A regular meeting of the Botwood Town Council was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Members present: Mayor J. Sceviour, presided

Deputy Mayor C. Ivany
Councillors: S. Sceviour

M. Shainline J. Mitchell

Members absent: W. Broderick

L. Burt

Also attending: A. Rowsell, Town Clerk

C. Yates, Office Administrator

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### CALL TO ORDER

## PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mayor Sceviour signed a proclamation for Epilepsy NL Purple Day - March 26, 2023.

EPILEPSY NL PURPLE DAY

Acknowledgment of International Women's Day - March 8, 2023.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Acknowledgment of Botwood Kinsmen Club Founder's Night - February 25, 2023. Celebrating 49 yrs - Botwood Kinsmen Club and 103 years - Canada. Deputy Mayor Ivany attended the event.

BOTWOOD KINSMEN CLUB FOUNDER'S NIGHT

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MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor 23-026 Shainline that Council approve the agenda as presented.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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MOTION - Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Deputy Mayor 23-027 Ivany that Council adopt the minutes of February 6, 2023 as

circulated.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sceviour briefed Council re the Wind Energy Project Proposal for Central Newfoundland.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT PROPOSAL

February 7-8. Representatives of EVEREC, Botwood Council and the EVPC met with Town Councils in the area, Exploits Valley Chamber of Commerce, Outfitters and the Exploits Snowmobile Club to present information regarding the Wind Project.

Also, February 20-23, A Public Open House was held in Point Leamington, Botwood, Bishop's Falls and Grand Falls-Windsor to provide information and answer questions.

February 23 - Mayor Sceviour attended a Waste Management Meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETING

Mayor Sceviour noted the Canadian Rangers are in Town tonight until Sunday performing Military Tasks in the area.

CANADIAN RANGERS

Seniors and Community Service

Councillor Mitchell noted the grant approved for Senior's Activities. The committee will meet the end of March to make plans for events.

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SENIOR'S ACTIVITIES GRANT

Community Garden - Councillor Mitchell has contacted previous users.

Most are still interested for the 2023 season with two new persons expressing interest. There will be more information provided at the next Council meeting regarding progress of this activity.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Heritage, Tourism and Special Events

Bayside Blizzard March 17-19, 2023. Posters for the event are out. There are lots of activities scheduled.

BAYSIDE BLIZZARD

Demasduit Project - Waiting for a response from Irving re land. Statue progress - a committee representative will meet with Morgan Macdonald to the discuss the sculpture.

DEMASDUIT PROJECT

Downhome Expo - Councillor Shainline noted attendance at this event is presently on hold.

DOWNHOME EXPO

Councillor Shainline informed Council he has tendered his resignation from the Botwood Mural Arts Society.

Mayor Sceviour thanked M. Shainline for his contribution to the Mural Arts Society over the past years.

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M. SHAINLINE RESIGNATION FROM THE MURAL ARTS SOCIETY

Development and Economic Promotion

Mayor Sceviour noted March 23 is the deadline for submission of bids to the Provincial Government for Wind Energy Projects.

DEADLINE FOR WIND ENERGY PROJECTS

Finance and Human Resources

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor

23-028 Ivany that Council ratify payment of routine expenditures in accordance with the Town's Accounts Payable Policy and

accordance with the Town's Accounts Payable Policy and Procedure. The amount of \$37,742.58 was paid for February 6-20, 2023.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

A/P ROUTINE EXPENDITURES

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor
23-029 Mitchell that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction
Journal dated February 8 - March 8, 2023 in the amount of
\$365,853.30.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

A/P JOURNAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor

123-030 Ivany that Council request approval from the Department of

Municipal and Provincial Affairs to borrow the amount of

\$98,496.00 from the Bank of Montreal with a repayment term of

8 years and an amortization period of 8 years. This amount
represents the Municipal Contribution for Project #17-GI-23-

8 years and an amortization period of 8 years. This amount represents the Municipal Contribution for Project #17-GI-23-00045 - Watermain Replacement Water Street/Valley Road Intersection (2022).

Motion corried. Votes in fever. 5 Councillors

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT WATER STREET/VALLEY ROAD Councillor Sceviour and Mayor Sceviour attended a Regional Services Board Meeting on February 27. Representatives from Bishop's Falls, Peterview and Grand Falls-Windsor were in attendance. The infrastructure of this facility is getting outdated. The Board agreed to approach the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs and request partnership funding for the Regional Services Board to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant.

REGIONAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING

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Municipal Works

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Ivany, seconded by Councillor 23-031 Sceviour that Council purchase a Husqvarna Model mz54-54" Zero Turn Lawnmower from Notre Dame Agencies, Lewisporte

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

HUSQVARNA ZERO TURN LAWNMOWER

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Ivany, seconded by Councillor

23-032 Sceviour that the Town of Botwood apply for a Building Age - Friendly Community Grant in the amount of \$24,611.38 for

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

BUILDING AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GRANT

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Parks, Recreation and Youth

The Committee will meet to discuss Recreation Policy.

Accessible Trail Improvements.

for the amount of \$8,337.50.

RECREATION POLICY

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Ivany, seconded by Councillor
23-033 Shainline that Council not take a portion of the door revenue
from the Minor Hockey Association during their 2023 Easter

from the Minor Hockey Association during their 2023 Easter Tournament Event.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

EASTER TOURNAMENT DOOR REVENUE

Request for use of ballfields for a tournament August 4-6, 2023. As this date is the Flying Boat Festival time, during which activities for youth are held at the soccer field and area, as well as at the arena, Council cannot approve the request. However, an alternate weekend or a shorter tournament not to include Saturday is suggested for their consideration.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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### **ADMINISTRATION**

Agreed Mayor Sceviour attend the MNL 2023 Municipal Symposium to be held in Gander May 4-6, 2023.

MNL 2023 MUNICIPAL SYMPOSIUM

Council is advised two sessions will be held for Code of Conduct Training on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehall.

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Council agreed with the purchase of a laptop computer for Mayor Sceviour's use.

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LAPTOP

# PERMITS/DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor 23-034 Ivany that Council ratify permits issued to March 6, 2023. Permit #'s 23-003 to 23-006.

**RATIFY PERMITS** 

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Botwood Collegiate Grad Parents. Request for sponsorship towards 2023 graduation celebrations.

BOTWOOD COLLEGIATE GRADUATION

Council agreed the Town is contributing towards this event by providing use of the Arena at no cost to the grad class. However this is a cost to the town and Council feels it should be recognized as a sponsor of the graduation celebrations.

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MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor 23-035 Ivany the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 5 Councillors.

ADJOURNMENT

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