

The Town of Gambo

A regular meeting of the Town Council of Gambo was held on June 12th, 2017 at the Walsh House, Gambo.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Gambo, held on June 12th, 2017 at the Walsh House, Gambo.

Members in Attendance

Mayor Peter Lush
Deputy Mayor Darren Dyke
Councillor Fred Jeans
Councillor Sonja Denobrega
Councillor Scott Pritchett
Councillor Craig Lush
Lorne Greene – Town Clerk/Manager
Wendy McDonald – Administration Clerk

Members Absent

Councillor Minnie Osmond
Youth Representative Pritchett

Visitors in Attendance

Steve Oram (Ex – Deputy Fire Chief)

Prior to the Meeting Mayor Lush introduced Steve Oram. Steve Oram was the Deputy Fire Chief during the 911 Crisis, Steve attended a meeting in Lewisporte on Friday June 9th, 2017 and was attending the Council Meeting to report back from his meeting.

The Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference 2017 represents Canadians and there were 500 applications to participate, with 14 accepted participants. The tour of the country started in St. John's touring Cape Spear, Argentia, Placentia, Terra Nova, and Port Blandford before arriving in Lewisporte. The meeting in Lewisporte, was to discuss the disaster relief provided by the towns of Norris Arm, Appleton, Glenwood, Gander, and Gambo. There was a discussion where each representative could tell stories of each community, along with a luncheon served to attendees. The representative from Glenwood noted that this was the first time since 911 that all the communities had gotten together to discuss those days. Steve enjoyed the 2 hour meeting and brought to light to everyone there that Gambo and Mint Brook hosted over 1100 stranded passengers during that time. He presented to Council a Certificate that he was given for the Town on behalf of the Conference.

Mayor Lush thanked Steve for attending on behalf of Gambo, as well, he thanked him for his dedicated service during the 911 crisis, on behalf of Council and the residents of Gambo, as he was the Deputy Fire Chief and the Fire Chief was stranded elsewhere during the crisis.

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Motion: 17-06-12-107 (S. Denobrega & S. Pritchett) to approve the minutes of May 29th, 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

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Back pack pumps are inventoried and delivered to David Smallwood Park.
SAM Conference was attended by Councillor Jeans; he reported back that there were 37 Communities in attendance this year with 2 more pending and 2 new applicants. It was noted at the meeting that it has become cumbersome to find host meeting places with so many participants as it was difficult to meet the needs of hotels etc. The Secretary/Treasurer resigned with 17 years of service as she is moving out of the province. The talk of a fee structure was discussed with a decision of a staged fee structure with details to follow.
The Defibrillator funding is still pending although there was an announcement from the Provincial Government that there is funding available for defibrillators, we expect to hear soon regarding status of the application.
There has not been any further discussion on the 3rd Party Estimate requested from Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for the Town Hall Project.
Crosses Road has "Class A" Gravel applied and both Crosses Road and Sandy Road are now complete as per 2016 Commitment.

Councillor Denobrega, Town Clerk/Manager, Mayor of Glovertown, Town Manager of Glovertown and Councillor Janes met on June 6th, 2017 regarding the Regionalized Regulations Officer. The discussion was centered on scheduling of the Officer and the budgeting from both communities. There is two weeks training available for this position and further work is needed to see if the training is mandatory by the province or a suggested training course.
The meeting concluded with all in favor of being open to include other towns or municipalities with the same Regionalized Officer but all thought it best to start with the 2 communities and work out all logistics first before adding in new communities.
4 JCP applicants were interviewed and 2 positions were available. One was hired, and one declined, as they found full time employment and the last position was offered to the fourth applicant and the Recreation Director is awaiting a response.
SEDCOR needs to begin interviewing this week for the student summer employment with a start date scheduled for June 26th, 2017.
Chase the Ace will go ahead with another round at the Interpretation Centre and a decision of how to disperse the earnings needs to be announced.

New Business:
Correspondence:

Council Meeting Correspondence			
Received from	Received on	I / A	Details
Christa Gullon SIC/VIC Coordinator	May 26/17	I	Progress Report from Christa Gullon for each week beginning April 24th until week ending May 28th 2017

Lori K Mercer - Chartered Professional Accountant	May 31/17	I	Town of Gambo - Auditor's Report Financial Statements as at December 31, 2016
Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.	May 9/17	I	Proposed Changes to the Assessment Roll of 2018
Gov of NL & Lab Dept. of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour	May 29/17	I	Job Creation Partnerships application #186070 has been approved in the amount of \$29,062.00
Dept. of Transportation and Works	May 29/17	I	Clarity on collecting payment for snow clearing services and the purchase of ice control materials.
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	May 31/17	I	Updates on Eligibility for Funding for Municipal Operating Grants and Provincial Gas Tax Revenue Sharing Programs for 2017-2018
Office of the Mayor - Gander	June 6/17	A	Interest and availability to attend meeting on June 23rd. Re: Physician shortage in Central Newfoundland. Action required by June 15th 2017.
Gov. Of NL & Lab. Fire and Emergency Services NL.	June 9/17	I	Thanksgiving Rainstorm 2016 - Application for Financial Assistance is Approved and they are analyzing submitted costs and invoices to determine eligible amount.

Mayor Lush would like to attend the Regional Government Meeting with Mayors on June 14th, 2017 in Centreville NL.

The Thanksgiving Rainstorm 2016 application is still awaiting the final eligible amount; to date the DMG Report has been paid for. Nothing has been approved for Pioneer Street and the trail in Gambo South. The only thing approved to date is the upgrading of the culverts on Stephens Road.

Committee Reports:

Finance: S. Pritchett/C. Lush

Accounts Receivable Summary Report

Motion: 17-06-12-108 (S. Pritchett & S. Denobrega) to approve the Taxes Receivable Summary for 2016.

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

Taxes Recovery Report

Motion: 17-06-12-109 (S. Pritchett & C. Lush) to approve the Taxes Recovery Report for 2016.

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: 17-06-12-110 (S. Pritchett & C. Lush) to approve A/R Adjustments in the amount of \$163.33

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

Vendor Aged Trial Balance

Motion: 17-06-12-111 (S. Pritchett & C. Lush) to approve the Vendor Aged Trial Balance in the amount of \$7149.02

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

Accounts Payable Cheque Register

Motion: 17-06-12-112 (S. Pritchett & C. Lush) to approve of the Cheque Register in the amount of \$46,989.26

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

Payroll Cheque Register

Motion: 17-06-12-113 (S. Pritchett & C. Lush) to approve of the Cheque Register in the amount of \$17,420.14

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

Public Works: D. Dyke

A recent business application at 352 J.R. Smallwood Blvd. has been deferred to next Public Works meeting, pending additional information from proposed Business Owner.
A meeting was held with a couple for a residential home at 169-175 J. R. Smallwood. We have asked them to put a proposal together and we would review it and get back to them regarding approval.

Correspondence received from Department of Fisheries and Land Resources regarding Crown Land Purchases by residents of the Municipality.

Letter received from Department of Wildlife confirming they will begin patrolling the area of Smith's Road due to the concern and it included a suggested time based on the resident's timeframe of 5 a.m. to begin patrol.

Sign Proposal from New-Wes-Valley

Motion: 17-06-12-114 (D. Dyke & S. Denobrega) to approve the proposed sign and placement of sign at Joey's Lookout, describing the communities along Route 320.

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

J.I Pritchett's requires a new street name in the newly formed subdivision. A suggestion for street name is J.I. Pritchett Drive. Lorne will send an email on decision.

J.I. Pritchett requested to extend Victoria Drive to join Bonaventure Avenue It was suggested that J.I. Pritchett's have their engineers do some research and report back to Public Works. Councillor Pritchett added the Anglican Church would be looking into developing more of their own land for additional cemetery space in this area.

Garbage Collection Policy emailed to councilors and deferred to next Council Meeting for approval.

Fire Department Policy – Fire Services outside town limits

Motion: 17-06-12-115 (D. Dyke & C. Lush) to approve policy, no changes to policy, formatted policy to fall in line with Town of Gambo Policies.

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

Public Works Chair informed Council that Lawyers will be drawing up an agreement for the purchase of property on Pine Tree Road. Stipulations will be added to agreement prior to purchase.

Recreation: C. Lush

At last weeks' meeting, the Lions Club communicated that they are ready to build the Shelter at the Fun-n- Sun. Councillor Lush's concern is that there is not a long term decisive plan for the park. The concern is that if all the organizations are not on the same page to create a Long Term Plan that everyone can live with then there could be future problems with electrical, backfill, placement of buildings etc.

The Recreation Department will review with Town Clerk/Manager so the Lions Club can begin the Shelter.

The ball field is scheduled to begin Saturday June 17th, 2017 inside the Track. The sod will be cut and repurposed at the Fun n Sun.

Fire Dept: D. Dyke

There are two new members to the Department; Blair White and Marcel Warford.

Animal Control:

No Report

Administration: S. Denobrega

Inside Workers contract will begin to get the ground work completed so there is consistency with the Outside Workers Contract. The Town Clerk/Manager will discuss concerns with staff prior to contract preparation. All pre-contract ground work to be completed prior to Fall Municipal Election.

Waste Management

No Report

SEDCOR: F. Jeans

Chase the Ace Lottery to begin an additional round.
SEDCOR meeting scheduled for June 27th, 2017.

Festivals/Events: S. Denobrega

No Report

OH&S: M. Osmond

Councillor Osmond Absent from meeting.
No Report.

Town Manager's Report:

Cindy and I attended the Elections Training Course in Gander on May 31, 2017. I will have a list of items to make resolutions on at the next meeting with respect to Nomination Day and Advance Poll.

The Tire Recycling Day was on June 10th, 2017 and we collected about 50 tires.

The Hazardous Waste Day was on May 27, 2017. The turnout was low for the event.

The contractor Hann's Electric has started the extension to the Chlorine House; the length of time to complete the project should be approximately 60 days.

The Town Hall Project is progressing and we expect to be out to Tender by the later part of June. Sherry and I interviewed for the JCP Positions as reported earlier in the meeting.

We met with the Town of Glovertown regarding a Regionalized Enforcement Officer as reported by Councillor Denobrega.

Our Public Works Committee met with a couple regarding a proposal as reported by Deputy Mayor Dyke.

The Next Meetings will be July 10th and 31st, 2017, with the June 26th Meeting Cancelled.

Flushing of the Water Lines will be conducted from June 12th – June 15th, 2017.

Mayor's Report:

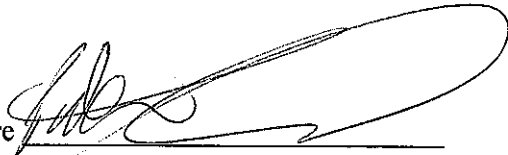
Mayor Lush attended the Annual Inspection of the 780 Freshwater Squadron Air Cadets. There were only 9 Air Cadets but was overwhelmed with pride and impressed at how much work the leaders have done with the Squadron and how much heart and soul the kids had during the inspection. They displayed their in-house band and the improvement of the band over the past 3-4 years was incredible. The leaders are planning on advertising with the school to get more Air Cadets for next year. Mayor Lush endorsed the Air Cadet program and stated that the Air Cadets help shape great young adults.

Concerns:

No Concerns Recorded.

Motion: 17-06-12-116 (S. Pritchett & D. Dyke) to approve that the meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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/Manager