

The Town of Gambo

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Gambo was held on May 4th, 2020 at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Gambo held on May 4th, 2020 at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Members in Attendance

Mayor Craig Lush
Deputy Mayor Darren Dyke
Councillor Desiree Hopkins (via conference)
Councillor Lori Moss (via conference)
Councillor Peter Lush (via conference)
Councillor Mark Stockley (via conference)
Councillor Nathan Philp (via conference)
Town Clerk/Manager, Lorne Greene

Members Absent

Visitors

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Councillor Lush requested to add the following item to the Agenda:

- International Firefighter's Day

Motion: 2020-05-04-094 (D. Hopkins & M. Stockley) to approve the Agenda of May 4th, 2020 with the addition of the above-noted item.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion: 2020-05-04-095 (D. Dyke & D. Hopkins) to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 6th, 2020 as presented.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Business Arising From the Minutes:

- Councillor Lush requested an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Gambo South. Lorne advised that we did not have any further work completed in the area and

that we were letting nature take its course at this time.

- Councillor Lush requested an update on the Middle Brook Walking Trail. Mayor Lush advised that he had received a telephone call in this matter and is recommending closing the trail until we hire our staff for the season to complete the required repairs. Deputy Mayor Dyke advised that he would walk the trail after the meeting.

A discussion was held on the agenda items that could be dealt with in the public meeting and the items that would require to be discussed in a privileged session of Council.

New Business:

Item: 230B J.R. Smallwood Blvd. – There was a discussion held on this property regarding a tax sale. Lorne advised that it had to be sold on a tax sale to relieve any liens that would be attached. It was discussed and decided to follow the proper process to have this property demolished.

Motion: 2020-05-04-096 (P. Lush & M. Stockley) to follow the proper procedure to have the house located at 230B J.R. Smallwood Blvd. demolished.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: JCP Application Festival and Walsh House – There was a discussion on the application that had both the upgrades to the Walsh House and the Festival. Lorne advised that he had been contacted by an official of the Department of Advanced Education and Skills requesting an update of the status of the application and if we would like to continue or cancel the application. It was decided that we would proceed with the upgrades to the Walsh House but would remove the section applicable to the Smallwood Days Festival.

Item: Vendor Aged Trial Balance –

Councillor Hopkins requested the details on NEWFO003. Lorne advised that it was an invoice for Ice Control Materials.

Motion: 2020-05-04-097 (D. Dyke & P. Lush) to approve the Vendor Aged Trial Balance in the amount of \$42,036.66.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Accounts Payable Cheque Register –

Motion: 2020-05-04-098 (D. Dyke & P. Lush) to approve the Accounts Payable Cheque Register in the amount of \$66,156.04.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
 Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
 Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0
 Abstaining: 0
 Motion Carried

Item: COVID-19 Update –

Lorne addressed some inquiries that he had received regarding the Smallwood Interpretation Centre, Track and Field Facility, Smallwood Park and vending units at Joey’s Lookout.

- Smallwood Interpretation Centre – Lorne informed Council of correspondence received from Barb Pritchett, SEDCOR Chair. A discussion was held on the hiring of the Smallwood Interpretation Centre Manager, summer students and the hosting of the dinner theatres. It was the consensus that no decision would be made regarding the Interpretation Centre until Council received further direction from the province.
- David Smallwood Municipal park – It was discussed that Raymond, Park Operator would like to attend to some matters in the park such as the cleanup of fallen trees and a general cleanup. It was discussed that Council is fine with him completing this work if he is following all safety precautions.
- Track and Field Facility – A discussion was held on the use of this facility as a walking trail. It was the consensus that we contact the school board to inform of our intentions and to allow walking in a one-way direction only.
- Joey’s Lookout – Lorne advised that no permits has been issued as of yet. A discussion was held on Marilyn’s Hotdog Cart and the requirements of Service NL. It was discussed that a permit could be issued if all the proper measures are put in place.

Correspondence:

Council Meeting Correspondence - May 4th, 2020			
Received from	Received on	I / A	Details
Dept. of Children, Seniors and Social Development	April 3	I	Grant Approval - Physical Activity Healthy Eating Equipment
Dept. of Children, Seniors and Social Development	April 3	I	Grant Approval - Age-Friendly Program
Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment	April 7	I	Circular - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment	April 9	I	Circular - Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment	April 16	I	Circular - Local Government Operations
Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment	April 21	I	New Tenders
Stewardship Association of Municipalities	April 24	I	SAM Newsletter #27 - Spring 2020
Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Environment	April 9	I	Special Assistance Grant - Gambo Fire Department
Water Resources Management Division	April 28	I	Permitting Requirements for Work In or Within 15 Metres of a Waterbody
Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador	April 29	I	Local Heritage Projects and Post COVID-19
Department of Municipal and Environment	May 1	I	Temporary Variation of Statutory Deadlines Act
Hospitality NL & Labrador	April 14	A	Relief for Commercial/Business Properties for property, water and sewer taxes, interest and penalties
Canadian Mental Health Association	April 17	A	Mental Health Week - May 4th - May 10th, 2020

Councillor Lush advised that there are a lot of grant opportunities available for our Economic Development Officer to review and make application on.

Item: Hospitality NL & Labrador – There was a roundtable discussion on the financial position of the Town and the impact of COVID-19. Councillor Lush advised that before we reviewed any request for a tax break for any business he would like to have a budget review completed to determine the expenditures incurred. He further advised that we are in a period of tax increases and wage rollbacks and suggested that we continue the course that we are following.

Item: Proclamation – May 4th – May 10th, 2020 – Mental Health Week.

Motion: 2020-05-04-099 (D. Dyke & P. Lush) to proclaim the week of May 4th, 2020 to May 10th, 2020 as CMHA Mental Health Week in the Town of Gambo.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: International Firefighters' Day - May 4th, 2020

Motion: 2020-05-04-100 (P. Lush & L. Moss) to write a letter to the Gambo Volunteer Fire Department to commend the Department for their service and keeping the Town of Gambo safe.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Lush advised that he had forgotten to add to the agenda the parking at the Gambo Pond Boat Launch. He informed Council that the parking lot is nearly completed but there is an issue with parking on the beach near the boat launch. It was suggested to place large rocks like was placed near the Mint Brook Bridge as a barricade and to erect signage in the area stating "No Parking".

Councillor Lush inquired about the placement of the pier at the Gambo Pond Boat Launch. He is suggesting to ask someone where it should be and then to put it in place.

Councillor Moss asked to have the SAM Scholarship application placed on the Town's website and on the Town's Facebook page.

Councillor Lush inquired as to the status of the new website. Councillor Hopkins asked Lorne to follow-up with the developer for an update on the progress.

Mayor Lush suggested that we move forward with a couple of the regulations that we need updated by taking advantage of the teleconferencing service that we have purchased.

There was a roundtable discussion on the resuming of the committee meetings in June based on the finalizing of the teleconferencing service.

Finance Committee:

Report completed earlier.

Public Works Committee:

Item: Street Sweeping – Councillor Hopkins inquired about the street sweeper as the streets are in really bad condition with sand.

Administration Committee:

No Report

OHS Committee:

No Report

Emergency Planning Committee:

No Report

Regulations Committee:

No Report

Age-Friendly Committee:

No Report

Communications Committee:

No Report

Liaison Reports

Recreation:

No Report.

Fire Department:

No Report.

Festivals:

No Report.

SEDCOR:

No Report.

Dover & Area Family Coalition:

No report.

Smallwood Academy:

No report.

Gambo Public Library:

No report.

Town Clerk/Manager Report:

- At our last meeting, there was a discussion on the garbage truck. I spoke with Ed Evans of CNWM and have been advised that all measures are being taken to ensure the safety of their employees. They received an order from OHS on the appropriate measures to be taken for the protection of their employees during COVID-19. The garbage truck is no longer being parked in the Town Yard.
- At our last meeting, there was a discussion on the garbage disposal after testing was completed for COVID-19. Public Health has informed me that garbage removal from testing for COVID-19 is no longer an issue as all testing for this area is being completed

in Gander.

- The Booster Pump Project – All shop drawings have been received and reviewed except the drawings for the controls. It will take another couple of weeks to get the remaining equipment. There is no tentative start date as of yet.
- The Pioneer Street Extension Project – The contractor has advised DMG Consulting Ltd. that materials should be ordered within a couple of days and the agreement is being forwarded to our office for review and signing.
- I had a telephone meeting with Richard Phillips, Economic Development Officer, with the province on our ACOA application. He suggested some further changes maybe with an increase to the budget amount. I am arranging a meeting to discuss with ACOA and TCII.
- I referred to our Insurance for review an incident of a plugged sewer.
- I have attended several conference calls with MNL and webinars with Stewart McKelvey, Cal LeGrow and group purchasing with MNL.
- The next meeting will be June 15th, 2020.

Councillor Lush requested an update on the staff currently employed. Lorne gave an update on the employees currently working. There was a discussion on the rehiring of the seasonal staff. Councillor Philp declared himself in conflict regarding the position of Larry Granter. Councillor Lush suggested that we remain as we have been for the last number of weeks.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Lush is advising that the Middle Brook Trail is unsafe and is suggesting to close it if the staff cannot repair it on a temporary basis but to close it would be the last resort.
- Mayor Lush is advising that we place rocks at the beach of the boat launch the same as we did in the Mint Brook Bridge area.
- Mayor Lush advised that all the staff are doing a good job with social distancing, personal protective equipment and following the government procedures.

Motion: 2020-05-04-101 (D. Dyke & M. Stockley) to move into a Privileged Meeting at 7:42 pm.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors L. Moss, D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley
Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Motion: 2020-05-04-102 (D. Dyke & P. Lush) to move into a Regular Meeting at 7:55 pm.

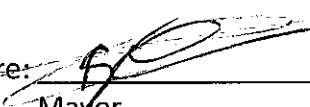
In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Motion: 2020-05-04-103 (D. Dyke & D. Hopkins) to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
Councillors D. Hopkins, P. Lush, N. Philp & M. Stockley

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Signature: 
Mayor

Signature: 
Town Clerk/Manager