

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting with Community Groups
Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

In Attendance:

Mayor Barry Wheeler, DM Peter Parsons, Councilors Taylor, Morgan and Hackett. Senior Clerk Bennett and Assistant Clerk Burse.

In the gallery:

4-H
Recreation Commission
Mountain View 50+ Club
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Aboriginal Group
Summerside Seniors / Darts
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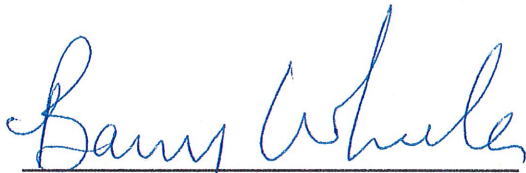
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Barry Wheeler.

Welcome to all residents in attendance.

- Advised all that the Pynn's Pond Road Facility is temporarily closed, council has no intentions of selling or closing the building permanently.
- there are several safety deficiencies and concerns that need to be addressed, some are cracked floor, plumbing, electrical, and mold.
- Council is in the process of evaluating how to address these issues
- Still in early stages and there is no estimated date for reopening at this time
- Will do what we can to accommodate all community groups utilizing both spaces in the Town Hall, there are 6 groups and not all can be accommodated in big hall
- Once inspections are complete, we may have a better idea of time frame
- Service NL has to approve all work and any modifications, they need to do a plan and review before we can proceed with any work
- Some deficiencies still outstanding from fire inspection in 2017
- Advised that there is some space in the basement should groups wish to store items
- Space must be pre-booked through the Town Office during regular business hours, the office will handle all bookings. Let the office know which nights your group would be looking to avail of space
- Plan on having storage cages install in basement, one for each group to store items
- All personal items have to be removed from facilities to accommodate rentals, council can not be held responsible for items left behind, if there are items you do not want someone else to use, it has to be removed as several groups and rentals will be occupying the space

- Council is looking into grants and plans to apply for all grants that may be beneficial to help repair/restore the facilities. Grants will be an important factor in decision making
- Major concerns at this time are plumbing, electrical, kitchen and bathroom
- Currently only the recreation group is an arm of council
- Suggested by gallery to install dart boards in the Town Hall for tournaments.
- No price on repairs yet, could be in excess of \$100,000.00
- Gallery stated that groups have been using hall for 25+ years
- Council advised that all groups will have to share both spaces in the Town Hall, we will do our best to make it fair and accommodating
- When questioned on one exclusive group using the small space Council advised that going forward all groups will have access, no group will have access 24 – 7, time must be pre-booked through Town Office.
- Mountain View 50+ Club said that they do not agree and will be getting a lawyer to seek legal advice.
- Mayor advised that meeting is now adjourned, group has indicated twice that they are seeking legal advice and we can not proceed with meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler seconded by Councillor Morgan.



Barry Wheeler – Mayor
Date Adopted: February 22, 2023



Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Clerk