

Council Meeting
 Place: Town Office Council Chambers
 Date: January 10th, 2023
 Time: 6:30pm

<p>Present</p>	<p>Mayor Fred Laing Deputy Mayor Sheralyn Rumbolt Councillor Jeffrey Reid Councillor Victor Major Councillor Michael Walsh Town Clerk Manager Jennifer Samms Asst. Town Clerk April Crocker</p> <p>Absent: Councillor George Tucker & Councillor Stephen Wheeler</p>
<p>Outside Attendees</p>	<p>NIL</p>
<p>Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm</p>	<p>By: Mayor Laing</p>
<p>Adoption of Agenda</p> <p><u>Motion 2032-001</u> Reid/Major</p>	<p>No Additions or Deletions</p> <p>Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)</p>
<p>Adoption of Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-002</u> Reid/Major</p>	<p>Regular Council meeting November 29th, 2022</p> <p>No errors or omissions.</p> <p>Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting, November 29th, 2022 be adopted as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)</p>
<p>Business Arising</p>	<p>NIL</p>
<p>Financial Report</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-003</u> Rumbolt/Reid</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-004</u> Rumbolt/Walsh</p>	<p>Be it resolved that approval be given to pay the invoice list (#1). All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Walsh)</p> <p>Be it resolved that approval be given to pay the invoice list (#2). All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Major, Walsh) <i>Councillor Reid did not vote due to conflict of interest.</i></p>

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<p><u>Motion 2023-005</u> Rumbolt/Major</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-006</u> Reid/Major</p>	<p><u>Grant in Lieu of Taxes – Memorial University</u> Agreement is up for renewal this year; Council will request a meeting to negotiate pricing for new agreement.</p> <p>Be it resolved that Council approves the bank transfer from Main Acct. to the Fire Truck Acct. (\$2,500) for Fire Department callouts. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)</p> <p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to apply for two students through the Canada Summer Jobs program (1 for Recreation & 1 for Maintenance) All In Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)</p>
<p>Correspondence</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-007</u> Rumbolt/Walsh</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council is ready to submit Town Plan documents for Section 15 review to the Province as presented by the Town Planner. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)</p> <p><u>Mayors Forum</u> Council has been advised that the Mayors Forums will resume in January 2023.</p> <p><u>GMTRIP Update</u> Town Clerk Manager gave an update from the group. They are hoping to meet with Councils in January.</p> <p><u>Visitor Centre Update</u> Town Clerk Manager – There will be two meetings coming up. Design documents have been received and will be forwarded to Council for review.</p> <p><u>GMIST Training</u> Building strong resilient communities program, Town Clerk Manager will send out to Council for review. The Deadline is January 18th, 2023.</p> <p><u>Parks Canada – Snowmobile Permits</u> A request came in asking if Park and Snowmobile Passes could be sold at the Town Office. Council doesn't feel like this request can be accommodated at this time.</p> <p><u>Crown Lands</u> Town Clerk Manager gave an update on some feedback from Crown Lands regarding several issues within Town.</p>

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Applications/Proposals for Development	NIL
New Business	NIL
Committee Reports	Rumbolt - Come Home Year – Schedule of events are underway, registration is open and the committee is still looking for sponsorship.
Round Table	Walsh – Community Trail – Timber Harvesting is happening right on the trail and trees are falling across the trail, this is a safety concern. Also, with all of the trees being cut down along the trail it is changing the esthetics of the trail.
Privileged Meeting	Council went into a Privileged Meeting at 8:00pm to discuss a legal issue and returned to the regular Council meeting at 8:15pm.
Budget 2023	<p>Town Clerk Manager presented the budget and reviewed some of the areas where increases had been proposed.</p> <p>Due to the rising cost of materials, services and minimum wage, an increase in the 2023 annual taxes are inevitable.</p> <p>Council has reviewed various options to increase revenues. Most favorable was increasing the water & sewer rater as this rate has remained the same for 20 years (increased from \$192 to \$216 in 2002) as well as increasing the minimum property tax amount from \$250 to \$350 annually.</p> <p><u>Property Tax:</u> Residential : Mil Rate – 4.4 mils Minimum :- \$350.00 Commercial : Mil Rate – 4.75 mils Minimum: \$350</p> <p><u>Water & Sewer Tax</u> Residential: Water & Sewer \$250 Water Only \$150 Sewer Only \$100 Commercial: Water & Sewer \$250 Water Only \$150 Sewer Only \$100 Bonne Bay Cottage Hospital 6.5 Mils Hospital 10.5 Mils Bonne Bay Aquarium & Research Station \$9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabins & Inns \$250 first unit & \$125 per additional units</p>

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Other Water & Sewer Fees:

Water Off/On Fee: \$25
After Hours : \$50
Water & Sewer connection Fee: \$300

Business Tax:

BT01 – Minimum Business Tax, Small Home Based Business : Min. \$200
BT02 – B & Bs, Residential Home/Short-term Rentals (Less than 30 days): 8mils/Min \$300
BT 10 – Cabins, Cottages, Inns : 105 Mils/Min. \$300
BT03 – Campgrounds, RV Parks : 11.25 Mils/Min. \$300
BT04- Stores, Office, Gas Stations, Pubs, Restaurants, Dr. Offices, Physio: 11.5 Mils/\$Min.300
BT05- Construction, Carpentry, Electrical: 15 Mils/Min \$300
BT06 – Dental Clinics: 17 Mils/Min \$300
BT07 – Kayaking, Adventure Tourism: 26 Mils/Min \$300
BT08 – Business Based on Gross Sales
BT09 – Utility Tax: 2.5% based on Gross Revenues
BT11- Quarry Pits: \$500
Vendor Permits: \$200

Residential Development

Building Permits: \$100
Extensions/sheds: 400sq ft or less \$25.00
401 sq ft – 800 sq ft \$50
801 sq ft – 1200sq ft \$75
Over 1201 sq ft \$100
General Repairs Permit: \$20

Commercial Development

Building Permits: \$200
Extensions/sheds: 400 sq ft or less \$50
401 sq ft – 800 sq ft \$100
801 sq ft – 1200 sq ft \$150
Over 1200 sq ft \$200
General Repairs Permit: \$30

Failure to obtain approvals/permits- Double the applicable fee amount

Waste Disposal

Canada Post : \$1000

Other Fees

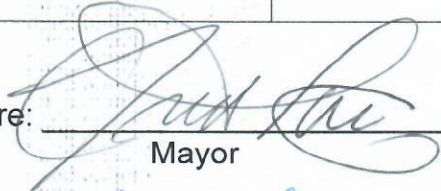
All Letters: \$100
Copy of Council Minutes \$5 per meeting

Motion 2023-008
Rumbolt/Reid

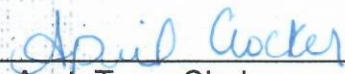
Be it resolved that Council agrees to adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Walsh)

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Motion 2023-009 Rumbolt/Reid	Be it resolved that Council agrees to adopt the 2023 Tax Structure as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Walsh)
Scheduling of next meeting	January 24 th , 2023
Adjournment Motion 2023-010 Rumbolt/Major	Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:35pm. All in favor. Carried. (Laing, Rumbolt, Reid, Major, Walsh)
Councillor Notes:	

Signature: 
Mayor

Date: January 24/23

Signature: 
Asst. Town Clerk

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