

MINUTES

A public meeting of the Placentia Council was held April 20, 2022 via zoom with the following in attendance:

Council Mayor:

Keith Pearson

Deputy Mayor: Wayne Power

Councillors: Jamilee Fitzpatrick

Jennifer Power Kay Smith Mike Williams Gerard Wilson **Staff**

Jonathan Galgay, CAO

Rhonda Power, Mgr. of Tourism, Marketing & Communications Kathryn Smith, Executive Assistant (Recording)

Regrets: Adam Greene, Public Works Superintendent (Personal)

Mary Greene, Manager of Finance (Personal)

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

April 24 - 30 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. Last year in Canada there were 4500 Canadians awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant. 75 people could receive tissue from one donor. One organ and tissue donor could save up to eight lives and enhance as many as 75. The Town signed a proclamation for support and awareness. For more information on how to become an organ and tissue donor, visit www.gov.nl.ca.

Volunteer Week is April 24 - 30. This year's theme "Volunteering is Empathy in Action," affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. The Town recognizes the enormous contribution that volunteers and community-based organizations make to the social, cultural, and economic development of our province. The Town acknowledges and appreciates everyone that freely volunteers their time. Thank you for making our town a better place to live.

Municipal Awareness Week is May 9 – 13. Municipal Awareness Week highlights the vital role that municipal Councils and staff play in delivering programs, resources, and services to residents. This is an opportunity to recognize the valuable work untaken by elected officials and administrators to support communities. Thank you to fellow Council members and Town staff, your hard work and dedication is appreciated. The Town signed a proclamation for support and awareness of Municipal Awareness Week.



ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #22-074 Councillor Fitzpatrick/Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Council meeting held April

20, 2022 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-075 Councillor Williams/Councillor Power

Be it resolved that the minutes of March 15, 2022 are adopted

as circulated. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Business Arising

The following motion was sanctioned at a privileged session of Council on March 15, 2022.

Motion #22-073 Deputy Mayor Power/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the CUPE Local 1761 Union Agreement dated April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026 as

presented is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

New Motion of Council

Councillor Williams and Councillor Smith declared conflict and left the meeting for the next motion due to family relation.

Motion #22-076 Councillor Power/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve management and permanent non-union staff hourly increases as per the

Collective Agreement is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Williams and Councillor Smith returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Mayor Keith Pearson, Chair; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power, Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person – CAO)

The Executive Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided following from the Committee report which included:

Council had a meeting with Honourable John Hogan, Minister of Public Safety and Attorney General along with other dignitaries to discuss concerns for community policing, staff shortages, and RCMP operations in the town. A meeting will be scheduled with Minister Hogan and the new Commanding Officer with the RCMP to discuss these concerns further.

The Premier recently visited the area for a tour of the Cenovus site in Argentia. The Mayor had an opportunity to converse with the Premier to discuss some local concerns. The Premier got to see the deplorable conditions of Route 100 and other provincial owned roads throughout our community firsthand for which he contacted the Minister of Transportation

and Infrastructure. Council has a meeting scheduled with the Minister Loveless, Deputy Minister Grandy, and other dignitaries to discuss transportation issues within our town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Kay Smith, Chair; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power, Councillor Jennifer Power; Resource Person-Mgr. of Finance)

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #22-077 Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve sponsorship to the Freshwater Come Home Year 2022 Committee in the amount of \$3,000 for fireworks at the opening and closing ceremonies is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-078 Councillor Smith/Councillor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of invoice from the Municipal Assessment Agency in the amount of \$17,069 for second quarter assessment fees is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-079 Councillor Smith/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the remaining Accounts Payable Transaction Journal dated April 11, 2022 in the amount of \$71,094.14 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-080 Councillor Smith/Deputy Mayor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Cheque Register for the Operating Account in the amount of \$276,584.09 for cheques numbered 030143 to 030228 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-081 Councillor Smith/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve payment of visa statements dated March 1 to March 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,061.05 is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-082 Councillor Smith/Councillor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve donation to the Avalon North Wolverines Search and Rescue in the amount of \$1,000 as a contribution towards the purchase of a new mobile Command Post is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-083 Councillor Smith/Councillor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve business tax adjustment to a local business in the amount of \$1,520.55 for 2021 taxes as the as the business was not in operation for the 2021 calendar year is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

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Motion #22-084

Deputy Mayor Power/Councillor Fitzpatrick

Be it resolved that the motion to approve a donation to the Dunville Health Care Ladies Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,000 and waive the \$100 Arts Centre rental fee to recognize their 50th anniversary of voluntary services is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Gerard Wilson, Chair; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Councillor Mike Williams; Resource Person - Public Works Superintendent)

The Public Works Committee had the following recommendation:

Motion #22-085

Councillor Wilson/Councillor Williams

Be it resolved that the motion to approve that the Town of Placentia extend the existing snow clearing contract for an additional year as permitted under the contract providing that the extension is mutually agreeable to all parties is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick, Chair; Councillor Mike Williams, Councillor Gerard Wilson; Resource Person -Public Works Superintendent)

The Recreation Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Deputy Mayor Wayne Power Chair; Councillor Jennifer Power; Councillor Kay Smith; Resource Person - CAO)

The Tourism & Economic Development Committee had no recommendations; however, the Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Mike Williams Chair; Councillor Gerard Wilson; Councillor Jamilee Fitzpatrick; Resource Person Public Works Superintendent)

The Planning, Development & Community Enhancement Committee had the following recommendations:

Motion #22-086

Councillor Williams/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to reject an application to construct a new residence at #38B Church Road because it does not meet the Town development regulations is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

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Motion #22-087 Councillor Williams/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to construct a new home at #513 Southeast Road to include a home-based business (hair salon) is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

Motion #22-088 Councillor Williams/Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to approve permit for a milling operation at #1305 Main Road, Dunville with the stipulation that proof of approval from all other government agencies is provided including a Commercial Mill License from the Department of Forestry is adopted. Also, with the stipulation that the applicant must agree that the product will be screeded or stored at the rear of the building. No operation is to proceed until the Town of Placentia issues an Occupancy Permit to the applicant. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Chair provide an update from the Committee report.

MARKETING & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Councillor Jennifer Power, Chair; Councillor Kay Smith; Deputy Mayor Wayne Power; Resource Person Manager of Tourism, Marketing & Communications)

The Special Events & Marketing Committee had the following recommendation:

Motion #22-089 Councillor Power/Deputy Mayor Power

Be it resolved that the motion to approve staff to undertake a formal review of the Town's communication strategy is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)

The Chair provided an update from the Committee report.

OTHER BUSINESS OF COUNCILLORS

Health care has been a topic of concern in our community for some time and the future of the Placentia Health Care Centre is still a main priority of Council. There is a meeting scheduled with Mr. David Diamond and other dignitaries of Eastern Health to discuss issues with our local Health Care Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Motion #22-090

Councillor Fitzpatrick / Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. is adopted. (CARRIED UNANIMOUS)