council meeting.
- b) **Change of Date for Next Meeting:** Due to some scheduling conflicts, the members present agreed to move the next meeting from Wednesday, February 13 to Thursday, February 21.
- c) **Joint Council Summit:** The Chair highlighted the success of the Inaugural Joint Council Summit held in St. John's on November 14. Attendees were very pleased by the event. Many indicated they look forward to attending another one in the future. The Chair thanked the Eastern Regional Service Board for their financial support. The total cost of the event for the joint council was approximately \$3,500. The financial report later in the meeting will provide a detailed cost breakdown. The group agreed that the NEAJC should pursue a summit in 2019 as well.
- d) **Municipal Dart Tournament:** The Chair commended the Town of Bauline for hosting the municipal dart tournament. It was well attended and was a lot of fun. The town is encouraged to send along details of the next tournament when available.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Whalen tabled the financial report for January:

- The current bank balance is \$8,163.35.
- There are no outstanding payables.
- Membership invoices will go in the mail after the joint council sets the 2019 membership fee.

***MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Whalen, seconded by Mr. Antle, that the Treasurer's Report for January 2019 be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.***

***Ref#: NEAJC2019-003***

***MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Thorne-Gosse, that the joint council membership fee for 2019 be set at \$300 per community. All in favour. Motion carried.***

***Ref#: NEAJC2019-004***

7. **EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD UPDATE** – Mr. Whalen noted that there was no update at this time. The next meeting is at the end of January. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **2019 Meeting Dates and Locations:** The Chair tabled a calendar of meeting dates for 2019. The group agreed to keep the NEAJC meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. The group also agreed to continue rotating the meetings between Mount

Pearl, paradise and CBS. Mr. Korab will be approached to see if the City of St. John's would like to begin hosting meetings in the rotation as well.

- b) **Date of Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting will be held at the next meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Mr. Power will determine if an election of officers is required. AGMs are typically held in December, but was delayed this year because of unforeseen circumstances.
- c) **Notice of MNL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting:** The Chair noted that the MNL Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting will be held on February 1-2 at the Holiday Inn Express in St. John's. The cost to register is \$130.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- d) **Update on Canada Summer Jobs Program:** Mr. Power tabled an information sheet related to the Canada Summer Jobs Program. This is for information only.
- e) **Pre-Budget Consultations:** Mr. Power tabled information related to the upcoming provincial pre-budget consultations. This is for information only. The Chair noted that he and Mr. Antle may attend the next session and advocate on behalf of the communities on the Northeast Avalon.

## 9. ROUNDTABLE

- a) **Frosty Festival** - Mayor Aker thanked everyone for their attendance. He expressed the importance of joint council. He went on to invite everyone to the upcoming Frosty Festival. Details of the festival can be found on the Mount Pearl website and on social media.
- b) **Cameras on School Busses** – Mr. Martin raised the issue of cameras on school busses. He highlighted a bad incident that occurred recently near his home where two cars passed a school bus. The group agreed that this issue should receive some attention from the joint council. Mr. Power will reach out to the privacy commissioner for input. The Chair will organize some media once the issue gets nailed down.
- c) **Grand Slam of Curling** – Mr. Youden thanked everyone for their support of the recent Grand Slam of Curling in CBS. It was a great event and was well attended.
- d) **Fireworks** – Mr. Youden raised the issue of loud fireworks in his community. Mr. Power will reach out to PCSP Fire Chief Fred Hollett to see if any work has been completed on a provincial ban of consumer fireworks.
- e) **Electronic Billing** – Mr. Youden highlighted that CBS now does digital billing for taxes. He said it seems to be working well. He encourages more towns to get on board where it has the potential to save money. It is also more efficient for property owners to receive an e-mail with their bill attached.
- f) **RNC Office** – Mr. Youden noted the new police detachment that recently opened in CBS. Their council is very pleased with the addition of new police resources in the region. This will pave the way to better response times in CBS.
- g) **Illegal Dumping** – Mr. Blackwood highlighted an issue on Bell Island with illegal dumping. He asked how other communities deal with it. Mr. Youden said CBS uses hidden cameras to catch individuals dumping illegally. They received support from the MMSB for their program. Mr. Whalen noted that his community has three cameras as well to help curb the issue. Ms. Martin said Flatrock has an issue with dumping as well. They actually approached the individuals and asked them to stop.

Mr. Youden offered CBS's support to Wabana. Mr. Power suggested that the Town of Wabana reach out to Crime Stoppers and the Department of Environment for support as well.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the Town of Paradise.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Ref#: NEAJC2019-005*

*The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 p.m.*