

SOUTHERN SHORE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Ferryland Town Office, NL-10, Ferryland, NL

ATTENDEES:

- Mr. Harold Mullaney, Bay Bulls (Chair)
- Mr. Sean Walsh, Ferryland (Vice Chair)
- Ms. Debbie Windsor, Aquaforte
- Mr. Christopher Maher, Aquaforte
- Mr. Adrian Sullivan, Calvert
- Ms. Beverly O'Brien, Cape Broyle
- Ms. Hannah Power, Tors Cove
- Ms. Joan Luby, Bay Bulls
- Ms. Evelyn Tucker, Bay Bulls
- Mr. Chris Snow, MP Ken McDonald's Office
- Mr. Bradley Power, ERSB

REGRETS

- Mr. Keith Hutchings, MHA

DELEGATION(S):

- Mr. Robert Moran, Southern Avalon Community Youth Network

PROCEEDINGS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Mullaney.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Power and seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Agenda of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of March 8, 2018, be adopted as tabled. All in favour. Motion carried.

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3. **DELEGATION**

- a. **Mr. Robert Moran, Southern Avalon Community Youth Network:**

Mr. Robert Moran of the Community Youth Network (CYN) in Cape Broyle joined the meeting to provide an overview of the organization's work on the Southern Shore.

The CYN is a non-profit organization that works with community partners throughout the region to offer a wide range of programs and activities for youth. It covers a large geographical area successfully (Bay Bulls to Cappahayden), but not without some challenges. The CYN is funded by provincial and federal grants.

Mr. Moran said the CYN has learned that the most effective programs are the ones offered through the schools and in cooperation and conjunction with already established community groups.

Mr. Moran went on to provide an overview of the CYN's key programs and services.

Regional Summer Recreation Program - Each year the CYN hires 6-8 students (depending on Federal and Provincial funding) to offer a summer programs for youth ages 9-13. This program serves a need in the community, but also offers summer hires valuable work experience. Programs are offered in Cape Broyle where the CYN is the primary organizer and administrator, and in Bay Bulls where the CYN takes on a secondary role helping with staffing and promotion. This program supports approximately 60 participants.

Bay Bulls Life Style Center - In partnership with building management and the local athletic association the CYN operates a community and youth center. Hours vary depending on the time of year. The space is used as a youth drop-in center, meeting space, 50+ fitness class, CPR/First Aid training, and afterschool programing. The CYN has also learned that special events and workshops are best way to utilize this space. Depending on the activity, these programs see 10-50 participants.

Sound Stage - Located in the Lifestyle Center, the CYN has recently upgraded its sound stage for local musicians to utilize to hone their skills and for performances. The CYN has also developed a spring concert series where established musicians will perform and youth performers are the opening acts. Performance are set for March, April, and May of 2018.

Workshops - Each year the CYN offers workshops on a variety of topics, including: mental health, ATV safety, social media, music, fitness, audio/video, and leadership.

Community Events – The CYN also offers community movie showcases, workshops, BBQ's, and other social events throughout the year. The most popular events attract between 75-100 people.

Mr. Moran was very thankful for the support of the communities on the Southern Shore and went on to outline the CYN's goals and objectives for 2018-19. They are:

- Greater presence at Community Events;
- Increase board membership (Meetings are quarterly, next scheduled meeting is April 12);
- Increase the number of Community Events with a focus on positive mental health and healthy living;
- Improve advertising and promotion of events and the CYN; and,
- Reestablish a quarterly newsletter highlighting the CYN events and youth accomplishments.

Mr. Moran concluded by outlining some of the many upcoming events being hosted by the CYN over the next 120 days. They are:

- Three day moving making workshop with “UpSkyDown Productions, Cape Broyle;
- Community Mental Workshop, Bay Bulls Life Styles Centre;
- Spring Concert Series and Mentoring Program, Bay Bulls Life Styles Centre;
- Mobile Volleyball Fundraiser, Bay Bulls Life Styles Centre;
- ATV Safety Course, Mobile High;
- Sexual Health & Positive Body Image Workshop, Baltimore and Mobile High;
- Edge Basketball Game and Workshop;
- Coping with Stress and Anxiety Workshop, Baltimore & Mobile High; and,
- Anti-Bullying Walk, Fermeuse.

Ms. O’Brien commended Mr. Moran and the CYN for their work. She is an active member of their Board of Directors. She encourages others to get involved and serve on the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr. Moran for his presentation and encouraged everyone to get involved with this very important group.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Minutes of the Southern Shore Joint Council meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2018, be adopted with the noted corrections. All in favour. Motion carried.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. **Mistaken Point UNESCO World Heritage Site:**

Mr. Power noted a recent CBC News article where the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Innovation and Industry was quoted as saying more heritage sites should raise their own funds. Mr. Mullowney commented that these type of comments by Ministers of the Crown are not helpful for organizations on the Southern Shore

that are struggling to find funding to operate. He noted specifically the Ferryland Interpretation Centre which has had challenges in recent years.

6. EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD (ERSB) UPDATE:

Mr. Mullowney provided the ERSB update. At the recent meeting of the Board on February 28, members received an update on waste operations for 2017. The joint council would have seen some of that data specific to the Southern Shore region at the last joint council meeting.

The Board also received an update on its ongoing awareness campaign, specifically the website FairWaste.ca. Mr. Power will provide some further information on this campaign under New Business.

The Board also received presentations from two individuals at this recent meeting:

1. Mr. Glenn Perfect – a client with issues related to past waste fees; and,
2. Ms. Chelzea Avery – an individual who requested the Board implement a mandatory lid closing policy as a result of injuries sustained by her cat allegedly from a lid being left open on her garbage box. The Board approved a motion to have lids closed where possible, but a mandatory closing policy was not implemented.

Finally, the Board reviewed a large amount of correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs about seasonal property rates. Joint Council members may recall this issue from the local media over the last month or so. If anyone is interested in getting up to speed on why the ERSB delivers fees and how it operates, please visit our website FairWaste.ca for details. The website has all kinds of factual information to better inform the public and clients of the service board. Mr. Mullowney said everyone would have received an e-mail from Mr. Power about this information already. If not, they can touch base with him to get a copy of the correspondence.

The next meeting of the Eastern Regional Service Board will take place on Wednesday, March 28 at 7PM in St. John's. Mr. Mullowney reminded members that ERSB meetings are open to the public and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Sullivan asked about a client of ERSB and why he has to pay fees in two separate communities (Calvert and Cape Broyle). Mr. Mullowney explained that each property is a stand-alone property and fees have to be paid on both. He encouraged Mr. Sullivan to visit the FairWaste.ca website for an explanation as to why this is the case.

Ms. O'Brien asked why vacant homes are included in the property count at ERSB. Mr. Mullowney explained that while a home might be vacant, it still could be inhabited at any moment. It would be impossible for ERSB to monitor every single household that may or may not be rented or utilized on any given day or month or year. Therefore, vacant homes are technically habitable and are subject to a fee. He suggested that Ms. O'Brien contact the ERSB to discuss her issue.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **NL Community Leaders Forum Facebook Group:**

Mr. Power noted a new Facebook Group that has been setup for community leaders to discuss issues of regional or local importance. This group is private and not open to the public. He encouraged everyone to join and to spread the word. He will send invites to all of the e-mails he has for joint council members. He concluded by saying suggestions are always welcome on new ways to engage communities. He feels the Facebook Group is a great start.

b. **RCMP Corporate Plan:**

Sgt. Frank Flynn was unable to attend the joint council meeting, but sent an e-mail to the group seeking input on the RCMP's Annual Performance Plan for 2018-19. He suggested that the RCMP should focus on safer roads, enhanced drug enforcement and reduction of crimes against persons in the future. He believes these are the top three priorities for the region and joint council members agreed. Mr. Mullowney suggested that members make contact with Sgt. Flynn if they have any additional suggestions.

Ms. O'Brien suggested there should be a greater focus on mental health. She went on to suggest a mental health and addictions facility would be a good idea for the Southern Shore.

Mr. Mullowney asked Mr. Power to confirm that cabin break-ins and whatnot are included in "crimes against persons."

Sgt. Flynn is expected to attend a meeting of the joint council in the months ahead to provide an update on policing in the community.

c. **Update on Implementation of New Provincial *Public Procurement Act*:**

As a follow-up to the presentation by Ms. Dale Williams from the Government Purchasing Agency in the fall of 2017, Mr. Power noted that the *Public Procurement Act* would be coming into effect on March 24, 2018. Mr. Power noted that all communities would have received a letter from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding the new procurement processes and regulations. He also distributed a news release that the Provincial Government issued on February 22, 2018, which included a very detailed background and an overview of the regulations that accompany the new legislation.

8. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE:

- a. **Cape Broyle Bridge:** Mr. Maher noted the condition of the bridge on Route 10 in Cape Broyle. He said it needs repairs. Mr. Mullowney highlighted the bridge condition reports on the Provincial Government website and suggested Mr. Maher

have a look and report back at the next meeting. The joint council could certainly write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Works and note the condition of the bridge and request that it be made a priority for the future.

- b. **Bay Bulls Winter Carnival:** Mr. Mallowney provided a short update on the recent Bay Bulls Winter Carnival. While many events were cancelled due to the weather, those that did take place were well attended and very enjoyable.
 - c. **Recycling:** Ms. O'Brien suggested that communities encourage residents to purchase blue bins and recycle more regularly. She suggested that the MMSB should come up with a program for residents to purchase blue bins similar to the composting bins they sell. She then suggested that ERSB could collect the recyclables. Mr. Power will contact the MMSB to make this suggestion.
 - d. **100th Anniversary of the SS Florizel Disaster:** Mr. Mallowney noted that he attended the event commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the SS Florizel Disaster in Renews on February 24. He said the ceremony was well attended and very moving. He commended the town on organizing the event. He also said many of the new artifacts on display in the town are worth making a special trip to view.
- 9. NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Joint Council will take place in Ferryland on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Sean Martin from the Municipal Assessment Agency will be in attendance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.