

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, March 2 , 2022**

(Meeting February 23, 2022, cancelled due to Covid-19)

In Attendance:

DM Parsons, Councilors Hackett, and Morgan, by Remote – Mayor Wheeler, Councilors McAuley and Taylor. Minutes recorded by clerk - A. Bennett. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Parsons.

2. Motion 2022 – 026 McAuley / M Wheeler

Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated with addition of late items. All in favor.
Carried.

3. Motion 2022 – 027 Hackett / Taylor

Errors/Omissions – no

Moved to adopt the Minutes of February 9, 2022. All in favor, carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

Website – ready to go, waiting on credit card for payment.

5. Delegate – none

6. Committees:

Public Works

- a) **Landslide February 18, 2022** – homeowners were sent a legal release today which was very broad. They are waiting on advice from their lawyer before they sign. They have reached out to the Mayor and asked for him to engage our MHA, Eddie Joyce, they are confused and do not know where to turn or what to do next. There has been some salvage at the site but many items were destroyed. Family friend is a geo-tech and has advised them not to sign, there are many safety concerns. The opposite side of the road has been left as is, Department of Highways has left the damages to the homeowners, appears they will be responsible for repair. As per the email that was sent requesting Mayor Wheeler to sign off appears to be an error, they have confused [REDACTED].

Town repairs for damages to the remainder of the Town caused by the weather have all been addressed and repaired, all repairs complete as of Sunday, February 20, 2022. Contractor was very efficient and timely with repairs. Emergency relief funding may be available to the Town in the future, keep all receipts and

correspondence. This will not cover damages to Town buildings (Town Hall and Fire Hall). Office received reports that the traffic lights in the area were not working this morning, the lights are now up and functioning properly, batteries need to be charged. There is a lack of signage in the area. Life Line Safety had their own signs in place when they were on the scene for the Town. The Town had hired Life Line Safety to monitor the site and when they were advised by the Town that Highways was now in charge they were advised that they could vacate the site and take their signage when they were finished at 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 21, 2022. Councillor Hackett will request Highways to put more signage in place.

RCMP / RNC increasing patrol – much discussion

- Safety concerns high for early mornings and around school dismissal

Ocean Drive – compliant received regarding fallen trees and debris in culvert. Call was made to contractor to have cleaned out and residents were extremely happy, said it was the first time in 10 years that this area was cleaned out despite several requests to do so.

b) **H.I.S.**

Defibrulators – AED's have been received and installed in both the Town Hall and the Pynn's Pond Road Recreation Facility. Great feedback from the public regarding this purchase to protect our residents.

Chief Parsons has advised that he would like Council members to reach out to the Fire Department if they require more Covid-19 tests, they are very thankful that Council has provided the Department with the tests and would like to use the tests on hand before re-purchasing more tests.

NF Power Grant - Fire Hall needs approximately 70 bulbs to be replaced, put on hold due to funding program. Correspondence on program was received today. We need to make a plan and get quotes to apply for this grant. This could cover LED lighting for all 3 buildings.

Request quotes for 3 buildings to switch to LED lighting, must be certified electrician (R & L Electrical could be one) Town Clerk and Deputy Mayor Parsons to co-ordinate. Create post on Face book for interest.

c) Recreation/Halls

- No Update

d) Building Inspections

- Jarvis Road – [REDACTED] – does not meet frontage and side yard requirements of Development Regulations. Discussion regarding ownership of Jarvis Road. Mayor has been in discussion with Kruger regarding same, will be April or May before this gets brought forward. Vendors should have come to Council before divided original land. 10m buffer zone for brook. Minimum measurements are too short but overall footage is more than required. In the past, Council gave special preference to old land. The boundary that is too short is next to the buffer zone. Purchaser will build closer to the right hand side but within regulations. Building Inspectors need to be notified at all stages for inspections.

Motion 2022 – 028 Hackett / Morgan

Motion to pass the application under special circumstances that no one can build behind the subject property. Building Inspectors need to be notified at all stages for inspections. All in favor, carried.

e) Beautification

- Come Home Year Clean Up Grant was successful.
- Walking Trail by brook approximately 4 KM, will cost more than \$15,000.00
- Multipurpose trails – look at existing trails. MCW could qualify for 50% funding
- Delmans swimming hole – trail already in place, needs some work.
- Trails – could request volunteers, volunteers to cut wood and could keep the wood they cut for fire wood, all permits would be required.
- New Grant – Active NL – apply for grant, could look at summer festival for Come Home Year

f) GHJC

- No update, no meeting

g) H/R

- Still collecting insurance & benefit info
- Will have vacation, family and stat holidays outlined for employees. Bill C-3 for reference – 5 days/yr for leave of absence, 10 paid sick days /yr with unused days to be carried over but cannot exceed 10/yr., 10 vacation days/yr., committee to meet and work out details before next meeting

h) Public Relations

- **Facebook** – posts going over very well, great feedback
- **Name Change** – should be addressed sooner rather than later
- Request for public input for new projects is split. Meadows has a rink, may be a good idea to look at fitness centre/swimming pool/gym etc. RV Park is another option. Public interaction is going great.
- Contest for Come Home Year – have t-shirts made with slogans. Request public to comment with 10 great things in our Town to be placed on shirt.

i) correspondence

1. **Email from Resident Re: Water – 33 School Lane**
Advise resident this was on our radar & is scheduled for Spring
2. **Grant – Active NL Fund** (Deadline to apply March 14, 2022)
Mayor & Clerk to apply – already discussed
3. **Email from [REDACTED] – 4H Coordinator** – storage closet assistance
When workers are finished renovations at Town Hall, send them to Pynn's Pond Recreational Facility to install shelving. Co-ordinate with new 4H co-coordinator

4. **Email from 101C Main Street – exempt water tax request**
Send letter to resident. Municipalities Act prevents exemption if water line passes property they must pay water tax. Resident wrote previous council and did not receive a response, apologize for the delay.
5. **Professional Development – Becoming a Better Municipal Leader (DM Parsons)**
Match funding is available. Course is on-line, self paced. Maybe a requirement in the near future. Any member who would like to participate may do so. Send email to all Council and see who is interested.
6. **NL Power Grant**
Seems like a great idea. Apply for grant. Previously discussed above.
7. **Telematik**
Great idea, not all residents have access to internet. Maybe an idea to get all communities on the North Shore involved, if there are issues in Irishtown-Summerside it could affect residents in further communities. I.e. Landslide road closure. Clerk to check into pricing details, # of people etc. and advise
8. **Debit Card Machine – correspondence received February 15, 2022**
Defer to next meeting, may be 12 month commitment
9. **Lions Club – Tax Exemption Request**
Mayor Wheeler to get copy of past Agreement with Lions
Clerk to respond, advise exempt for 1 year only.

Motion 2022 – 029 McAuley / Hackett

Motion to grant Tax Exemption for 1 year. Lion’s Club to be exempt from paying 2022 taxes. To be re-visited next year. All in favor, carried.

7. Financials:

Councillor Morgan stepped out due to conflict 8:32 p.m. [REDACTED]

Council reviewed Financial Update as provided with Agenda. Deputy Mayor Parsons read aloud.

Motion 2022 – 030 Hackett / McAuley

Motion to accept financials as presented and to pay outstanding bills. All in favor, carried.

Councillor Morgan returned 8:36 p.m.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a) **MAA Assessment Review Commissioner** – no one came forward – Defer to next meeting
- b) **Digital Reader Board Update** – Councillor Penney collecting info. Defer to next meeting
- c) Amendment to Development Regulations –
Motion 2022-031 Mayor Wheeler / McAuley
Motion to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Irishtown-Summerside Municipal Plan and Amendment No. 1 to the Development Regulations and, in lieu of a Public hearing, to request written objections or other representation no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2022.

9. New Business

- a) Motion to Revise Budget
Motion 2022 – 031 Morgan / McAuley
Motion to revise the Budget as presented to remove Hughes Brook Garbage Collection Services that were denied., and to extend the early discount date for 2022 taxes to April 29, 2022. All in favor, carried.
- b) **Cal LeGrow insurance Renewal** – slight increase
- c) **Crown Lands Application** for existing cottage Application W-159369
Motion 2022-032 Mayor Wheeler / Morgan
Motion to accept Crown Lands Application W-159369 for an existing cottage
- d) Valley Hills Farm sign on Pynn’s Pond Road – Mayor Wheeler to approach resident to ask if Council can clean up the sign.

- e) Schedule meeting for Recreation – schedule meeting for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Councillor Penney was looking into regulations for reference. Clerk Bennett to chair the meeting with Recreation, as many Councilors that are available should attend. Vote for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large.

10. Deferred Items

- a) Meeting with Max Simms – Cultural Entertainment Grants to enhance facilities.
- b) Emergency Plan (revisions received from Chief Parsons) & Emergency Committee – Emergency Fund
- c) Fire Works Regulations – Draft to be presented
- d) 17 Colson’s Road (wait for response from resident or Enforcement Order)
- e) Change Town Name
- f) 177A Main Street – awaiting response from resident (Survey Pegs – West Coast)
- g) Taylors Road / Christopher’s Road – needs repair – **Defer to Spring**

Date and time of next meeting: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2022 – 033 McAuley / Morgan

Moved to adjourn meeting at 9:21 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Barry Wheeler - Mayor

Amanda Bennett - Clerk

Date Adopted: March 9, 2022