

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors McAuley, Morgan, and Taylor. Councillor Penney by Remote. Minutes recorded by clerk - A. Bennett. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

**2. Motion 2022 – 074 DM Parsons / McAuley**

Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.

**3. Motion 2022 – 075 Taylor / DM Parsons**

Errors/Omissions – no

Moved to adopt the Minutes of April 25, 2022, and May 10, 2022. All in favor, carried.

**4. Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Any update from Seniors re amalgamation
- Both Seniors groups to meet to discuss and make a decision
- Need to be aware that Council is not turning over the Pynn's Pond Road Recreation Facility to the Seniors, Community Groups will still be authorized to use facility
- 4-H group requested to reserve hall every Monday, all in favor
- Let Seniors make a decision then Council will meet with them again to discuss details
- Groups using the facility will have full use on designated nights, Council will still be in control of the building
- ACOA Grant was applied for and used to add section to the Town Hall that was lost in the fire. Cost of addition to hall was \$55,000.00 for the extra building, insurance letter was received by Council regarding the addition to the Town Hall
- There will be a contract to be signed by all parties outlining stipulations
- All Community groups are of equal importance
- Facility would still be a recreation facility, could give Seniors more nights
- Operational control may be an option, they would be required to allow groups to continue to use the hall on there original nights as reserved
- Aboriginal group and 4-H have specifically requested to use that facility
- Pre-existing groups continue use
- Terms to be negotiated

**5. Delegation – 7:29 pm –**

Re: trip to youth parliament

- Was very busy, once in a life time opportunity. Great experience
- Many thanks to Council for generous donation

- First time on DHL, new to politics
- Went to House of Assembly for mock debate the first day, PC Party hosted lunch
- Wednesday – met Judy Foote at Government House. This was the live televised debate. The Board said this year youth were most engaging in all years, Liberals hosted lunch
- Thursday – resolution was so big it had to be pushed to Friday, Friday's resolution was cut in half again this year. Meet Dr. Janice Fitzgerald
- Did some exploring, hope to get the chance to do again next year
- Experience changed her mentality of politics, may look at politics in the future
- Donation paid for DHL both ways
- Over 100 applications received and 40 accepted
- Council asked if she would be interested in Youth Council Representative, she suggested organized clean ups and nature/walking trails through community

**Delegate left 7:46 pm**

**Back to Business arising from the Minutes**

- Mayor will prepare draft Operational Contract
- Clothes Line repair has been complete, siding does not match
- Base board replacement has started
- LED light replacement starting Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Fire Hall. Lights are on order, same size light so no repair required
- Solar speed signs have been ordered; delivery scheduled for 3 weeks
- SCBA purchase is in progress, since placing order price increased to \$4,200
- Response letter to \_\_\_\_\_ is being drafted regarding potential business proposal.
- Councillor Morgan in talks with many contacts regarding Come Home Year. Has been warned by several not to have free admission, will draw in a lot of outsiders and potential damages. If paying admission, they are coming for the right reason and actually want to see the show. Thinking \$15/night, daytime

events would be free. Could offer discount for 3 nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night for \$30.00. Full event to take place outside at Town Hall. There will be a fenced in area for a Beer Tent. Would like to offer Beer Tent to H.I.S. Fire Rescue as a fundraiser, and Security for the event also. Bands and entertainment being arranged. Sunday night fireworks to close event. Working with Max Simms on obtaining sponsors for the events, predicting it may cost us \$4,000 - \$5,000.00. Host event this year then next year we can host again and it will be easier to obtain sponsors once they see what we did in the past. Sponsors will hopefully cover costs of bands. Hoping to have access funds to go towards next year. Electricity can come from Garage and Fire Hall. Also been in contact with NL Power regarding temporary service. Events will be all ages, bands not to show any signs for intoxication or fired without pay. No other Town is hosting an event at the same time. Council would be responsible to work the events. Hoping to make this a tradition. There will be an Aboriginal event and maybe Mayor dump tank. Saturday would be Aboriginal day and kids day, Sunday local crafts and events, local talent. Should have tentative agenda for next meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

6. **Committees:**

a) **Public Works**

**Clover / Paddy Drive** - Clerk sent email to Don & Dan requesting any info. on the area & advised of plan

**Wheeler's Road** – dig and complete investigation, clerk to schedule dig. If leak is on private property, resident is responsible. Waiver to be signed

**Signs** - New Street Signs & road signs being installed

**Hoist** - Will be installed by the end of the week

**Main Street** - Resident was not added to sewer, had to sign Easement last year, next door neighbor is on system, why can't they. Clerk send message to Don & Dan to enquire, waiting for response.

**53 Pynn's Pond Road & Hydrant leaking** - Resident looking to get access to house from Park Drive. Schedule repair for hydrant

**NL Power – Take Charge Challenge Grant** - We were successful in obtaining grant for \$10,000.00 need to get pictures to submit of progress, before & after.

**Parking Lot Pavement Quote** – much discussion on paving parking lots or roads. If we do not pave parking lots, we could get parking lots ready for paving with Class A well packed. Possibility to take 2 roads that are costing the Town the most funds in repairs to have paved (School Lane, Fourth Avenue) Review Quotes for Parking Lots as requested. Request Quotes for all gravel roads to be paved. Second Avenue is being done in September Project. Engineers need to be involved in this process. Suggested to pave parking lots now, save all roads for next year, then we could apply for funding. J & J Paving. Request quotes for 3 roads and 2 parking lots.

**Playgrounds** – much needed in Center of Community and new Subdivision. Start collecting info.

**Request Quotes from Tex's Transport** – ground work for parking lots, hydrant install near Fire Hall, Fire Hall sewer hook up and replacement of drain pipe in back of Town Hall.

**Access Land Purchase** – Mayor to contact \_\_\_\_\_ to see if interested in selling land

**b) HIS**

social at Pynn's Pond Road Recreational Facility for HIS members, firettes and council was a great success, was some talk at event of repeating every 6 months.

**c) Recreation / Halls**

Trim is being replaced in Town Hall

**d) Building Inspections**

**Main Street** – Garage - meets regulations, permit approved

**e) Beautification**

**Complaint** – messy property – Resident has been sent a letter to have property cleaned, no response from resident to date

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**Benches with planter** – in process of being built

f) **GHJC** – meeting cancelled

**g) H/R**

**Code of Conduct** - no clarification on employee, legislation is delayed until fall

**Resume** – Clerk called to schedule interview but resident refused, started a new job

Item 9A on Agenda moved to H/R

**Jordyn Parsons – Co-Op** starting May 30, 2022. Much discussion, Council has decided to pay for service. Apply for funding, we may possibly get 50% back. Jordyn will provide extensive reports on water system and clean drinking water

**Motion 2022 – 076 Taylor / Morgan**

Moved to pay Jordyn Parsons for 12 weeks of Co-Op placement at 35 hours/week, starting on May 30, 2022, to August 12, 202, at in favor. Carried.

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**h) Public Relations**

- Website – place to post Tenders and ads would be good

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**i) Correspondence**

**1. Email from** - Community Garden

Would be great to have him on board, Seniors have planters and seeds.  
Residents would apply for plot

**2. Main Street – Sewer Hook-up**

Check with Maintenance to see if grade sufficient. Permit from Highways  
required

Also, - Sewer Hookup

**3. YMCA Employment – Resume**

Send letter advising that Council recently hired and have already committed to 5  
student placements.

**4. Johnson Insurance Scholarship**

No one qualifies

**5. YSEP – Youth Summer Employment Program – deadline May 27, 2022**

Conditional approval received. Jeremy Park – Qualipu  
Emily Penney – Office  
Tanner Wells – Maintenance

returning to part time studies

**7. Financial Update**

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

**Motion 2022 – 077 McAuley / Taylor**

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

**8. Unfinished Business**

**a) Mutual Aid Agreement**

Schedule meeting for signing. No update from Hughes Brook

**b) Colson's Road**

Mayor sent email to Karen Hann, Karen's boss called Barry to discuss. She advised that there is a litigation plan waiting to be approved by legal department then they will be proceeding. property and no response was given.

Environment advised that their goal is September 2022, and that there are 4 Government sectors involved.

Mayor advised that he had meeting with lawyer in Corner Brook, specializes in Municipal Law and will assist in collections. was a lawyer for Municipalities.

**Motion 2022 – 078 Morgan / Penney**

Motion to change lawyers from Municipalities are specialty. Send letter to to advise service no longer required. Carried.

Councillor Taylor abstained from voting due to conflict.

In favor: Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors McAuley, Morgan and Penney

**9. Late Items**

**Crown Lands Application –**

- approve

**10. Deferred Items**

- a) Emergency Plan (revisions received from Chief Parsons) & Emergency Committee – Emergency Fund
- b) Mutual Aid Agreement
- c) JCP – Job Creation Project Deadline to Apply August 19, 2022
- d) Town Hall – Weeping tile
- e) Colson’s Road (wait for response from resident or Enforcement Order)
- f) Change Town Name
- g) Main Street – awaiting response from resident (Survey Pegs – West Coast)
- h) Electronic Reader Board
- i) Debit Card Machine – **defer to 2023**

**Date and time of next meeting:** 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 1, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion 2022 – 079 McAuley / Penney**

Moved to adjourn meeting at 9:38 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

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**Barry Wheeler - Mayor**  
**Date Adopted: June 1, 2022**

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**Amanda Bennett - Clerk**