

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Council

Mayor: Bernard S. Power
Deputy Mayor: Keith Pearson
Councillors: Noella Collins
Lorraine Collins-Power
Jamilee Fitzpatrick
Jane Hynes
Kay Smith

Staff

Charlotte Hickey, CAO
Rhonda Power, Manager - Tourism, Marketing & Com.
Debbie Gear, Executive Assistant (Recording)

Absent: Mary Greene (Sick)

Spectators: Ten (10)

Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences

Mayor Power acknowledged the passing of John Hickey, Mayor of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as a result of an accident. Deepest sympathies are offered to family and friends; Mayor Power asked that staff send appropriate condolences of behalf of Council and staff during this time of loss.

Congratulations

The Southeast Playground Improvement Committee were successful in their bid to win \$100,000.00 from the AVIVA Community Fund; congratulations were extended to them and to all residents who went online and voted for this project. This money will be used to construct a splash pad at the Southeast playground.

Congratulations were also sent out to the Placentia Theatre d'Heritage including the cast, artistic director Ms. Connie Newhook and her crew on the production of the very successful play *Mr. Scrooge's Christmas* which is based on the classic Dickens story *A Christmas Carol*. All four shows were sold out performances and received rave reviews from all who attended. Congratulations to all involved in showcasing the incredible talent in our area; special mention of actors Councillors Lorraine Collins-Power and Kay Smith and CAO Charlotte Hickey from the Town of Placentia who took part in this event.

Ratification of Motion

The Executive Committee had previously recommended a motion to apply for Multi-Year Capital Works Funding in the amount of \$4,938,164.65 for the next phase of the integrated water supply project - connection of Clarke's Pond to Dunville in order to move forward with the application process.

Motion #17-326

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for Multi-Year Capital Works Funding in the amount of \$4,938,164.65 for the next phase of the integrated water supply project - connection of Clarke's Pond to Dunville is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #17-327

Councillor Collins/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the agenda for the December 19, 2017 Council meeting is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2017

The minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting. There was one typo noted on page 10 - the word "contact" should be changed to "contract". Also, it was asked that the minutes be amended to express the Deputy Mayor's position with regard to the details of the agreement between the Town of Placentia and Husky Energy as compared to the details of the agreement between the Port of Argentia and Husky Energy. The minutes will be amended to reflect the corrections.

Motion #17-328

Councillor Collins/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the minutes of the public meeting held November 21, 2017 are adopted as circulated, perused and amended.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Action Sheet Update

The Action Sheet from November 21, 2017 was reviewed. Noted from it was that the lights have been repaired at the arena and Council is very pleased with the work. The CAO has applied for a rebate from NL Power to offset the cost.

The Port of Argentia (POA) has been notified that the Town has voted to dissolve the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILT) agreement with their agency. The POA is now subject to regular taxation.

Grading has been done at Bradshaw Place, Roule's access street and the Dunville Plant as previously approved by Council.

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee have been directed to issue public notice regarding sea cans - installation of same on residential property is subject to accessory building permit regulations.

An application has been submitted for funding from the Multi Materials Stewardship Board for a community recycling project.

Directives for repairs at the arena are being dealt with by committee; a report will be forthcoming.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Bernard Power, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - CAO)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Election Materials

The Executive Committee recommended that ballot boxes and materials associated with the 2017 Municipal Election held on September 26, 2017 be destroyed as per Section 59 of the Municipal Elections Act.

Motion 17-329

Councillor Collins/Councillor Collins Power

Be it resolved that the motion to destroy ballot boxes and materials associated with the 2017 Municipal Election held on September 26, 2017 as per Section 59 of the Municipal Elections Act is adopted .

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Placentia Regional Wellness Centre/Pool Project

The Town has received provincial approval for capital works in the amount of \$1,100,125 for the 2017-2020 program. The Town will use this capital works funding towards the municipal 20% share of the total project cost for the Placentia Wellness Centre/Pool Project with the remainder to be cost shared between the provincial and federal governments. The town is negotiating with other stakeholders to recover the Town's portion. It is expected that the Town will receive approval for more capital works funding next year.

Motion #17-330

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to reallocate multi-year capital works funding of \$1,000,125.00 to the 20% municipal share of the total project cost for the Town of Placentia's Regional Wellness Centre/Pool Project is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Discussion on the Motion

The Minister's office needs a motion by January 15, 2018 to move forward with the federal application for funding. It is expected that the Town will receive approval for more capital works funding next year. The Deputy Mayor asked what will happen if the Town does not get Federal approval, ie can the motion can be rescinded and the Town get its capital funding back. The Mayor is confident that at the end of the day there will be no adverse effect on capital works funding from past discussions with the Department.

VOTE ON MOTION #17-329

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Screening of Applicants

The Executive Committee recommended retaining L.W. Consultants to conduct the screening process for the Public Works Superintendent at a cost of \$2,500.00; additional costs will be at \$100 per day and 49 cents per km if more than one trip to Placentia is required by the Town.

Motion #17-331

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to retain the services of L.W. Consultants to conduct the screening process for the Public Works Superintendent at a cost of \$2,500.00 is adopted; additional costs will be at \$100 per day and 49 cents per km if more than one trip to Placentia is required by the Town.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

The screening process is expected to take approximately six weeks with the hiring level being overseen by the Executive Committee.

Mill Brook Assessment

The Executive Committee recommended that Council approve the expenditure of \$5,750.00 plus HST for an engineering assessment of Mill Brook. The assessed costs are necessary to complete an application for funding under the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador's new Disaster Mitigation program.

Motion #17-332

Councillor Collins/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,750.00 plus HST for an engineering assessment of Mill Brook is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person - CAO (in the Mgr. of Finance's absence)

Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated December 8, 2017 in the amount of \$23,766.73.

Motion #17-333

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated December 8, 2017 in the amount of \$23,766.73 is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Cheque Register - General Account

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the General Operating Account Cheque Register dated December 8, 2017 in the amount of \$882,415.27 for cheques numbered 026241 to 026334.

Motion #17-334

Councillor Smith/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the General Operating Account Cheque Register dated December 8, 2017 in the amount of \$882,415.27 for cheques numbered 026241 to 026334 inclusive is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

The CAO declared conflict due to family connection and left the meeting.

Cheque Register - Special Accounts

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of December 2017.

Motion #17-335

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Special Accounts Cheque Register for the month of December 2017 is adopted as presented.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

The CAO returned to the meeting.

Visa Statement

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the Visa statement dated October 28 to November 27, 2017 in the amount of \$1,122.40.

Motion #17-356

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Visa statement dated October 28 to November 27, 2017 in the amount of \$1,122.40 is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Purchase of Chlorine

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the recurring monthly charge of \$8,000.00 less rebate of \$5,500 for the purchase of chlorine.

Motion #17-357

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the recurring monthly charge of \$8,000.00 less rebate of \$5,500 for the purchase of chlorine is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Repair of Sander

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the approximate expenditure of \$1,259.90 plus HST and \$30 shipping to repair the control box on the Public Works sander as per the quote from Paul Murphy Services.

Motion #17-358

Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the approximate expenditure of \$1,259.90 plus HST and \$30 shipping to repair the control box on the Public Works sander as per the quote from Paul Murphy Services is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Account # WOODM002 - Tax Adjustment

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve a tax adjustment of \$20.60 to account #WOODM002; the company has ceased operations.

Motion #17-359

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a tax adjustment of \$20.60 to account #WOODM002 is adopted; the company has ceased operations.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Repair of HVAC System

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the repair of the Town Hall HVAC System at a cost of \$2,126.35 HST included.

Motion #17-360

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the repair of the Town Hall HVAC System at a cost of \$2,126.35 HST included is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Purchase of PRV

The Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the purchase of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) for the Clarke’s Pond pump house at a cost of \$2,200.00 plus HST.

Motion #17-361

Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the purchase of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) for the Clarke’s Pond pump house at a cost of \$2,200.00 plus HST is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Sale of Ford Pumper Truck

The Finance Committee recommended that Council award the sale of the 1970 Ford Pumper Truck to the high bidder, Skyline Contracting at a bid price of \$576.89 plus HST.

Motion #17-362

Councillor Smith/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that Council approves the motion to award the sale of the 1970 Ford Pumper Truck to the high bidder, Skyline Contracting at a bid price of \$576.89 plus HST.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Councillors Noella Collins and Councillor Jane Hynes Hynes; Resource Person - Public Works Supervisor)

RECOMMENDATIONS

#194-204 Southeast Road

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a residential development permit to construct a new house at #194-204 Southeast Road, Placentia pending approval from all other government agencies.

Motion # 17-363

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a residential development permit to construct a new house at #194-204 Southeast Road, Placentia is adopted pending approval from all other government agencies.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Public Works & Government Services Canada - MCTS Centre and C&P Building

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for a permit to construct the new MCTS Centre and C&P Building in Argentia.

Motion #17-364

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for a permit to construct the new MCTS Centre and C&P Building in Argentia is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

6-8 Collins Place Accessory Building Permit

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for an accessory building permit to construct a storage shed at # 6-8 Collins Place, Placentia on condition that the accessory building meets all municipal regulations with regard to materials (siding/trim/windows) and the exterior is finished within six months of the date of the permit).

Motion #17-365

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the application for an accessory building permit to construct a storage shed at # 6-8 Collins Place, Placentia is approved on condition that the accessory building meets all municipal

regulations with regard to materials (siding/trim/windows) and the exterior is finished within six months of the date of the permit.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

#17 Hartigan Street

The Public Works Committee recommended that Council approve the application for an accessory building permit to construct a shed at #17 Hartigan Street with the stipulation that the existing shed be removed immediately, that the siding be completed in the same material as the primary building.

Motion #17-366

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve an accessory building permit at #17 Hartigan Street is adopted with the stipulation that the existing shed be removed immediately and that the siding on the new shed be completed in the same material as the primary building.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

NL Power - Pole Installations

The Public Works Committee recommended the approval of the following NL Power pole installation applications: 1) to replace one pole on Main Road, Southeast and 2) to replace one additional pole located on Kelly's Lane, Freshwater.

Motion # 17-367

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor

Be it resolved that the motion to approve NL Power pole installation applications: 1) to replace one pole on Main Road, Southeast and 2) to replace one additional pole located on Kelly's Lane, Freshwater.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Vendor Permits

The following vendor permits were approved:

Motion #17-368

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a vendor permit for to operate a mobile snack truck for Kimberly Aucoin pending approval from all other government agencies; proper waste and rodent controls must be exercised.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Motion # 17-369

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a vendor permit for *The Mobile Lunch Box* to operate a mobile snack truck pending approval from all other government agencies; proper waste and rodent controls must be exercised.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Motion #17-370

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Hynes

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a vendor permit to sell jewelry at Placentia Mall (Justine Bradbury)

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Motion #17-371

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a vendor permit to sell tickets at Placentia Mall (Masonic Lodge, Hearts Content)
(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Motion #17-372

Deputy Mayor Pearson/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that Council approves the application for a vendor permit to sell baked and knit goods at Placentia Mall (Berdina Smith)
(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

#3 Murphy’s Lane Development

An application for a new residential development permit to construct a house at #3 Murphy’s Lane, Dunville was not approved as submitted; the Public Works Supervisor will contact the applicant to discuss the options.

Notes from Report

Mayor Power reiterated that Government Services approval must be confirmed at the Town Hall before municipal permits will be issued.

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee was directed to determine if it is acceptable under the Municipalities Act to publish residents’ names when identifying permit applications.

The issue with “No Overnight Parking” signs on Swan’s Road arose when there was excessive parking on Town owned property. It was recognized that no overnight parking signs are required as a result of a permit motion stipulating same; without signage we cannot enforce the condition. Council agreed but has asked that the same conditions be imposed on other similar areas/permits if the need arises.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Noella Collins, Chair; Councillors Lorraine Collins-Power and Councillor Jane Hynes; Resource Person CAO)

The Public Safety Committee report was circulated prior to the meeting; there were no recommendations for Council approval; however the Chair did highlight information from the recently received RCMP report. It was noted that there were five calls related to alarms, numerous violations of the Highway Traffic Act; eight reports of theft and other domestic violence and drug/liquor violations for a total of 77 calls for service during the month.

The school DARE program continues as well as the promotion of anti-drinking and driving awareness. RCMP community involvement continues as well with members of the detachment taking part in fundraising for the Childrens Wish tree, food drives, parades and other initiatives throughout the municipality.

CULTURE & TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jane Hynes, Chair; Councillor Noella Collins and Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)

Recommendations

The Culture and Tourism Committee recommended that Council proceed with the fundraising campaign for the grotto with all monies being receipted at the Town.

Motion # 17-373

Councillor Hynes/Councillor Collins

Be it resolved that Council approves the motion to move forward with fundraising initiatives for the grotto in the Legacy Garden with all monies being receipted at the Town.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

French Publication

The Culture and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve utilization of the Town logo including “Plaisance” for French publication as per the ad circulated to the Committee.

Motion # 17-374

Councillor Hynes/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to utilize the Town logo including “Plaisance” for French publication is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

Notes from the Culture & Tourism Committee Meeting

The Placentia 350 Inc. new five member board of directors was recently formed with two Councillors elected (as Vice President and Treasurer) and one staff member appointed to be the liaison between the committee and the Town.

Both the annual Town of Placentia Tree Lighting in the Town Square and the Dunville Lions Club/Town of Placentia Santa Claus Parade were a great success again this year.

A meeting will be held with the newly formed Archaeology Committee early in the new year to discuss their objectives, initiatives and future plans.

A nomination will be put forth from the Town for a Tourism Excellence Award from Hospitality NL.

The Mummies’ Parade is scheduled for December 28, 2017.

Council’s recorded greetings will be sent to Plentzia and Plaisance du Gers, twin towns to Placentia.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Councillor Lorraine Collins-Power and Deputy Mayor Keith Pearson; Resource Person - Manager of Recreation and Community Programming

The Freshwater Community Centre is interested in extending an existing trail in Freshwater as part of the Placentia Area Development Association’s (PADA) application for funding for the Veterans Way boardwalk improvements. The Recreation Committee recommended that Council approve support of the proposal for a walking trail around Larkin’s Pond pending pre-approval from all other government agencies.

Motion #17-375

Councillor Fitzpatrick/Deputy Mayor Pearson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve support of a proposal for extension of the walking trail around Larkin’s Pond pending pre-approval from all other government agencies is adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick, Hynes and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

The following highlights were reported from the Recreation Committee meeting:

Arena exterior lighting has been upgraded and consideration is being given to further improvements in next year’s budget.

CIMCO has been engaged to address required upgrades at Unity PARC to meet required standards.

A review of all playground equipment and grounds will be conducted when weather permits so that a priority list for upgrades can be created.

Changes to Service Canada's regulations with regard to student employment were brought to the Committee's attention.

The Laval fitness room is not available to the general public due to liability and insurance issues including equipment maintenance costs. The Committee will work to source other options for a fitness centre and will continue dialogue with the school to identify solutions.

A new committee will be formed to provide direction on recreation development for the Town. It will be known as the Recreation Advisory Committee; its formation is currently in the planning stage.

The Southeast Playground Improvement Committee won \$100,000 from the Aviva Community Fund competition; a splash pad is planned for installation at the Wayne John Searle Complex from the winnings.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Councillor Lorraine-Collins Power, Chair; Councillor Noella Collins and Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person - Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Communications)

The Committee advises that the first quarterly public consultation session will take place in February 2018; these sessions will be rotated at different venues throughout the town and provide residents with a topic of discussion and the opportunity to voice their concerns on any topic of concern to them. Council will update the public on accomplishments to date at this time.

Meeting webcasting is still being explored by the committee; information is being sought from other communities on how they proceeded to implement same at their meetings.

Issues to be included in the Municipal Minute:

- Traffic calming updates
- Anti Noise Bylaw
- Fire Safety during the holidays
- Winterizing Properties
- Update on Municipal Policies
- Signage Regulations
- Value of Backflow Valve Installation

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Snow Clearing

The Mayor offered to declare conflict as a contractor and leave the room; however it was noted that the CAO would have to leave as well as she has family connections with another snow clearing contractor. That would mean that the meeting would be without a clerk which is not permitted under the Municipalities Act. It was agreed by other Councillors that the concerns to be expressed could be directed to staff to address. Discussion did not continue; therefore neither the Mayor or the CAO left the meeting.

Speed Sign

A request to install speed signs in Morrissey's Lane was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Road Repair - Dunville

Council requested that staff contact the Department of Transportation about the cut in the road in Dunville; staff had already contacted the Department earlier today on this issue.

Fort Louis Road - Pavement Work

Pavement patch work done on Fort Louis Road hill was less than satisfactory and certainly less than was expected. The contractor never charged for the work; Public Works Staff did some additional repairs but the road needs to be paved properly. This will be a budget consideration for proper paving in 2018.

Husky Project - Update

The public is of the opinion that Husky will be holding an information session on December 22nd; however there is no such session. There is a meeting of disgruntled residents wanting work with the Husky Project but it is not a Town of Placentia or Husky Energy meeting. Mr. Pratt has agreed to visit the Town in the new year.

The Mayor explained that during his discussions with Mr. Richard Pratt of Husky, the Mayor reminded him of the benefits of hiring locally including the saving of \$120.00 per day travel cost. The Mayor has reached out to the SDP group and to Council of Unions Representative Ed Byrne to ask for consideration of a 50km zone for local hiring with locals being given preference. Local is being defined as in the area from Ship Harbour to Point Verde including the Town of Placentia.

The SDP (SNC Lavalin-Dragados-Pennecon) group are proposing the lease of the former Vale property in Argentina. The Port of Argentina has included a clause in their standard lease agreement that qualified locals will be hired first. This clause will be included in all future leases. SDP must have an Occupancy Permit from the Town before they start work.

Husky's Safety Committee will be set up in the new year and it is hoped this will help address road issues on Route 100. (A 1000+ name petition was presented in the House of Assembly asking that the issues with Route 100 pavement be addressed.)

Noise Complaint

There appears to be a reduction of noise complaints from the resident in Dunville who had issues with a neighbouring garage. Council thanks the business owner for their cooperation.

Argentia Gold

This Council recognizes the efforts of Argentia Gold to establish their business in Argentia and to help the community grow and prosper.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on meetings and discussions that have been held on various key subjects before the Town:

Pool Committee - November 27, 2017

Recent discussions on the Placentia Recreation Wellness Centre/Pool resulted in the agreement to update the Business Plan with the Placentia Lions Club to be appended to funding applications. Other funding options are being considered and staff will be preparing application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. The Committee is investigating the Design/Bid/Build option; the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment have been asked if they will accept the original drawings that were prepared several years ago; they agree that they would but they cannot be used as part of the Town's share of funding as they were done prior to signing of an agreement.

Council will be looking at long term operations of the facility. The Placentia Lions Club has agreed to conduct an update professional report on this at their cost.

Port of Argentia - November 27, 2017

Mayor Power attended the monthly meeting of the Port of Argentia; he noted this was the same night as the Town's tree lighting and he apologized for not being able to attend both.

Wind Farm Meeting - November 29, 2017

The Wind Farm company is proposing low cost of wind energy (6.5 cents per kw plus management fee for a total of 7 – 8 cents per kw)

The highlights of their proposal include offering shares over the first four years; local tax dollars would be realized by the Town of Placentia; they are exploring power to the mainland, etc.

The project cost is estimated at \$80 million; there would be local engineering, 40-50 construction jobs, two full time jobs after construction - timeline for start-up is 2020 pending government lines installation.

The Mayor advised the proponents during the meeting that the Town has a set mil rate for taxes; the proponent will be required to follow the tax structure and any agreement for shareholding will have to be with the Port of Argentia.

A committee of the whole will be arranged for the new year so the company can present to Council.

Minister Haggie Meeting - December 5, 2017

Mayor Power told Dr. Haggie that residents of the Town would like to have x-ray services reinstated in Placentia – in particular having an evening and weekend technician available, as well as reinstating drug testing/urine analysis. Eastern Health made the offer to staff to be cross-trained to complete blood work and x-ray services; but not all staff took advantage of that offer. In our area there are several technicians cross trained for those services.

It was stated that blood services are available round the clock if required, however x-ray is only available after normal working hours if the on-call person is cross trained. Over the last 10 to 12 months, there were only 20 after hour incidents requiring x-ray; of that number 10 of them would not have been supported by the local facility anyway (due to severity). Of the remaining 10 that could be deferred for several hours, five opted to go to another facility.

Dialysis changes were discussed – home treatments are being offered as opposed as traveling to the city for dialysis. There are criteria to meet and some locals have been identified as candidates for this option in Placentia. Eligibility can be coordinated with the Kidney Foundation. Key consideration is water quality - it must be low in iron. If this is a problem, Eastern Health will supply water free of charge.

There is no change to chemotherapy sessions; according to Dr. Haggie this is just rumour.

The Town will be kept up to date on the representation on the Eastern Health Board of Directors. At present there is no one on the board from our local area. The new system requires that an interested person declare their interest on the Eastern Health website; residents who might be interested are encouraged to sign up and to ask our local MHA, Sherry Gambin-Walsh to lobby on their behalf.

Department of Natural Resources December 5, 2017

Gordon McIntosh, Deputy Minister and Doug Trask, Assistant Deputy Minister from the Department of Natural Resources visited the Town Hall and toured the Argentia Industrial Park. Discussion was held with them on how the Town can best access money from the Husky \$60 million compensation fund that might benefit our area in the long term. Mr. Trask and Mr. McIntosh are tasked with setting the criteria which will focus on innovative ideas related to offshore projects. It was suggested that the CAO would coordinate with

the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce to arrange a public information session. Departmental staff have agreed to meet with locals in the new year to explain the criteria when developed.

The Mayor told them that businesses need to be kept informed on how to maximize opportunities, be aware of the areas they can service during the wellhead project and benefits from hiring and procurement.

Council intends to initiate a public meeting with its partners through the Community Engagement and Communications Committee. The purpose will be to provide information on the criteria for accessing the \$60 million fund for local projects.

Station Road Flooding Issue

The Town has already advised Minister Coady of our concerns and she agreed to provide a geologist to review the issue. The Mayor will lobby for support of projects to mitigate problems with three areas in the Town – Station Road Hill, Mill Brook and Freshwater Brook. Application will be made under the Disaster Mitigation Fund.

Christmas Socials/Events attended by Mayor Power or his Representative

Nov. 27th Tree Lighting

Dec. 1 FCC Dinner & Dance

Dec. 2 Dunville Lions Club/Town of Placentia Santa Claus Parade

Dec. 2 Beachside Manor Dinner

Dec. 8 Staff Appreciation Dinner

Dec. 9 Placentia Health Centre Dinner & Dance

Mayor Power reminded Council of the December 21st from 12:00 – 4:00 Chamber of Commerce Drop in Christmas Social.

The 2018 budget should be completed in January – Council will not be increasing residential tax.

Mayor Power extended warm holiday wishes to all residents and their families with hopes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion #17-376

Councillor Collins/Councillor Collins-Power

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. was adopted.

(CARRIED: Mayor Power, Deputy Mayor Pearson, Councillors Collins, Collins-Power, Fitzpatrick and Smith voted in favour of the motion.)

MAYOR BERNARD S. POWER, MAYOR

CHARLOTTE HICKEY, CAO

DATE