Minutes of Special Council Meeting
August 22nd, 2018

A Special Meeting of Council was held on the above date with the following in attendance:

**Councilors Present:**
- Mayor Wayne Collins
- Deputy Mayor Paul Torraville
- Councillor Barbara Jacobs
- Councillor Scottie Hart
- Councillor Samuel Rowe
- Councillor Sheldon Hamlyn
- Councillor Tracey Hart

**Staff:**
- Amanda McGrath, Clerk/Town Manager
- Daphne Coles, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:**
- Mr. Derek Simmons, Director Fire Services/Fire Commissioner of Government of NL
- Mr. Linus Tremblett, Fire Protection Officer, Government of NL

**Absent:**
- Councillor William Hart

1. **Call to Order**
   Mayor Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

2. **Agenda**
   Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

3. **Stadium Upgrade – Capital Works – Resolution to Award Tender**
   **2018-190**
   - **Hamlyn/S. Hart**
   - Resolved to accept the recommendation from Core Engineering Inc. to award tender to Young’s Industrial Refrigeration Ltd for Project Number 17-SCF-18-00036 - Iceberg Arena Upgrades
   - Project in the amount of $203,379.00.
   - Resolution Carried. In favour 7. Against 0.

   **2018-191**
   - **Torraville/T. Hart**
   - Resolved to apply to Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment for the extra funding required for the Iceberg Arena Upgrades in the amount of $21,938.00. Further resolved that if government funding is not approved than the Town of Fogo Island will absorb the extra costs incurred.
   - Resolution Carried. In favour 7. Against 0.

4. **Meeting with Derek Simmons – Fire Commissioner, Government of NL**
   - Mr. Simmons and Mr. Tremblett joined the meeting at 6:55PM
   - Mayor Collins welcomed Mr. Simmons and Mr. Tremblett to the meeting and introductions were made.
   - Mr. Simmons met with the Superintendent of Public Works at the ferry to visit the Fire Stations on Fogo Island, they didn’t get the chance to visit Fogo Fire Station earlier, if possible he would like to visit that station after the meeting or early tomorrow morning.
   - Mr. Simmons has reviewed the report from Emergency Management & Training Inc and the recommendation of 3 Fire Stations for Fogo Island.
   - Mr. Simmons provided the following discussion:
     ➢ Having one Central Fire Station will only increase the level of response time to each community regardless of where the fire is located. Council has the responsibility to provide adequate fire services to the residents of Fogo Island and residents expect this...
service. The level of service that the Town want to provide to its residents has to be determined; does council want to provide a level of service whereby only buildings or the adjacent buildings are saved or a level of service where lives are saved. The Fire stations need to be evaluated to the level of service that they can provide to the Town; currently all the Fire Stations can only provide the level of service that will save buildings, not lives and some of the stations cannot save the building that is on fire but only save the adjacent buildings. The alternative is to close the smaller stations and combine resources with the 3 larger stations to provide a much better service to residents.

➢ Hiring a new Fire Chief is a first step in the right direction. Administrative work for 3 fire stations will be time consuming along with other duties. The first priority of the new Fire Chief should be to develop a long-term plan for the Fogo Island Fire Department. This plan will involve assessing the equipment and training levels of all fire fighters. It is the Fire Chief’s responsibility to ensure that enough members are adequately trained to provide the level of service Council wants to provide to residents and it is Council’s responsibility to provide this training. Training is a very important part of the process and will require some commitment from members to achieve the levels needed.

➢ All equipment will have to be assessed. Need to determine what and how much equipment we have and need, what clothing needs to be replaced. Fire Trucks are aging, average life span for the use of fire trucks is approximately 20 years and only 2 trucks are inside this limit – Fogo and Joe Batt’s Arm trucks are 18 years old. Maintenance of oxygen cylinders and proper care of suits is essential to avoid health issues for members. After being on the scene of a vehicle accident all suits need to be decontaminated for fear of contact with other bodily fluids. Showers is essential for everyone after leaving a fire scene. A commercial washer is needed to help maintain clothing.

➢ Stations are not on the same communication systems with their pagers. As one Fire Department all members need to be on the same communication system. This can be costly, funding for communications equipment is considered a priority item when issued by government, unfortunately all funding for this year is done. This will help develop the feelings of coming together as one station. All members need to feel comfortable and operate efficiently in all 3 stations. “Same department, just different home”.

➢ Costs of properly maintaining 6 fire stations is expensive. All stations have essentially the same equipment and multiple pieces of some. Buildings need to be properly maintained.

➢ Fire Inspector will need to be trained within the Fire Department to provide building inspections. Ensuring proper building regulations are met will reduce the chances of fire.

➢ After reviewing the EMT Report Mr. Simmons felt that this is a good report and all recommendations need to be met. Willing to provide Mr. Tremblett’s services to come to the island and help the new Fire Chief develop a Fire Services plan for Fogo Island, once the position is filled.

- Mayor thanked Mr. Simmons and Mr. Tremblett again for the meeting tonight.

5. Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Amanda McGrath                      Wayne Collins
Clerk/Town Manager                  Mayor

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