

North East Avalon Joint Councils

Minutes of Meeting

December 09, 2015

Town Hall, Conception Bay South

The regular meeting of the North East Avalon Joint Councils was held on December 09, 2015 at the Town Hall, Conception Bay South.

Present for the meeting were:

Sterling Willis

Brian Whitty

Art Puddister

Darrin Bent

Sam Whalen

Craig Williams

Brad Power

Peggy Roche

Paradise

Torbay

St. John's

Conception Bay South

Colliers

Conception Harbour

Logy Bay, Middle Cove, Outer Cove

Torbay

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chairperson Sterling Willis and Darrin Bent welcomed us to the Town of Conception Bay South.

Due to the absence of a recording secretary, there were no minutes to be distributed from the last meeting. Therefore, Peggy Roche agreed to record the minutes of 09/12/15.

The Agenda was tabled and it was moved by Brian Whitty, second by Art Puddister, that the Agenda be adopted. Motion Carried!

The Chair explained that because of the cancellation of the November meeting tonight's meeting we be the last meeting for 2015.

Business Arising:

The Letter of support from Councils of the NEAJC to the City of St. John's, requesting the Department of Municipal Affairs to modify the Highway Traffic Act regarding the *Noise By-Laws*, so that the RNC and the RCMP be given more lea-way with enforcement resulting in a conviction .

Councils of the NEAJC are to send copies of their letter to Councillor Puddister, the representative from St. John's.

In regard to these letters and other issues that have been raised in the past, Chairperson, Sterling Willis, will extend an invite to MHA Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Fire and Emergency Services, Services NL, The Government Purchasing Agency, and Workplace NL, to attend a future meeting of the NEAJC.

At the last meeting we had planned the Election of Executive to be held at the December meeting. However, due to the absence of many members it was decided by those present that the Election of Executive be held at our next meeting in January, 2016. Sterling said he would like someone new to take it over. The position of Secretary is one that has to be decided on and greatly needed.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, a report was not tabled.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Chair Sterling Willis is also the Representative from Newfoundland and Labrador to the FCM Board of Directors.

Two Documents were tabled and spoke about in great length by Sterling one was, *an update on FCM'S Advocacy on Federal Programs Serving Communities under 100,000 people.*

- ` *FCM'S LTIP Submission*
- ` Launch of NBCF – including the SCF
- ` Roll-out of CSF
- ` FCM advocacy on NBCF
- ` Launch of Connecting Canadians
- ` Rural-specific campaign priorities
- ` Next Steps

FCM is in a strong position to leverage political opportunities to address remaining rural-specific challenges with the NBCF (PTIC-NRP and SCF)'.

The other FCM Document tabled was, *the Meeting of the Board Directors*

Copies are available. If a project is shovel ready then by all means take the opportunity offered by the Feds to help your council reach their goals. In 2015 no applications were received from NL. Contact your representative Sterling Willis for more information.

New and Unfinished Business

The following are some of the requests from the Eastern Regional Services Board and several other Community Sector Councils who wish to meet with us in the New Year.

They are:

- ` Fire Chief Brophy CBS
- ` (CSC) Community Sector Council of NL
- ` ERSB would like to meet more often with the NEAJC
- ` Submit an application to hire a student; cutoff date in June of 2016
- ` Write Letters to the Candidates and the winners of the Federal and Provincial Elections

A general conversation was held and it was decided that we could bring the above requests forward to the next monthly meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at City Hall Mount Pearl.

There being no further business, it was moved by Brad Power, seconded by Sam Whalen. To adjourn the meeting: Motion Carried at 8::05 pm.

A social was then hosted by the Town Council of Conception Bay South

Respectfully Submitted



Peggy Roche, Councillor, Town of Torbay