

## **Town of Wabana – Regular Meeting**

September 15, 2009

Called to order - 7:08pm

Mayor Gary Gosine  
Councillor Brian Kent  
Councillor Pat Craig  
Councillor Alexia Laurie  
Councillor Kevin McCarthy  
Town Manager Diane Butler  
Town Clerk Ben Noseworthy  
Consultant Ed Kent

Mayor noted that RCMP will not be attending tonight.

### **Delegations:**

Eric Hiscock expressed his sorrow at the break-in of his home and his frustration with the RCMP response. Desire to stop ATV use to curb crime.

Gary outlined the escalation he exercised today with the RCMP. Gary, Eric, and RCMP to meet tomorrow at 10:00.

Pat suggested that the RCMP bring over a squad for enforcement.

Deferred decision on ATV by law to next regular meeting to allow staff to research.

Kevin asked Mayor to seek a RCMP blitz to alleviate crime.

Action Item: Staff to investigate ATV response in other communities.

Action Item: Mayor to seek a RCMP blitz to alleviate crime.

Theresa Power expressed concern with the duck pond.

Georgina Blackwood presented a duck pond petition organized by her son, added her concerns with the duck pond, and expressed her concerns with debris and wood piles located on neighbouring properties representing a potential hazard to all.

Gary requested staff to investigate what council can do about wood storage on private property and communicate to Georgina.

Action Item: Staff to send letter of thanks and praise to young Blackwood for his initiative in organizing a petition.

Action Item: Staff to clean up debris on public land tomorrow.

Action Item: Staff to investigate options for town regarding storage on private properties.

Lester Rose raised concern with his water. Requested a tie in water line from Gosine's to Diamond Club.

Action Item: Staff will investigate and respond to Lester.

## **Minutes:**

Pat moved, second by Brian, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting August 20, 2009, special meetings of September 3, 2009, and September 8, 2009, carried. (2009-09-01)

## **Old Business:**

### Racing;

Kevin expressed concerns regarding the liability of drag races and that we should have a written agreement.

Gary noted that they have provincial permission and liability insurance in place, he is checking with race official for their policy, and that he is meeting shortly with two highway enforcement officers to discuss the races and concerns for public safety.

Action Item: Letter to Glen Clark of Targa on the great event again this year and expressing our concern about the lack of communication and requiring better efforts on that one issue next year.

Action Item: Letter to Rogers Cable channel expressing out thanks for great coverage of event and our Island in their recent cable show 'Out of the Fog'.

Action Item: Mayor to confirm policy with race officials.

### St. Pat's Lane

Mr. O'Keefe's property will soon be backfilled.

### Ferry Issues;

Issue of Ambulance runs – only five required (one requires mate with skipper certificate).

Issue of lunch – one crew says no, boat will not run, not required.

Licensing of BH still 108 despite Transport Canada's ruling 148.

Kevin noted we need to move ticketing to Bell Island.

### Citizen Group on Crime;

Gary asked council to endorse a public meeting on RCMP and crime issues either Thursday or Monday night.

Kevin expressed a desire to wait for the new council.

Gary is going to wait and examine RCMP tomorrow.

If not satisfied call public meeting Monday at St. Augustans with a separate chair person.

### Motocross Track;

Concerns raised with spectator area being undercut

Action Item: Staff to investigate and take action as required to make area safe.

### Waste Management;

Pat moved, second by Brian, council support the waste committee decision to award study tender to BAE group. Carried. (2009-09-02)

Fire Department;

Discussion on rescue wagon as back-up to the ambulance service.

Brian moved, second by Kevin, town to spend monies to acquire a vehicle to support either the works or the fire department to a maximum of \$5,000.00, Carried. (2009-09-03)

Action Item: Staff to investigate if our rescue wagon is back-up to the ambulance service.

NCHC;

Action Item: Mayor to provide details and name of a NCHC client that requires a letter of support from the town.

Arena;

Discussion regarding audit investigation, need to complete.

Issue with figure skating times discussed, deferred to Arena Manager for resolution.

Kevin moved, Brian second, the increase to the hourly rate be changed from 20% to 10%.  
Defeated.

Brian moved, Pat second, the purchase of an ice edger from the Molson fund up to \$5,000.00,  
Carried. (2009-09-04)

Action Item: Staff to contact Auditor to move forward on investigation.

Action Item: Staff to contact figure skating club and resolve issues.

## **New Business:**

Financial Report;

Accepted as presented.

Town Managers Report;

Discussion on expanding connections and capital expenditures priorities, particularly a sewer line for Mercer Street and that sewer should be a priority for our capital works program next year.

Report Accepted.

Consultants Report;

Accepted as presented.

Correspondence;

1. Restorative Justice Week – agreed to sign declaration.
2. Sexual Awareness Week – agreed to sign declaration.
3. Northeast Avalon ACAP- Living Beside Water Program – ordered placed on file.
4. National Defence – anniversary reserve unit – letter of congratulations to be sent.
5. Dept. of Municipal Affairs – Importance of household emergency plan – noted and ordered placed on file. It was noted that our Emergency Plan should be updated and

discussed, and also that a pandemic plan is being prepared by hospital administration and medical staff.

6. Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Parliament – seeking donation, ordered placed on file.
7. Petition seeking to have the Poll Tax abolished - ordered placed on file.

Action Item: Letter of congratulations to be sent to National Defence Reserve Unit

Action Item: Staff directed to review and update the Town Emergency Plan for next Council

Regular meeting adjourned to a Privileged meeting.

Meeting adjourned on a motion from Brian, Pat second, 9:50pm. (2009-09-05)

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Mayor

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Town Clerk