

A Regular Meeting of Council was held at the Town Office on January 31, 2023, with the following in attendance.

Councillors Present:

Mayor Andrew Shea
Councillor Beverly Broders
Councillor David McKenna
Councillor Adam Young

Deputy Mayor Alexander Crawford
Councillor Mark Budden
Councillor Lary Roebbotham

Staff:

Pauline Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
Daphne Coles, Deputy Town Clerk
Germaine Morgan, Admin/Municipal Enforcement

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Shea welcomed everyone viewing the meeting on the ZOOM Platform, the public meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

2. Agenda:

Mayor reviewed the agenda for the public attending by ZOOM Platform.

2023-001

Crawford/Roebbotham

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

3. Minutes:

2023-002

Broders/Budden

Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting held on December 20, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

4. Business Arising:

- No Business Arising from the adopted minutes of December 20th, 2022.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Economic Development & Special Projects presented by Councilor Broders

A meeting of the Economic Development & Special Projects Committee was held at the Town Office on January 19, 2023, at 4:30 PM with the following present: Committee Chairperson, Councillor Beverley Broders, Councillor Lary Roebbotham, Mayor Andrew Shea, and CAO Pauline Payne, and EDO Cheryl Gardner. The following items were discussed:

A. Economic development vision and strategic plan:

- I. Develop an economic development vision including strategies for community-wide participation.
- II. Develop an economic development communication strategy.
- III. Develop a SME networking and workshop series. Activate partnerships among various stakeholders, including youth.
 - a) Develop a small-business and social resource center.

- IV. Develop a community value chain to identify market opportunities and to meet demand for products and services.
- V. Develop an affordable housing strategy.
- VI. Develop a strategy for supporting fishing enterprises.
 - a) Succession planning
 - b) Funding & financing opportunities
 - c) Youth engagement
- VII. Identify emerging industries and how to support development.
 - a) Evaluate spin off industry potential.
- VIII. Develop a climate change resiliency strategy.
- IX. Create a business and investment attraction plan. Include a strategy for how to encourage youth and previous residents to come back.
- X. Identify special projects that contribute to the overall vision.

2023-003

Broders/Crawford

Resolved that the Economic Development Officer develop an economic development vision and strategy to be used as a road map to our goals and to engage the community for community-wide participation in realizing the vision. The strategy will include but is not limited to the items listed above.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

B. Special Projects:

I. Affordable Housing Project

- a) Activate a not-for-profit Housing & Investment Corporation, and form the 'steering committee'

2023-004

Broders/Roebotham

Resolved to approve the incorporation of a new Non-Profit Economic Development Corporation committed to improved housing initiatives and economic outcomes for Fogo Island with the following 3 Directors: Andrew Shea, Beverley Broders, and Cheryl Gardner.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

2023-005

Broders/Roebotham

Resolved to establish a "Steering Committee" for the new Non-Profit. This Committee would help guide the Board of Directors for the first 6 months. Members of this Steering Committee will be CAO Pauline Payne, EDO Cheryl Gardner, Mayor Andrew Shea, Councillor Beverley Broders with Justin Hearn invited to participate on to the Steering Committee for 6-month.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

- b) 'Steering Committee' to prepare for incorporation of the Housing & Investment Corporation (Articles of Incorporation, Notice of Registered Office, Notice of Directors and By-laws)
- c) Housing and Investment Corporation to conduct "housing needs assessment."
- d) Town to begin housing development planning.
 - Town contribution - land and land infrastructure.
 - Recommend six units, 'housing needs assessment' to quantify number of units and housing type.
 - Not-for-profit to gain assets, fund operations and operate the housing development.

II. MIC (Fisherman's Union Trading Co., Seldom)

- a) Updates on Project Phase One – foundation repair & funding extension

- b) Activate Planning for Project Phase Two – marina repair & update facilities
- c) Activate Planning for Project Phase Three – insulation, siding, & interiors
- d) Discussion of Project Phase Four – exterior parking and green space
- e) Discussion of Funding Potential – reviewed funding matrix document

2023-006

Broders/Crawford

Resolved to separate the project for the Marine Interpretation Centre repairs into project phases to maximize funding potential and to activate Phase 2 and Phase 3 to start planning, engineering, budgeting, and funding acquisition.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

III. Bleak House

- a) Discussion of funding potential for 200-year anniversary project
- b) Determine if Bleak House could be a beneficial project that contributes to the overall community economic development vision

2023-007

Broders/Roebbotham

Resolved that the Economic Development Officer create an 'idea bank' for Bleak House. To be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

5.2 Recreation & Tourism presented by Deputy Mayor Crawford

A meeting was held at the Town Office on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 4:30pm with the following present: Committee Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Alexander Crawford, Councillor Adam Young, Chief Administrative Officer, Pauline Payne, Director of Recreation & Tourism, Colette Wells-Coish.

The following items were discussed:

A. Recreation

- I. A skating schedule was put in place for users during the holidays, and two new sessions have been added to the 2023 skating schedule.
- II. The Men's Recreational Hockey Tournament the "Iceberg Cup" is scheduled for February 3rd and 4th. The Stadium Committee is planning to use this tournament to help fundraise for a new sound system for the stadium.
- III. With activities and groups planning, a discussion was held on fee structures. This topic will be discussed further in the fall of 2023 with no changes at this time.
- IV. Curling is moving ahead, and plans are underway for sessions at the arena for anyone to come and learn how to play at no charge.
- V. Council inquired about the possibility of new summer activities at the arena like floor hockey and roller blading. There is also new Archery equipment that can be utilized.
 - a) Request that the Director inquire at the school or with the School Board the possibility of using the school gym for these activities. Other towns have use of their school gym for activities like these.

B. Maintenance

- I. The deep well pump at the stadium was replaced in December. A spare pump has been ordered.
- II. The oil separator for the Ice plant is ordered through Young's Refrigeration and when the part arrives scheduling will be done to have it installed.
- III. We are currently pricing Booster Pumps. It pumps the water to the entire building. The current pump is the original and is not working effectively.
- IV. The sound system at the stadium must be replaced. Prices are being reviewed.

C. Tourism

- I. A public post is planned to invite residents to volunteer and schedule 'Heritage Moments' at our various museums for 2023. They will share their personal connection, knowledge, and culture.
- II. A new Tourism information brochure for 2023 has started. This will include attractions and amenities. This is scheduled to be ready by April 30th.

D. Other:

- I. A calendar of events is planned for spring and summer that includes a mixture of recreational, social and community events. This will be ready and out by April 30th, and there will be room for additional events to be added.

5.3 Fire Services/Public Safety presented by Councilor McKenna

A meeting of the Fire Services Committee was held on January 23rd at 6:30pm at the Town Office. In attendance; Chairperson Councillor David McKenna, Councillor Mark Budden, Station Chiefs Paul Torrance, Dion Harnett, Bobby Parsons, and CAO Pauline Payne.

The following items were discussed:

A. Fire Calls

- I. Chimney Fire – Fogo
- II. Fire Drill – Riverhead Manor
- III. Alarm – Hospital
- IV. Open Fire – Pit at centre of the island.

B. Training Update

- I. Driver and pumper training is ongoing.
- II. Regular training is ongoing.
- III. Training is required on our Fire Services communications and management software system called FIRE Q.

2023-008

McKenna/Budden

Resolved that the CAO organize training for Administration and firefighters on the FireQ system.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebottom, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

- IV. Cold Water Rescue Training – Update – CAO has spoken with 2 Suppliers for this training and is in the process of getting the 2 quotes to bring back to the Committee for review.
- V. Basic First Aid Training – CAO has sourced suppliers and is waiting on the number of firefighters that have expired certification, then will move ahead, and organize this training.

C. Equipment update – Budget Requirements

- I. Council has included the purchase of a used pick-up truck in the 2023 Budget to replace the Ram Pick-up in Fogo. This truck is used as the early response vehicle for Island Harbour and Deep Bay.
 - a) The Town has Budgeted \$40,000.00 for a truck for Fogo Station #3
 - b) This would be a “good” used pick-up with minimal km’s.
 - c) 1 ton capacity would be ideal.
 - d) Based on recommendations from the former Fire Chief, this truck should be equipped with a “Attack Pac” unit which is a portable pump unit that slides into the back of a pick-up.

2023-009

McKenna/Crawford

Resolved that the CAO source a “good” used pick-up for review by Fire Services Committee and obtain pricing for an “Attack Pac” or transport skid unit.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

5.4 Planning & Public Works presented by Councilor Broders

A meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee was held at the Town Office on January 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following present: Committee Chairperson, Councillor Beverley Broders, Councillor Mark Budden, Enforcement Officer Germaine Morgan, Superintendent/Foreman of Public Works Sheldon Hoffe, and CAO Pauline Payne.

The following items were discussed:

A. Business Arising from last meeting.

I. Snow clearing – 160 Main Road, JBA

- a) The Superintendent of Public Works was in contact with the local Harbour Authority Staff to discuss the possibility of them plowing the road leading to the Government Wharf and was informed that they don't have any funds available to be able to do any plowing in this area.

2023-010

Broders/Budden

Resolved that a letter be sent to the property owners of 160 Main Road, Joe Batt's Arm informing them that the Harbour Authority is responsible for this side road and that they don't have any funds available to be able to do any plowing in this area.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

B. Maintenance:

I. Preventative Maintenance

- a) All routine maintenance in the pump houses have been completed for the month of December and intake screens have been cleaned in Fogo, Seldom and Tilting.
 - The flowmeter at the Tilting pumphouse is no longer working. Only one supplier for a compatible replacement could be found. The replacement was ordered from K & D Pratt on January 10, 2023, at a cost of \$5,301.00 plus HST.
- b) All lift stations have been inspected. An issue was found with a pump in the Sandy Cove lift station, and it has been sent to Xylem for servicing.
 - We have received the recommendation from the engineers regarding the lift station at Experience Fogo. Based on their site visit they are recommending relining the existing chamber with a fiberglass liner. H & R Enterprises LTD can install the liner and components at a cost of \$33,000 plus HST which includes labour and materials. The replacement pump firm Xylem will cost \$17,389.21.

2023-011

Broders/Young

Resolved that H & R Enterprises LTD complete the necessary repairs with installation of a liner and components at a cost of \$33,000.00 plus HST including labour and materials and order the replacement pump from Xylem at a cost of \$17,389.21.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

II. Vehicle Maintenance/Inspections

- a) KMR Transport has been maintaining our vehicles as needed and has started completing the 2023 inspections as they expire.
- b) The Freightliner dump truck is currently in St. John's getting fitted to tow the excavator's trailer.

C. Other:

I. Permit Applications

- a) Field visits are ongoing to determine compliance, as requested.

II. Building Permit Regulations

- a) Section 1. c. of the Building Permit Regulations states “Permits shall be valid for a period of not more than 2 years from the date of issue and if the development has not started this permit may be renewed for not more than one year”.
- b) Staff is recommending that Section 1.c. be amended to allow all permits to be eligible for renewal for one additional year at a cost of 50% of the set permit fee if nothing has changed since the original application.

2023-012

Broders/Budden

Resolved that Section 1, c. of the Building Permit Regulations be changed to the following:

“Permits shall be valid for a period of not more than 2 years from the date of issue, whether or not the development has been started a permit may be renewed for not more than one additional year at a cost of 50% of the set permit fee pending nothing has changed since the original application”.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

III. Water turn-on/turn-off

- a) Water turn-on/turn-offs being requested intermittently.

IV. Advanced Drinking Water System:

- a) Both units are fully operational. The Fogo unit was having some issues that were caused by a faulty sensor which has now been replaced.

V. Letters from Residents

- a. A letter has been received from a resident requesting the Town assist seniors by plowing their driveways.

2023-013

Broders/Budden

Resolved that a letter be written informing the resident that according to section 221 of Municipalities Act, 1999 the Town is not permitted to perform services that can be provided by contractors.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

- b. A letter has been received from a resident requesting the chain barring access to the Seldom pumphouse remain open for the winter months as they are concerned it could become a safety hazard for snowmobilers.

2023-014

Broders/McKenna

Resolved that chains be replaced with gates to access all the Town's Water Supply areas and the chains remain open until the gates can be installed.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

5.5 Municipal Enforcement & Permitting presented by Councilor Broders

Municipal Enforcement met with the Planning and Public Works Committee on January 18th, 2023, at 6 PM with the following present: Committee Chairperson, Councillor Beverley Broders, Councillor Mark Budden, Superintendent/Foreman of Public Works Sheldon Hoffe, CAO Pauline Payne and Enforcement Officer Germaine Morgan

- The Purpose of the meeting was to provide direction on some Municipal Enforcement Properties in contravention of The Municipalities Act. These properties need repair, some are only minor while others are a major safety concern.
- The Town would like to ask residents to take the initiative to clean up their property, and repair and paint any structures that need some extra care.

➤ Councilor Roebottom departed the meeting at 8:00pm due to conflict of interest.

2023-015

Broders/Budden

Resolved that the Municipal Enforcement Officer send first notification letters to the owners of the properties listed below with dilapidated buildings that need to be repaired or demolished requesting that they submit a plan of action to the town within 30 days.

- 16-18 Stag Harbour Road South, Stag Harbour
- 36 Main Street, Tilting
- 10 Green's Point, Tilting
- Little Harbour Road, Fogo
- 73 Main Street, Tilting
- 64 Main Street, Tilting
- 74 Main Street, Tilting
- 5 Green's Point, Tilting
- 126 Main Street, Tilting
- 46A Main Street, Tilting
- 18 Green's Point, Tilting
- 116 Main Street, Tilting
- 40 Main Street, Tilting
- 47 Main Street, Tilting
- 69A Main Street, Tilting
- 158 Main Street, Tilting
- 32 Main Street, Seldom
- 154A Main Road, Joe Batt's Arm
- 157 Main Road, Joe Batt's Arm

Further resolved that any direction on any preliminary compliance issues be dealt with at a committee level with the exception of any orders that may need to be issued.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

➤ Councilor Roebottom rejoined the meeting again at 8:02pm.

5.6 Transportation presented by Councilor McKenna

A meeting of the Fogo Island Transportation Advisory Committee was held at the Town Office on January 26th at 6 pm. Present at the meeting were Councillor Mark Budden, Pauline Payne, CAO, John Greene – Fogo Island Co-operative Representative and William (Bill) Miller – Business Industry Representative. Absent were Clifford Rowe, Committee Member - Trucking Industry Representative, Amanda Decker-Penton, Committee Member – Shorefast/Fogo Island Inn, and Councilor David McKenna.

The following items were discussed:

A. Request for 2nd Vessel for 2023 Tourist Season

- I. Fogo Island needs a 2nd Ferry from April 1st – October 31st. Traffic steadily increases with visitors and residents throughout the Spring, Summer and into the Fall. One ferry cannot handle the traffic and will leave behind traffic for every trip with travelers having long wait times in line-up.

2023-016

McKenna/Crawford

Resolved that CAO send a request to the Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure to provide the 2nd ferry for Fogo Island from April 1st to October 31st, 2023

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

B. Replacement Vessel for when Veteran goes for maintenance.

- I. M. V. Legionnaire or Flanders should be the only replacement vessels for Fogo Island and Change Islands.
- II. The committee would like to know what the regular maintenance schedule is for the Veteran in 2023.

2023-017

McKenna/Roebbotham

Resolved that CAO send a request to the Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure for the Veteran maintenance schedule so that Committee, Council, and Residents can be better informed.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

C. Complaints about Washrooms on the Veteran.

- I. It has been noted that the urinals in the men's washroom have been closed off/broken since last summer.
- II. The soap dispenser in both washrooms on the ferry is either broken or has been dismantled and has been replaced with a bottle of soap taped to the dispenser.
- III. Announcements are still not being played consistently to say the ferry is docking.

2023-018

McKenna/Roebbotham

Resolved that CAO to send a letter to the Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure with a list of concerns regarding the M.V. Veteran.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

D. Speeding

- I. Speed a Big Problem on Fogo Island. The committee feels speed bumps could be a solution in some areas to reduce speeding.

2023-019

McKenna/Budden

Resolved that Town Staff identify potential locations for speed bumps and find out what the process is to make such a request to the Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 7. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, Councillor Roebbotham, and Councillor Young. Against - 0.

E. M. V. Veteran Canteen

- I. There is a request for proposals currently out for the Canteen service on the Ferry. We are looking forward to a good outcome.

F. Other items for Council to discuss:

- I. Yield Sign requested for Stag Harbour Road. Cao will speak with Public Works.
- II. Reservation System for Ferry Service. Committee recommends Council explore and research if a Reservations System could be implemented as a 6-month Pilot Project.

- III. Request that the Dept. of Transportation organize the transportation of Sand & Salt Trucks so that they do not come on the 6pm ferry or leave on the 7am ferry. As those crossings are the most used by residents.
- IV. Question Government whether there is a long-term plan for ferry services and vessel replacement in place?
- V. Ask Government for an “Operational Overview” document for 2021/22.
- VI. Single line-up in Farewell that is based on a first come first served basis.

➤ Councilor Young departed the meeting at 8:20pm due to another commitment.

5.7 Finance and Administration presented by Councilor Roebotham

A meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee was held at the Town Office on January 24, 2023, at 6:30PM. In attendance were Chairperson, Councilor Lary Roebotham, Deputy Mayor Sandy Crawford, Pauline Payne, CAO, and Daphne Coles, Deputy Town Clerk. Absent from the meeting was Councilor Adam Young.

The following items were discussed:

A. For Council Approval

I. Adoption of Cheque Register

- a) Committee reviewed the cheques that were issued during December 2022.

2023-020

Roebotham/Broders

Resolved to adopt the cheque register from December 1st – 31st, 2022 in the amount of \$245,599.67. Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebotham. Against - 0.

II. Adoption of Finance Reports

- a) Committee reviewed the following reports for December 2022:
 - i) Breakdown of Receipts
 - ii) Quick Statistics Summary
 - iii) Detailed Income Statement
 - iv) Bank Reconciliation

2023-021

Roebotham/Broders

Resolved to adopt the Financial Statements from December 1st – 31st, 2022 as presented. Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebotham. Against - 0.

III. Approval for Signing Authority for Deputy Mayor Alexander Crawford at Scotiabank

2023-022

Roebotham/McKenna

Resolved to approve signing authority for Deputy Mayor Alexander Crawford at Scotiabank.: Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebotham. Against - 0.

IV. Request for Adjustment of 2019 Business Tax – Account #FOGOI039

- a) Owner is requesting an exemption of 2019 business tax due to low revenue as competition from other businesses making similar products was high.
- b) Business closed in 2020 due to COVID.

2023-023

Roebbotham/Broders

Resolved to deny the request for exemption of 2019 business taxes for Account #FOGOI039 as the business was in operation in 2019.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebbotham. Against - 0.

V. Request for Exemption of Interest – Account #HARTE001

- a) Individual is requesting an exemption of accrued interest charged on account. Only became aware of ownership of property this past week after requesting copy of Father's Will from the lawyers. Former owner died in December 2017.
- b) Tax bills were sent to the Estate, in care of last known address of the deceased daughter from 2018, however she did not receive the bills due to moving quite frequently over the last few years.

2023-024

Roebbotham/Budden

Resolved to deny the request for exemption of accrued interest on Account #HARTE001 as the Will clearly states transfer of ownership to his daughter.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebbotham. Against - 0.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy

- Town of Fogo Island has proclaimed Sunday, March 26th, 2023, as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

6.2 Municipal & Provincial Affairs – 2023 Municipal Budget Approval

- Received a letter from the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs confirming that the town's 2023 Municipal Budget has been approved and no deficiencies were revealed.

7. New Business

7.1 Open Call for Bids – F. U. Trading Company Building Repairs OCB 2023-0001

- Two (2) bids were received. One bid was disqualified due to not submitting all the documents requested in the Scope of Work.

2023-025

Roebbotham/Crawford

Resolved to award the Open Call for Bids for the F. U. Trading Company Building Repairs OCB 2023-0001 to R & K Construction with a bid of \$27,900.00 plus HST.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna, and Councillor Roebbotham. Against - 0.

7.2 Update on New Bank

- On January 24th, the Atlantic Edge Credit Union had a meeting with their new and expanded Board of Directors. After multiple mergers with other Credit Unions in the last year, there are now four groups of Board of Directors that must come together to make any significant decisions. This has been the main reason why there continues to be delays in the decision to open a branch here as the new Board of Directors are getting aligned on their new operations and will technically not have any approval authority until April at the earliest.
- Cory Munden, the Atlantic Edge Credit Union CEO, continues to present the Fogo Island branch opportunity to the Board and he has stated that there is a sense of optimism from them all. They agree this is a great opportunity and will work as quickly as possible to make a final decision once their new Board is effective.
- In discussions with Mr. Munden, Justin Hearn has stated that the islands optimism diminishes as time passes and he completely understands this. The recruitment effort over a year ago and we have been without Scotiabank since August. To provide a more tangible update to the island, Mr. Munden

will work with Council and Justin Hearn to provide a virtual update in the next few weeks. This may be on a special Council meeting, or at the next regularly scheduled meeting in February. It will be a good opportunity for everyone to join to hear directly from the Atlantic Edge Credit Union on how everything is progressing. We will ask him to build in some time for questions and to give us an opportunity to express our thanks for all they have done so far, but to also express how urgently we need them to come here!

7.3 Update on Doctor Shortage

- Although it has not been announced by Central Health, a female doctor has announced that she is committed to coming to Fogo Island and hopes to be here by April.
- Mayor has also been in correspondence with Kim Donahue, a doctor from the States who is working on getting her papers to come to the island as well. She asked the Mayor to contact Central Health to help her with getting her Visa and he has been speaking with the Recruiter from Central Health who agreed to help her with the process. She is hoping to be here by this summer.

8. Date of Next Regular Meeting:

- Public Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment:

2023-026

Crawford/McKenna

Resolved the public council meeting of January 31st. 2023, be adjourned at 8:37PM.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councilor Broders, Councilor Budden, Councilor McKenna, and Councilor Roebbotham. Against - 0.

Pauline Payne
CAO

Andrew Shea
Mayor
