

The Town of Gambo

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Gambo was held on December 14th, 2020 at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Gambo held on December 14th, 2020 at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Members in Attendance

Mayor Craig Lush
Deputy Mayor Darren Dyke
Councillor Desiree Hopkins
Councillor Lori Moss
Councillor Peter Lush
Councillor Mark Stockley
Councillor Barb Pritchett
Town Clerk/Manager, Lorne Greene
Admin Clerk, Cindy Collins
Student Rep, Colby Parsons (online)

Members Absent

Visitors

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

It was requested to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Terra Nova Trail-Riders request

Motion: 2020-12-14-251 (D. Dyke & M. Stockley) to approve the Agenda of December 14th, 2020 with the above noted addition.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Motion: 2020-12-14-252 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16th, 2020 as presented.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

- GCYC Roof Repairs – The contract has been awarded for a couple of weeks now; we are just waiting on the contractor.

- Salvation Army – Lorne advised that he had received correspondence from them advising they no longer wanted to utilize the Park before he had a chance to advise of Council’s decision.
- Audio Issues – A conference phone that will fit in to our current phone system has been ordered.
- Minutes of the Special Meeting – No minutes were necessary for that meeting.
- Breakfast Program Donation – Correspondence and the Cheque have been sent to the school.

New Business:

Item: 2021 Budget – It was noted that the staff put a lot of hard work in to the Budget and that it was now ready for Council’s approval. The total budget for 2021 is \$1,911,653.00, which is approximately \$41,000.00 more than 2020’s budget. Highlights of the Budget are as follows:

- Fire Department - \$42,385.00, including a \$1,500.00 increase in their honorarium,
- Gambo Sports & Recreation - \$13,205.00,
- Age Friendly Committee - \$1,700.00,
- SEDCOR - \$5,000.00; it was noted that some of the budget requests that Council received from SEDCOR were already included in Council’s Budget for 2021,
- General Liability Insurance - \$81,902.00,
- Waste Management - \$131,000.00; this includes the curbside collection fee which is included in the current property tax rate,
- Preventative Maintenance Assessment (lift stations) - \$10,400.00,
- Rent increase of 7% for the current renters at the GCYC,
- iPads - \$3,000.00,
- Boat Launch - \$3,000.00,
- Severance Fund - \$5,000.00,
- Waste Water Effluent Testing - \$19,000.00,
- ACOA Project - \$10,000.00,
- There are funds for Balsom Street, the bridge at the Fun-N-Sun, the Emergency Planning Committee, the Stimulus Program (Trails/Joey’s Lookout/Library Roof Repairs), Public Works Vehicle, Mini Tractor,
- Long Term Debt - \$161,056.00,
- All Wages & Benefits - \$627,429.00; including 14 weeks for an employee for the Interpretation Centre,
- Poll Tax has been removed for 2021,
- Business and Property Tax has been removed for Community Service Organizations,
- No increase in Property or Water & Sewer Tax,
- No increase in Business Tax except for the minimum in each Business Tax category, which has increased from \$400.00 annually to \$500.00 annually.

Motion: 2020-12-14-253 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to accept the 2021 Budget as presented in the amount of \$1,911,653.00.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: 2021 Tax Rate Structure –

Motion: 2020-12-14-254 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to accept the 2021 Tax Rate Structure as presented.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Council Meeting Correspondence			
Received from	Received on	I / A	Details
NL 911	Nov 13	I	Next Generation 911 Data (Civic Addressing)
Glovertown Detachment "B" Division - NL	Nov 13	I	Monthly Mayors/Council's Policing Report
Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador	Nov 13	I	Newsletter
Central Regional Service Board	Nov 13	I	Central Newfoundland Waste Management
MP Churence Rogers	Nov 16	I	Safe Restart Agreement
Red Cross	Nov 23	I	Red Cross COVID-19 Support
Stewardship Association of Municipalities	Nov 26	I	Long Range Biodiversity Project
Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador	Nov 27	I	BAM! NL
Dept. of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities	Dec 1	I	Safe Restart Funding for Municipalities

Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure	Dec 1	I	Municipal Infrastructure Website Relocation
RCMP	Dec	I	Monthly Mayors/Council's Policing Report - November
MNL	Dec 7	I	Memo to Members - Safe Restart/COVID Stimulus Program/2021 Budgets
Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	Dec	I	Inclusion and Wellness Initiative Grant - \$4,640.00
Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	Dec	I	Recreation; Summer Recreation Program Grant - \$8,000.00 and Healthy Active Living Program Grant - \$4,874.00
Municipal Assessment Agency	Dec 8	I	Update on the MAA
Gander & Area Chamber of Commerce	Dec 8	I	Annual Business Achievement Awards Postponed
The Office	Dec 11	I	Regular Meeting Schedule 2021
Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities	Nov 24	A	COVID-19 Stimulus Program
Ralph Tapper - Pipe Down NL	Nov 26	A	Excessive Vehicle Noise
Adam Gardner - RCMP	Dec 4	A	Mayor Meeting with RCMP District Management

Item: RCMP Reports – Will be posted.

Item: COVID-19 Stimulus Program – This has been applied for as of December 7th, 2020.

Item: Pipe Down NL Resolution –

Motion: 2020-12-14-255 (P. Lush & D. Dyke) to accept the Pipe Down NL Resolution as presented:

WHEREAS scientific evidence suggests that excessive noise affects hearing long term and negatively impacts a person's health and well-being – especially those who have issues with sensory inputs; and

WHEREAS it has been shown that excessive noise from the exhaust systems on vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs and dirt bikes, etc.) can be a source of distraction for road users and a significant disruption to the peace and tranquility of residents in their homes, businesses, cafes, and parks and recreational spaces; and

WHEREAS communities throughout the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador are experiencing problems of excessively loud vehicle noise; and

WHEREAS the issue of excessive noise from vehicles with modified exhaust systems has been part of public discourse since at least 2012; and

WHEREAS a coalition of concerned neighborhood groups and citizens known as Pipe Down NL was formed to appeal to the provincial government to change/apply the legislation on noise pollution caused by after-market installation of exhaust pipes on cars, trucks and motorcycles; and

WHEREAS this matter is governed under the jurisdiction of the Province's Highway Traffic Act; and

WHEREAS regulations, tools and technology are readily available to aid in enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions in Canada have made amendments to regulations and legislation to deal with noise from exhaust systems and that they have sound level meters to measure noise generated from vehicles for the purposes of ticketing and fines.

BE IT SO RESOLVED THAT The City/Town of Gambo continue to lobby the Provincial Government of NL to request that the Highway Traffic Act and/or associated regulations be enforced to ensure prohibition of modifications to exhaust systems that increase noise and to ensure enforcement with fines and ticketing.

Further, that the City/Town of Gambo continue to lobby the Provincial Government of NL to ensure adequate resources (technology and staffing) are funded to allow enforcement agencies to effectively apply the legislation and regulations prohibiting excessively loud vehicles.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: RCMP; Meeting with District Management – Deputy Mayor Dyke will be attending.

Finance:

Item: Monitoring Well Decommissioning – A monitoring well system was required during the construction of the new Town Hall that is no longer needed. The cost to have this decommissioned is \$2869.25.

Motion: 2020-12-14-256 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the decommissioning of the monitoring well system at a cost of \$2869.25.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: J.W. Consulting; Providing Outstanding Municipal Services – No interest at this time.

Item: Smallwood Academy Awards Ceremony Donation – in the amount of \$200.00.

Motion: 2020-12-14-257 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve a donation to the Smallwood Academy Awards Ceremony in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: October Bank Statement – to accept the October Bank Statement as presented with a closing balance of \$341,251.05.

Motion: 2020-12-14-258 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to accept the October Bank Statement as presented with a closing balance of \$341,251.05.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Air Quality Testing; GCYC – AllTech Environmental Services was the successful bidder for this work in the amount of \$1857.25.

Motion: 2020-12-14-259 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the award of the air quality testing at the GCYC to AllTech Environmental Services in the amount of \$1857.25.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Lorne advised that there were no concerns in the building with moisture but that we are awaiting the results on mold.

Item: Line of Credit Renewal 2021 – In the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion: 2020-12-14-260 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the renewal of the line of credit with the Venture Credit Union in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Gas Tax; Emergency Repairs to the Water Intake System

Motion: 2020-12-14-261 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the submission of a revised application for the Emergency Repairs to the Water Intake System to increase the project amount by \$2,592 and have it added to the Capital Investment Plan for the Gas Tax Funds Allocation in the revised amount of \$17,312.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Gas Tax; Revised Application for Pioneer Street Extension

Motion: 2020-12-14-262 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the submission of a revised application for the Pioneer Street Extension to increase the project amount by \$22,791 and have it added to the Capital Investment Plan for the Gas Tax Funds Allocation in the revised amount of \$221,484.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
L. Moss, D. Hopkins, M. Stockley, B. Pritchett & P. Lush

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Chamber of Commerce Membership Renewal 2021

Motion: 2020-12-14-263 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the renewal of membership with the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$183.43.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
L. Moss, D. Hopkins, M. Stockley, B. Pritchett & P. Lush

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Heat Pump Installation; Fire Dept. and Library – This work will be eligible for a rebate from NL Power. Only one quote was received in the amount of \$19,320.00.

Motion: 2020-12-14-264 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the award of the installation of heat pumps in the Fire Department and the Library to Kelly's Refrigeration in the amount of \$19,320.00.

In Favor: Mayor C. Lush
Deputy Mayor D. Dyke
L. Moss, D. Hopkins, M. Stockley, B. Pritchett & P. Lush

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Vendor Aged Trial Balance – In the amount of \$61,499.86.

Motion: 2020-12-14-265 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the Vendor Aged Trial Balance in the amount of \$61,499.86.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Accounts Payable Cheque Register – In the amount of \$58,927.85.

Motion: 2020-12-14-266 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve the Accounts Payable Cheque Register in the amount of \$58,927.85.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Tax Collection Stats – Tax Collection is going well.

Item: Terra Nova Trailriders Request – In the amount of \$4100.00 to complete repairs to the T'Railway in the area between the highway and the trestle.

Motion: 2020-12-14-267 (P. Lush & D. Hopkins) to approve a donation to the Terra Nova Trailriders in the amount of \$4100.00 for the completion of work on the T'Railway in the area between the highway and the trestle.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Public Works:

Item: Tourist Cottage Development Application; 467 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.– The deadline for the required advertising for this proposal has expired with no representation received. Public Works is recommending approval.

Motion: 2020-12-14-268 (D. Dyke & B. Pritchett) to approve the application to construct Tourist Cottages at 467 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Item: Tourist Cottage Development Application; 294A J.R. Smallwood Blvd. – This item has been deferred as more information is required.

Item: Request from 16 Church Road – Speed bumps and a traffic sign to warn drivers of an autistic child in the area were requested. Public Works is recommending to not install speed bumps at this time but a traffic sign has been ordered and will be placed in the area by our Public Works staff as time permits.

Item: RFP; Wastewater Treatment – The Committee will be meeting to review and evaluate the Proposals early in the new year.

Item: Public Works Position – A practical has been completed with an interviewee.

Town Clerk/Manager Report:

- The RFP for the Revitalization of Tourism Infrastructure has closed and the Steering Committee has met to review the proposal that was received. On December 1st, the project was awarded to Higenell Whalen Architecture. The start-up meeting for the project is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 11:00 am.
- An application has been submitted under the COVID-Stimulus Program for the replacement of the roof at the Gambo Public Library and the repairs to Joey's Lookout.
- The request for crosswalks has been sent to Derrick Bragg, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. He has acknowledged receipt of the correspondence stating that it has been sent out to the appropriate staff for comments.
- Cindy and I attended the Regional PMA Meeting held on November 20th. The topics of policy making and social media were on the agenda.
- The Pre-Construction Meeting was held on November 27th. Both of the Lift Stations on Pioneer Street have been upgraded except for the electrical. The third Lift Station at Black Duck Brook has not yet started.
- The RFP for the Wastewater closed on December 3rd with three proposals received. As noted previously, the Committee will meet to review and score the proposals.
- The upgrades to Marine Drive and Cabot Road have been completed as per the contract for 2020.
- The interviews were held for the Public Works Employee Position.

- The next scheduled meetings will be January 11th.

Mayor:

- Great work has been done with Budget 2021 as well as by Public Works staff around the community.
- Office hours during Christmas; as it's a slower time of year, the office hours will be left up to Lorne and the staff.
- Thanks to everyone for a good year and best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

Motion: 2020-12-14-269 (D. Dyke & D. Hopkins) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Signature: _____

Mayor

Signature: _____

Town Clerk/Manager