

The Town of Gambo

A regular meeting of the Town Council of Gambo was held on, March 20th, 2017, at the Smallwood Interpretation Center, Gambo.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Gambo, held on March 20th, 2017, at the Smallwood Interpretation Center, Gambo.

Members in Attendance

Mayor Peter Lush
 Deputy Mayor Darren Dyke
 Councillor Fred Jeans
 Councillor Scott Pritchett
 Councillor Craig Lush
 Lorne Greene – Town Manager
 Jean Blackwood - Town Clerk
 Youth Representative – Jenna Pritchett

Members Absent

Councillor Minnie Osmond
 Councillor Sonja Denobrega

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Motion: 17-03-20-52(D. Dyke/F. Jeans) to approve the minutes of February 27th, 2017, as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
 Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
 Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0
 Abstaining: 0
 Motion Carried

New Business: Correspondence:

FireSmart Canada	March 5	A	\$500 available for communities to help aid in education on Safe Fire Protection and Wildfire Hazard Assessments * Passed to Fire Dept.
Hon. Al Hawkins MHA	March 3	I	2017 Summer Maintenance Plan for Smallwood Blvd in Gambo has been approved
Mayor Barry Manuel Grand Falls- Windsor	March 1	I	Updated information regarding the Central Newfoundland Waste Management. In a nutshell the CNWM feel their fees are appropriate and no changes needed to their current business practices and the Municipalities feel otherwise.
Mayor Barry Manuel Grand Falls- Windsor	March 1	A	Mayor Barry Manuel is asking for a letter from each Municipality expressing their position on CNWM and whether the Act should remain the same or change. * Advise

			in letter form that Mayor Lush had brought those concerns to a MNL convention years ago when it was being first implemented.
Canadian Coasters 50th Anniversary Tour	Mar 9	A	Gambo to host a visit from the Canadian Coasters - Lorne to speak regarding this event. * Will host in conjunction with the Smallwood Rollers Group.
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	March 9	I	Acknowledgement of letter received in their office requesting funding for a Regionalized Regulations Officer Position - Request is being reviewed and under consideration
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	March 8	I	Re: Approval to Award Tender - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, DMG Consulting Ltd. have recommended the acceptance of the tender submitted by Hann's Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$136965.00
Canadian Heritage	Feb 22	I	Funding approved - A grant in the amount of \$4800 for the Project - Smallwood Days Festival -
DMG Consulting Ltd.	March 14	I	Letter from DMG Consulting awarding the contract to Hann's Electric Ltd including documentation needed to have agreement complete.
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	March 13	I	Call for 2017/2018 Municipal Capital Works and Cost Share Funding Applications
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	March 8	I	Deadline for submitting claims for payment of Federal/Provincial share for all goods, works, and services performed up to March 31,2017 is April 7, 2017
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	March 6	I	Due date of March 31, 2017 to make changes to Municipal Budget due to the Utilities rate changes, if it has impacted budgets due to increase or decreased rates.
MNL	March 9	A	Municipal Symposium May 4-6 2017 in Gander * Advise office if interested.

Committee Reports:

Finance: S. Pritchett/C. Lush

PMA Donation

Motion: 17-03-20-53(S. Pritchett/D. Dyke) to approve a donation to PMA in the amount of \$150.00.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

A/R Adjustments

Motion: 17-03-20-54(S. Pritchett/C. Lush) to approve A/R Adjustments in the amount of \$2044.80 .

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Minor Hockey Ad

Motion: 17-03-20-55(S. Pritchett/C. Lush) to approve the purchase of a full page ad in the amount of \$50.00

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Aged Trial Balance

Motion: 17-03-20-56(S. Pritchett/C. Lush) approval of the Aged Trial Balance in the amount of \$16503.11.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Cheque Register

Motion: 17-03-20-57(S. Pritchett/F. Jeans) approval of the Cheque Resister in the amount of \$89207.41.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

There are ongoing discussions on commercial properties and residential properties.

There was a short in taxes for the Utilities business taxation for budgeted 2017. Municipal Affairs has advised we may revise our budget 2017.

Fire Dept: D. Dyke

Application has been made under a special assistance grant Rescue Vehicle to purchase a Bunker gear, flash lights and radios.

The Fire Dept has been called out to assist in accidents several times by the 911 system. On those occasions they have been given the wrong locations. Mayor advised that this should be addressed to the 911 contacts.

Public Works: D. Dyke

Water Fowl meeting to be rescheduled.

Had a meeting with Forestry and Resources regarding the 5 year cutting plan

Motion: 17-03-20-58(D. Dyke/C. Lush) approval of the 5 Year Forestry Plan for Town of Gambo Boundaries.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

2017 Capital Work Priorities

Motion: 17-03-20-59(D. Dyke/C. Lush) approval of the 2017 Capital Work Priorities as listed:

1. Paving of Centennial Road in the amount of \$258,025.04 – however we are hoping to have some of that preparation done internally which can keep down on cost.
2. RFP for Wastewater in the amount of \$175,000.00.

Acceptance of Waste Water Study

Motion: 17-03-20-60(D. Dyke/C. Lush) approval of the Wastewater Study.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

BioMaxx will do testing for first quarter of 2017 and then we will carry on testing internally.

Waste Management: F. Jeans

Waste bin seems to be catching on with regards to regulations. Need to read the letter from Waste management and draft a letter to them addressing concerns.

SEDCOR: F. Jeans

Chase the Ace growing
Town Manager's Report

Attached

Mayor's Report:

Reschedule the meeting that was cancelled with Minister Haggie . Mayor has had complaints regarding the hiring practices at Transmission Line (Vallard). The roads are in terrible shape and we as a Town need to contact them and advise they need to fix those roads.

Mayor has forwarded an email for application for green funding from Minister Judy Foote to Town Manager.

Mayor advised that he has had some discussions with a resident who had concerns with the cost of completing the proposed Town Hall – list of some of the main reasons why we need to have better working quarters:

1. There was mold contamination, and water infiltration in the basement of the old town hall office making it non workable.
2. The roofing on the Medical Building needed to be taken off and replaced – we were advised by engineers that it was more feasible to replace it then fix it cost wise.
3. The office staff and other staff members would all be in the one office making it more cost effective as to having to heat several quarters and proving more efficient service.
4. Council has reviewed and re-reviewed the plan and has downsized as much as possible to lower costs.
5. This newer building will be more energy efficient and that in itself will be a cost savings.
6. We were fortunate enough to have signed the contract before the changes to the Municipal Affairs Capital Works Infrastructure Program change which will be on a 90/10% basis, where the province will pay 90%.

Motion: 17-03-20-61 (S. Pritchett/C. Lush) that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors S. Denobrega, F. Jeans C. Lush and S. Pritchett
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Signature _____
Mayor

Signature _____
Town Clerk