

Council Meeting Minutes February 27th, 2025

Members Present:

Doug Piercey, Mayor

Hank Whelan, Councillor

Glenda Hiscock, Deputy Mayor Valerie Whelan, Councillor

Clarence Brown, Councillor

Also Present:

Alice Cumby, Town Clerk/Manager

Colleen Murphy, Town Clerk/Manager

Members Absent:

Tolson Rendell, Councillor

Meeting started at 7:04pm; 2 Business owners from the community at 100-104 Main Road addressed their concerns to council in regards to getting more business from the town when it comes to vehicle maintenance.

They both stressed their concerns and would like for the council to share the vehicle maintenance between the local garages in the area.

They requested a letter from council in regards to what was discussed at the meeting.

The Mayor said that the town budgets \$9,000 for the fire department for vehicle repairs and gas. The fire department is responsible to make their own decisions in regards to the truck or building maintenance.

They left the meeting at 7:46pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:47pm.

Errors & Omissions – Councillors last names spelled wrong in previous minutes and Councillor Browns name was missing. Minutes from January 23rd, suppose to read 21-25 Parish Hall Hill.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion # 2025-018

H. Whelan/G. Hiscock

Resolved that the minutes from the council meeting held on January 23rd, 2025 be adopted.

Favour: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried

Motion # 2025-019

H. Whelan/C. Brown

Resolved that the minutes from the council meeting held on February 2nd, 2025 be adopted.

Favour: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried

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Adoption of Minutes Continued:

Motion # 2025-020

V. Whelan/H. Whelan

Resolved that the minutes from the council meeting held on February 6th, 2025 be adopted.

Favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried

Correspondence:

Council received the Fire Protection Agreement from The Town of New Perlican for 2025.

Department of Municipal Affairs – information stating that council should have their meetings in accordance with Section 39 of The Towns and Service District Act and should establish their monthly meeting schedule.

Motion # 2025-021

G. Hiscock/C. Brown

Resolved that council meet the last Thursday of every month.

Favour: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried

Councillor C. Brown spoke about the application process for The Mizzen Trail and ACOA has asked to do a study to see how much it would cost to do The Lousy Rock Trail. CBDC is providing \$5,000 to the consultant to see how much it will cost to get the trail done. There is a meeting scheduled with ACOA at the Town Hall starting at 10am on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 if any of the councilors would like to attend.

Service NL – The Town Clerk/Manager has left several messages with no response in regards to the boil order being lifted.

Leave of Absence – Riley

Motion # 2025-022

V. Whelan/G. Hiscock

Resolved that council accept Councillor R. Balsom's leave of absence.

Favour: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried

42 Point Road - discoloration in water

Flushing of the lines will take place early spring.

Inspection Report - SUF Hall

The Town Clerk will fill out an application for building accessibility and send it in for approval.

The registered letter that council sent to 9 Office Hill was not picked up and was sent back to the Town Office. The next step would be to send the letter by courier and to keep a record of all correspondence sent and received. The Town Clerk/Manager will look online to see if there was an email address attached to the company and to contact a courier to send out the invoice.

Councillor Concerns:

C. Brown talked about the tourism session that took place in Whiteway on February 25th, 2025. There were many discussions on the local businesses within the town and how very important advertising on Destination St. John's and NLLab.com is to the communities. Hoping to have another meeting the last week in April; more details to follow when they become available.

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Councillor Concerns continued:

G. Hiscock talked about the retirement open house at the town hall and the dinner at the Recreation. She sent out 140 invitations and there are 101 people going. She suggested putting in some new cupboards in the kitchen and the Town Clerk/Manager said she would take it to the Recreation Committee.

H. Whelan wanted to thank everyone who was involved for the work that was done with all of the water breaks in the community.

Mayor D. Piercey said that the council is committed to splitting up the vehicle maintenance repairs between garages in the area. A letter will be sent out to the business owners of 100-104 Main Road as requested.

The Town Clerk/Manager thanks council for everything and for the upcoming retirement celebrations.

The Town Clerk/Manager also suggested getting 2 or 3 quotes from different accounting firms; council is currently dealing with Beacon Accounting.

The new Town Clerk/Manager advised council that she will be gone on holidays from May 22nd - June 4th, 2025.

Motion # 2025-023

G. Hiscock/H. Whelan

Council resolved to pay invoices as presented.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Next Meeting will take place on March 27th at 7:30pm.

Motion # 2025-023

H. Whelan/C. Brown

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried