

## **Minutes - Town of Wabana Regular Council Meeting December 16, 2009**

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Gary Gosine  
Deputy Mayor Kay Crane  
Councillor Stan MacDonald  
Councillor Linda Skehans  
Councillor Dave Foley  
Councillor Brian Kent  
Councillor Scott Clarke

### **Staff:**

Town Manager/Clerk Ben Noseworthy  
Town Consultant Ed Kent  
Account Receivable Officer Joseph Donkers  
Recreation Manager Hollie Neary

Councillor Kent and Councillor MacDonald opened the meeting at 7:37pm.

### **RCMP:**

Two arrests on series of car break-ins. 70 charges on one and 30 on the other. The investigation involved both uniformed and undercover officers. More charges are pending. Technology, police, and citizens working together is working.

Newsletter mentioned (see correspondence)

New recruit starts January 13.

RCMP will have a holiday check point program ongoing.

Mayor commends both the police and citizens for the great work.

Constable O'Keefe and Councillor MacDonald working on expanding the citizens role in fighting crime in the community.

### **Arena Report:**

ACOA funding is approved. Eastern working on timbers and will be complete next month. Dehumidifier installed early January.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Terry McDonald for teaching first aid to arena guys.

Mayor Gosine discussed that 4 youth showed up for shinny and were turned away - min 6 required.

Councillor Clarke mentioned that grants are available for youth and seniors to assist in 'events' and he will be working with Hollie on these and will follow up on the 'annual' \$15,000.00 grant.

Mayor Gosine will be working with Hollie on a 'stick' ceremony with minor hockey next month.

Hollie to check playground equipment next month to prepare for summer.

Council deferred the arena report to the next regular meeting for further consideration.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

Amendments required to the Nov 26, Dec 2, and Dec 7 minutes. Deputy Mayor Crane and Councillor Clarke second that the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 9, 2009, the Finance Committee meeting held November 16, 2009, the Regular meeting held November 18, 2009, the Finance Committee meeting held November 26, 2009, the Finance Committee meeting held November 30, 2009, the Finance Committee meeting held December 2, 2009, the Finance Committee meeting held December 7, 2009, and the Special meeting held December 7, 2009 be adopted as amended, all in favour, carried. (2009-12-03)

### **Receivables Report:**

Ask our outside workers to watch and report on car wrecks.

Good job on the stop work order, motion by Councillor Foley, second by Mayor Gosine that council adopt the stop work order, all in favour, carried. (2009-12-04)

Councillor Foley noted that next month Council should discuss and implement a committee system, to be added to January's agenda.

Councillor Kent motioned, second by Councillor Clarke that that Council endorse the Draft ICSP plan as presented, all in favour, carried. (2009-12-05)

Tax abatement application. Tabled to next meeting for further staff investigation.

**Clerk's Report:**

Council appointed Councillor's MacDonald and Clarke to join the Town Manager as the HR committee. Mayor Gosine noted that he is ex-officio on all committees. Councillor Foley noted that as long as all council has input he will defer from serving on the HR committee. Town Clerk to forward union position to Council for feedback at meeting called for that purpose.

Council appointed Deputy Mayor Crane, Councillor's Skehans, and Foley with A/R Officer as the Tax Review sub-committee of the Finance Committee. This committee to review the Town's current tax structure, policies, and procedures and report back to Council with recommendations in September 2010. First Meeting to be held in January 2010. This committee to include a meeting in January 2010 to address complaints of citizens.

**Consultants Report:**

n/a

**Correspondence:**

Councillor MacDonald motioned, second by Councillor Clarke that Council approve a scholarship in the same amount as past years for St. Micheal's, all in favour, carried. (2009-12-06)

MAA vote – Council to support Paul Davis by consensus.

Council to respond to each letter from citizens.

Council to recommend Linda Hickey for the Paul Yuzyk Award.

Staff to let Mayor Gosine know when PMA will be honouring Diane Butler for her long service.

Council to recommend Dave Brazil for the RNC Sports Awards.

Staff to research what other municipalities are doing to support the Red Cross.

Staff to respond to RCMP that Council is in favour of continuing the previous method of monthly newsletters and the Town will continue to handle distribution.

Defer NEAJC discussion to next meeting. For now A/R Officer to attend as Wabana representative.

**New Business:**

Staff to check with City of Corner Brook for used loader. Place notice looking for loader in MNL info notes.

Staff to check with the Jessica Campaign on a side guard equipment for our new truck. Bring back cost to council.

*Quarry Permits;*

Mr. Hurley's request for two shale pits cause's concern for Council and Council advises the Ministry to consider just one pit, perhaps just .5 or 1 hectare.

Mr. Hunt – Staff to investigate what Borrow Material specifically refers to?

Council has concerns and advises the Ministry that Mr. Hunt has promised to not destroy roadway to Scotia Pier, that an inspection should be undertaken and the permit be denied if the roadway can not be protected.

Councillor Kent motioned, second by Councillor MacDonald that the permits be processed as noted above, all in favour, carried. (2009-12-07)

*Budget;*

Councillor MacDonald motioned, second by Councillor Skehans, to accept the budget, tax, and fee schedule as presented and amended, discussion on taxi and quarry, all in favour, carried, with Deputy Mayor Crane expressing concern that she had wanted to give all seniors a 20% discount. (2009-12-08)

Media release to be prepared.

Councillor MacDonald motioned, second by Councillor Kent that Council grant the same Christmas bonus as last year to employees, Councillor Foley nay, carried. (2009-12-09)

Staff to check into a sewer auger.

**Adjournment:**

Councillor Kent motioned, second by Councillor Foley for adjournment, all in favour at 10:17pm. (2009-12-10)

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Mayor

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Town Clerk