A regular meeting of the Botwood Town Council was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Members present:

Mayor J. Sceviour, presided

Deputy Mayor C. Ivany

Councillors: S. Sceviour

W. Broderick via telephone

M. Shainline G. Boone J. Mitchell

Also attending:

S. Jerrett, Town Manager A. Rowsell, Town Clerk C. Yates, Office Administrator

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Council expressed condolence to employee D. Newhook on the unfortunate death of his Mother.

CONDOLENCES TO D. NEWHOOK

On August 18th, Councillor Broderick made a CNIB presentation at the Max Simms Camp.

MAX SIMMS **CAMP**

The Botwood Fire Department has recently been awarded the 2023 Change Makers Award for contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Organization. Acknowledgement to Fire Member Gary Ivany for his support to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund Raising over the past years.

FIRE DEPT. 2023 **CHANGE MAKERS AWARD**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Boone 23-105

that Council approve the agenda as presented. - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION - Moved by Deputy Mayor Ivany, seconded by Councillor 23-106 Sceviour that Council adopt the minutes of regular meeting held

August 16, 2023 as circulated.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Aug. 29. Members of Botwood and Bishop's Falls Councils met with Minister Hogan, Department of Justice and Public Safety to discuss traffic concerns and issues in both Towns.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Aug. 30. EVREC given government approval to proceed to Stage 2 of the Wind-Hydrogen Project. Mayor Sceviour noted Council continues to have ongoing meetings with EVREC.

EVREC

Municipal Works

A waterline on Waterman's Lane required replacement. The Town Works Department has done the required work.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Disposal of old equipment and vehicles. The Town's Leading Hand will provide a list tomorrow.

VEHICLE DISPOSAL

Layoff Notice for Seasonal Employees. Agreed notice be given for same time as 2022 and emphasize layoff is conditional to Work Shortage.

LAYOFF NOTICES

Fire Hall Doors. Agreed work order be issued to have the fire hall overhead doors painted.

FIRE HALL DOORS

Parks & Recreation

Arena Update. Cimco has notified Council they are unable to obtain a gasket kit required for the arena upgrade. Depending on the time line to obtain this piece of equipment, the arena opening date may have to be delayed. Agreed the Town look into any possible options to obtain the required gasket.

ARENA UPGRADE

Signage required for bathrooms on the Airbase and Killick Island and road. This matter is being looked after by L. Hemeon.

AIRBASE AND KILLICK ISLAND SIGNAGE Letter from Botwood Area Minor Hockey Association requesting to operate the stadium canteen. Agreed the committee meet with Minor Hockey to discuss this matter.

BOTWOOD AREA MINOR HOCKEY

Seniors and Community Services

Councillor Mitchell informed Council the next Senior's Dinner will be held September 22, 2023.

SENIOR'S DINNER

The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor is hosting a Senior Wellness show at the Joe Byrne Stadium on October 5, 2023.

SENIOR WELLNESS SHOW

Public Protection and Emergency Planning

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Broderick, seconded by Councillor

Sceviour that Council adopt the Municipal Emergency Plan as approved by Emergency Services Division, Department of Justice and Public Safety.

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY PLAN

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

Fire Hydrant Update. Parts have been ordered. Council will purchase the required fittings for 50% of the hydrants in 2023. The remainder will be purchased in 2024.

FIRE HYDRANT

Email from a citizen expressing concerns re the recent tragic pedestrian collision on Water Street. Mayor Sceviour has responded to the sender.

PEDESTRIAN COLLISION

The Committee has forwarded another letter to the Minister, Department of Education re School Speed Signs for Fernwood Drive.

SPEED SIGNS

Council has sent a letter to Dept. of Transportation noting safety concerns on Route 350 re intersections at the Shanawdithit Campground and Valley Road.

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Heritage, Tourism and Special Events

Demasduit Project. MUN Engineering Students have submitted a plan for development of the area. It will be presented at the next steering committee for the project.

DEMASDUIT PROJECT

Aircraft Repair and Paint. Three contractors were approached concerning the work, however there was no response. Another process will be pursued to have the work completed by April 2024.

AIRCRAFT REPAIR AND PAINT

Highway Information Board with access off Route 350. Moving forward.

HIGHWAY INFORMATION BOARD

Heritage Society Meeting. September 21, 2023.

HERITAGE SOCIETY

Development and Economic Promotion

EVREC - Council and EVREC continue to have ongoing discussions.

EVREC

Finance and Human Resources

Councillor Sceviour reported on final numbers for the 2023 FBF Event. He noted a one time purchase of two punts and oars for the 2023 festival which should be a good investment for future events.

FBF EVENT

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor

23-108 Mitchell that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated August 16 to September 11, 2023 in the amount of \$100,787.38.

A/P TRANSACTION JOURNAL

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

The committee has selected four applicants for the Town Manager position. They were contacted for an interview. Interviews are completed and the committee is working on final stages.

TOWN MANAGER POSITION

PAGE 5 **SEPTEMBER 13, 2023** SPLASH PAD MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ivany that Council award tender for the Splash Pad Project to 23-109 DS Building Contractor for the amount of \$79,000.00 plus \$11,850.00 HST for a total of \$90,850.00. Council agrees that 50% of this cost will be submitted as a Capital Investment Plan application for Gas Tax Funding. - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors. **PARCELS OF** MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor 23-110 Ivany that Council place a for sale ad for a number of town LAND FOR SALE owned parcels of land. - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors. MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor **EOI TOWN** Mitchell that Council call for an EOI for Town owned property **PROPERTY** 23-111 at 103 and 111A Wireless Road, Botwood. - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors. MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Boone EOI 23-112 that Council call for an EOI for development of Commercial COMMERCIAL **PROPERTY** Property located adjacent to the new fire hall site on Fernwood Drive, Botwood. - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors. EOI FOR NEW SUB MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor

Broderick that Council call an EOI for a New Sub Division 23-113 Development next to the Killick Senior's Home on Twomey Drive, Botwood.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Councillor Shainline that Council call for an EOI for the Old Town Hall 23-114 Building located on Water Street, Botwood.

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

EOI FOR OLD TOWN HALL

DIVISION

PERMITS

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ivany that Council ratify permits issued to September 7, 2023. 23-115 Permit #'s 23-066 to 23-089.

RATIFY PERMITS

- Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chamber of Commerce 23rd Annual Business Awards and Hall of Fame Induction.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councillor Shainline asked Council consider having the sheet of dibond, which was removed from the Town of Botwood entrance sign, reprinted with a message and reposted on the structure. Council will get proofs and consider.

TOWN ENTRANCE SIGN

MOTION - Moved by Councillor Sceviour, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ivany the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. 23-116 - Motion carried. Votes in favor - 7 Councillors.

ADJOURNMENT

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