Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
December 18th, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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

**Councilors Present:**
- Mayor Wayne Collins
- Deputy Mayor Paul Torraville
- Councilor Janet Langdon
- Councilor Samuel Rowe
- Councilor Sheldon Hamlyn
- Councilor William Hart
- Councilor Scottie Hart
- Councilor Tracey Hart

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

**Absent:**
- Councilor Barbara Jacobs

1. **Call to Order:**
   
   Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and welcomed everyone.

2. **Delegation – Ryan Holmes – Fogo Island Health Care**
   - Mr. Holmes was present representing the people of Fogo Island on a very important issue with health care and Doctors.
   - Fees for Service was introduced in 2016 within the Regional Health Authorities in Newfoundland, where Doctors were forced to pay $2,400 a month for office space and other associated costs. Doctors for Fogo Island were exempt from this fee due to no signing bonus or isolation pay for living on an island.
   - This fee is now being implemented on Fogo Island and other areas in the Central Health Region. Our current Doctor’s will leave the island if they are forced to pay this fee. Dr. Tarik has been here for approximately 10 years and as we are on an island it is very difficult to retain doctors for our hospital that want to stay here for any length of time.
   - Mr. Holmes has sent emails and text messages in the past two days to Mr. Michael Jones, Director of Health Services, Ms. Natasha Decker, Manager, Client Care Services and Dr. Haggie, Minister of Health with no reply. He has also requested on Facebook for people of Fogo Island to also send in their concerns.
   - Mr. Holmes was notified today that Mr. Jones was at the hospital for a meeting. With short notice he gathered about 20 – 25 people to demonstrate at the hospital and met with Mr. Jones and our two doctors. Mr. Jones assured the group that they are working on the issue.
   - Mr. Holmes is requesting that Council support this very important cause and help in any way possible as Fogo Island cannot risk losing these Doctors.
   - Mayor Collins informed him that on behalf of Council a letter was delivered to Dr. Tarik and copied to MHA Derrick Bragg for more information. The Mayor spoke with Dr. Tarik today and Dr. Tarik has agreed to provide Council with the details of the meetings.
   - Council assured Mr. Holmes that they will get Council’s full support to help in any way possible. If needed a meeting with Minister Haggie can be arranged.

3. **Agenda:**
   - 2018-257
     W. Hart/S. Hart
     Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.
     Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

4. **Minutes:**
   - 2018-258
     Langdon/Hamlyn
     Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 27th, 2018 and the meeting with Stantec held on December 10th, 2018 be adopted as presented.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

5. **Business Arising:**

5.1. **November 27th, 2018 Meeting**

❖ Councilor Scottie Hart left the meeting at 7:20 PM due to conflict of interest.

- Council discussed tax exemption request from Reverend Ken Abbott and Deep Bay Community Committee. Copy of Mr. Nippard’s meeting notes and correspondence was brought forward and emailed out to councilors for review.
- Council decided to defer request to the Finance Committee for further review and recommendation at the next meeting of Council.

❖ Councilor Scottie Hart returned to the meeting at 7:22 PM.

- Report has not been received from HMJ Consulting Ltd on the submissions received on the Mineral Workings Amendment. Staff was advised to email Consultant for an update on the report.

- Letter of Approval has been received from Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to combined funds for the completion of the Potable Drinking Water Unit in Seldom. However due to the cold weather temperatures work cannot be completed now, if they proceed with the work in the cold weather costs for the project will be much higher.
- Letter of Approval from Crown Lands for the land applied for, to install the unit at the central location was received. It was noted that the land must be surveyed, and the fees must be paid to Crown Lands prior to doing any work on the land.
- Staff was advised to contact Terra Nova Water Services for an approximate date for work to begin at the Seldom location.

5.2. **Meeting with Stantec**

- Staff hasn’t received any new information from Mr. Herder on the new quote for the Town Hall. Several calls and emails have been sent with no reply.
- After the meeting, Mr. Herder had a look at the land around the current Town Office and he was quite confident that this was a good location for the new buildings, however further investigation will need to be done.

6. **Committee Reports**

6.1 **Transportation Committee**

A teleconference meeting of the Transportation Committee was held in the Council Chambers at 10:00 AM, on December 5th, 2018, with the following in attendance: Wayne Collins, Mayor, Samuel Rowe, Councillor and Committee Member, Clifford Rowe, Committee Member - Trucking Industry Representative, William Miller, Committee Member – Business Representative, John Greene, Committee Member – Fogo Island Co-operative Representative, Eugene Nippard, Committee Member - Concerned Citizen Representative, Pauline Payne, Committee Member - Shorefast Foundation Representative, Amanda McGrath, Clerk/Manager and Daphne Coles, Executive Administrative Assistant. Absent from the meeting was Paul Torraville, Deputy Mayor and Committee Chairperson and William Hart, Councillor and Committee Member.

**Department of Transportation and Works – Via Teleconference:**

Miranda Maddox, Marine Services Manager
Gregg Cuff, Director of Maintenance and Engineering

**Call to Order:**

- Before Teleconference began, Mayor gave a brief overview from the meeting in St. John’s this past Monday, December 3rd, with Honorable Steve Crocker, Minister of Transportation and
Works and John Baker, Assistant Deputy Minister, Air and Marine Services. Meeting was attended by Mayor Wayne Collins, Councillor Samuel Rowe, Transportation Committee Member and Amanda McGrath, Clerk/Town Manager.

- Teleconference call began at 10:02 A.M. Miranda Maddox welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done.

The following items were discussed:

1. *Request to Change Late Trip*

- Request was made by Town Staff via email to change the late trip on Thursdays to Saturdays to accommodate Minor Hockey travelling for hockey tournaments with an extra trip added during the day on Thursday’s due to dangerous goods trip. Schedule was changed on Thursday, December 13th, transferring the late trip on Thursday to Saturday.
- A second request was made on Wednesday, November 28th, for an extra late trip at 8:00PM for Sunday, December 2nd, to accommodate Minor Hockey teams travelling home from a hockey tournament on the South Coast and were unable to make the 6:00PM crossing due to time constraints. This request was denied unless they switched one of the late day crossings to Sunday. Committee understood from a previous meeting with the Minister that this request would be approved as an extra trip as this trip would only be required on rare occasions.
- Department is willing to trade one of the late days, but they will not add an extra trip on Sunday with the current 3 late days.
- Mr. Cuff advised that the schedule will be changed to accommodate the late trip on Saturday as requested, with the late day crossings taking place on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. He further advised to still send in the request for the late crossing on Sunday’s as required and the decision will be made by the Minister or the Assistant Deputy Minister. Impress upon Government the number of people that will be travelling on this trip and that the late trip is not only requested due to accommodations costs, the players will be absent from School on Monday if they are unable to return to the island on Sunday evening.
- Make sure the request is sent in by Wednesday to ensure time for it to go through the proper departments.
- Travel Statistics for the last month were requested at Monday’s meeting in St. John’s for the Committee to review before the Teleconference and they were only received late yesterday evening by email. Committee requested to Mr. Cuff to provide the Travel Statistics for Bell Island Service for review and comparison.
- It was requested to review the Travel Statistics for the late crossing on Saturday again in a month to see how many people are using the late run compared to Thursday’s. Mr. Cuff will provide the statistics for December and meet early in the new year to review.

2. *Veteran engine replacement and relief vessel*

- Veteran was out of service on Tuesday, December 4th for safety inspections and underwater hull inspection. Damages are done to the rear of the hull by the Skeg and Propellers. Damages may have been done by backing in to the wharves during extra low tides, no definite reason for damages has been determined.
- Veteran is still expected to leave for repairs and maintenance by mid-January 2019 and should be out of service for approximately 6 weeks. Replacement of the engine will be carried out in Lewisporte; however, the hull damages need to be done in St. Johns. Engine is due to be shipped from Germany by early December.
- Government is currently looking at the Beaumont Hamel and the Sound of Islay as the replacement vessels when the Veteran is out for repairs and maintenance. Beaumont Hamel was in service yesterday to replace the Veteran and wasn’t able to handle the traffic.

Government added an extra trip and the last trip left Farewell at 10:00 PM leaving almost a load of vehicles behind, many people walked on.
- At the meeting with the Minister it was relayed that Fogo Island needs the Legionnaire while the Veteran is out of service for repairs and maintenance, however there was no response to the request.
- Committee is requesting that the Legionnaire be sent as the replacement vessel, if she is not available then use the Flanders and the Beaumont Hamel. Sound of Islay cannot handle any amount of traffic especially big tractor trailers.

3. Reduction of deck space reserved for Change Islands from 25% to 15%.
- We have requested this for the past year or more with no response from Government. There hasn’t been any change and no reason provided as to why not.
- Mr. Cuff advised that there will be a meeting set up early in the new year with Fogo Island, Change Islands and Government Officials. Stats will be prepared and reviewed again at this meeting.

4. Loading at Farewell
- The Committee has made several requests that a system be implemented whereby traffic arriving will be provided a number with the ticket purchase, regardless as to whether it’s FI or CI traffic - “First Come, First Serve”. Change Island traffic will then have to be in the lineup the same as Fogo Island traffic, however they will still be required to use a separate line-up for loading purposes.
- This can all be directed by the Worker in the Ticket Booth.
- Will also eliminate the use of percentage capacity for Change Islands.
- This request was discussed with Change Islands previously and they were not in favour with this process, it will create problems for freight trucks coming to the island and residents getting back from hospital appointments.
- Mr. Cuff suggested that we incorporate this new idea in with the meeting in the new year and implement it as a pilot project to see how it works.

5. Strict enforcement of 30-minute rule at Fogo Island.
- 30-minute rule still not being enforced. Captain is not aware of the rule.

6. Announcements.
- Announcement still not changed for docking at Change Islands.

7. Update on Air Strip
- Committee member received email from Joe Dunford, ADM – Operations, Transportation and Works on November 28th. Tender has been awarded for Consultant to prepare evaluation of Air Strip to see what needs to be done and prepare the reports needed for re-certification

6.2 Tourism, Culture and Heritage Committee
- No meeting was held. The following report was submitted:
- Like to remind council that the preliminary tourism strategy has been presented and mostly agreed upon. In January we will be finalizing and tweaking the strategy and likely move to recommend the changes and investments.
- Young Canada Works applications have been submitted (student work program), a Green Initiative program has been submitted, and we are currently working on a Career Focus program for youth 15-30 years of age.
- List of maintenance issues for the heritage buildings and work plan for the trails are being compiled for the summer 2019 season.

6.3 Recreation and Special Events Committee
- No meeting was held. The following report was prepared by the Director.
- There has been further discussion regarding the new playground at the school and an agreement is being written to present to council.
- There is additional funding awarded under the CEEP funding
- Another brine leak occurred and experienced some issues with the Zamboni. Both repairs were done at the same time. Additional repairs were required for the Zamboni when parts arrived that caused some down time.
- The completion of the work by Young’s is scheduled for Tuesday December 18th and to conclude on Wednesday December 19th. An inspector will be here Wednesday to do a pressure test.
- Tree lighting and free skate was held on December 6th, and a Teddy Bear Skate was on December 14th. Proceeds from this are sent to the Salvation Army. Senior’s social is planned for December 17th in the JBA town hall, everyone is welcome to attend.
- Council discussed the schedule for the Stadium. Concerns were expressed about workers being paid while the stadium is not being used. Previous studies with stadiums in communities close to the size of Fogo Island have shown that even though there are no activities taking place in the buildings there are still workers present. Stadium Staff have now changed their hours to coincide with the stadium activities. Project workers usually start at 8:00am daily, however their schedule is arranged to accommodate evening and weekend activities when needed.

2018-259
W. Hart/T. Hart
Resolved that there be a review of the Stadium Ice schedule to coincide with the hours that the Stadium Workers are being paid and provide information to Council for review.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

6.4 Fire Services and Public Safety
- No meeting was held this past month.
- A committee meeting needs to be arranged with the Fire Chiefs of each Fire Station to determine who wants to register for Firefighter Level 1 fire training. They have to be registered before January 7th, 2019. Registration can be done online.
- New Fire Chief is not hired yet. Hiring Committee will require another meeting to further discuss the interviews and candidates reference checks before a recommendation to hire is brought to council.
- Seldom Fire Station is requesting to purchase 4 new pagers. Quote from Hi-Tech is provided.

2018-260
Torraville/Hamlyn
Resolved that Seldom Fire Station purchase 4 new pagers from Hi-Tech Communications at the quoted price of $2879.37, HST included on a 60/40 cost-shared basis with the Town of Fogo Island.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

6.5 Public Works
- No meeting was held this past month.
- Some water pressure testing has been done on North Shore Road in Fogo and it is below normal range. Staff will be doing more investigations in the area. Engineering Study is on the priority list for Municipal Capital Works and a Special Assistance Grant has been submitted to Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment that is currently under review.

6.6 Policy and Human Resources
- No meeting was held this past month.

6.7 Finance
- No meeting was held.

6.7.1 Financial Report
- Finance reports were reviewed.
Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island accept the Finance Reports for November as presented. Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

6.7.2 2019 Budget Review
- Due to the increase in the Municipal Assessment property values for 2019 property assessments there were some minor changes to the new budget to try and offset tax increases.
- Council advised Staff to request a meeting with the Municipal Assessment Agency to further understand the new assessed property values and how they are determined.
- Council reviewed spreadsheets provided by Staff.
- Council deferred passing the 2019 Budget until early January to further review the information presented. A meeting is set up for January 10th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

7. Administration
- No issues were presented for review.

8. Correspondence
8.1 Municipal Assessment Agency – Amendment, Bill 34
- Letter was addressed by Council.

8.2 Municipal Assessment Agency – Meeting Update
- Letter was addressed by Council.

8.3 Island Harbour Slipway
- George Squires was contacted back in June 2018 to provide a full quote for the entire scope of work needed for the slipway.
  - Councilor Samuel Rowe left the meeting at 8:33PM due to conflict of interest.
- Quote for scope of work from R & K Construction was addressed by Council.
- New slipway in Deep Bay can be easily accessible by Island Harbour residents.

Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island will not approve funds for a new slipway in Island Harbour. Further resolved that the Town of Fogo Island will not invest any further funds for the construction of slipways on Fogo Island. Resolution Carried. In favour 6. Against 1. Councilor William Hart was against the resolution.

Councilor Samuel Rowe returned to the meeting at 8:40 PM.

8.4 Junior Canadian Rangers Program
- Email from Corporal Randy Budgell, Canadian Rangers requesting Council’s support to the Canadian Rangers to form a Junior Canadian Rangers Program on Fogo Island for youth ages 12-18 years of age. This could include volunteers, occasional free hall rentals and presentations from council.
- This program will be very beneficial to our youth as it will teach them survival skills, knowledge of our traditional ways of living and the heritage of Fogo Island, along with many other activities.

Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island will fully support the Canadian Rangers in forming a Junior Canadian Rangers Program on Fogo Island.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

**8.5 Dept of Municipal Affairs & Environment - Potable Drinking Water Units**

2018-264
Hamlyn/S. Hart
Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island accept the transfer of funds from Project No. 17-MCW-15-00098 in the amount of $33,472.00 to Project No. 17-MCW-15-00120 and proceed to complete the project.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

2018-265
Torraville/Langdon
Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island proceed to apply for additional funding under Municipal Capital Works to complete Project No. 17-MCW-15-00098 in the amount of $369,719.00.
Resolution Carried. In favour 8. Against 0.

9. New Business
- No new business to discuss.

❖ Council entered into a Privileged Meeting from 8:50 PM to 9:07 PM. Members in the gallery were asked to leave the meeting.

10. Date of Next Regular Meeting:
Privileged Meeting – January 29th, 2019 at 6:30 PM (If required)
Regular Meeting – January 29th, 2019 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment:
2018-266
W. Hart
Resolved the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Amanda McGrath            Wayne Collins
Clerk/Town Manager        Mayor

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