

Minutes - Town of Wabana Regular Council Meeting February 17, 2010

Attendance:

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

Staff:

Town Manager/Clerk Ben Noseworthy

Deputy Mayor Crane and Councillor Foley opened the meeting at 7:34pm with a motion to accept the minutes as read, all in favour, carried. (2010-02-07)

RCMP Report by Strong and Hawkins

Very quiet on property crime.

Traffic enforcement increased with impaired charges laid, seat belts, cell phones, speeding etc to be targeted.

Drug issue is an increasing focus with great cooperation from the community.

ATV complaints are down.

RCMP are comfortable with the professionalism of Island Racing in response to a question from the Mayor

Delegations:

Island Racing - David and Kelly

Looking for permission to host races in the airstrip over the next 5 years.

Perhaps 8-10 races per year.

Big on supporting the community.

Zero tolerance for rule breaking, racing ability is revoked.

Sponsors may fence the airstrip at no cost to the town.

Mayor Gosine noted that he fully supports the aim of Island Racing.

Council requested a copy of the groups insurance and other relevant documentation.

Committee Reports

Arena Report:

Deputy Mayor Crane questioned an entry in the financial report, Councillor Skehans questioned the Sr Wave gate receipts and the Costco building maintenance cost, and Mayor Gosine questioned the Miller Mechanical invoice. The Recreation Manager will respond to each question.

The Town Manager gave an update on the water in the ceiling issue. Mayor Gosine noted in the minutes that this issue needs to be addressed now as this is a safety issue. Engineers must be contacted tomorrow for a speedy resolution.

Consultants Report:

Councillor MacDonald expressed concern that the Town does not accept the \$500K for the Wabana

Complex without consulting Council. Councillor Clarke expressed concern about the Wabana Complex's capital investment plan.

Correspondence:

NEAJC - Mayor Gosine is concerned that Council is not participating on a voting level and Council should consider this even if it means moving Council meetings to do so.

Carbages Loop - Set-up meeting between Board MAA and Council - Velma MAA. Councillor Foley expressed great interest in such a meeting.

Torbay letter referred to the Recreation Manager – directed to get in touch with Joe Somerton for more information and coordination.

Councillor MacDonald will investigate street lights on Steve Neary Blvd for next meeting.

Special Olympics – Councillor MacDonald motioned, second by Deputy Mayor Crane, that Council donate \$250.00 and anything we could do in-lieu to help out (i.e. arena use etc.), all in favour carried. (2010-02-08)

Perhaps the Town could make a presentation in our lobby?

Other Business:

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned, second by Councillor Skehans, that tax measures of a 5% tax discount if paid by March 31, 2010 and no interest if payment arrangements are made and honoured to bring accounts current in 12 months, all in favour, carried.

Staff to write on behalf of Council to Steve Bartlett with thanks for 3 part series in Telegram, great journalism job.

Mayor Gosine noted that Minister Diane Whalen to meet with Council in the near future.

Mayor Gosine noted that there will be IIE meetings next week in St. John's and hopefully with Council.

Councillor Foley noted that a public meeting is needed to get the Ferry users committee more active.

Adjournment:

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned, second by Councillor MacDonald for adjournment, all in favour at 9:18pm. (2010-02-09)

Mayor

Town Clerk