



LABRADOR CITY

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

1:00 pm

In Attendance:

Mayor Fabian Benoit
Deputy Mayor Junior Humphries
Councillor Ken Lawlor
Councillor John Penney
Councillor Richard Fahey
Councillor Bridget Baker

Staff Present:

Cathy Etsell, CAO
Kim Conway, Director of Finance & Admin
Tom Mihajlovic, Director of Eng. & Public Works
Craig Purves, Director of Planning & Development
Nick Miller, Director of Recreation & Community Events
Krista Hedlund, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Councillor Nick McGrath
Shelley Lilly, IT/Communications

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1. Adoption and Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Penney

Be it resolved the agenda for meeting of March 16th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

2. Delegations

N/A

3. Adoption and Signing of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Fahey

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved the minutes of the public meeting held February 16th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

4. Business Arising from Minutes

N/A

5. Correspondence

5.1 Dept of Transportation & Infrastructure – Drake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure provides approval for an extension to the Drake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, new completion date deadline will be May 30, 2022.

5.2 Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities – Municipal Budget Submission

The Department of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities acknowledges receipt of the Municipal Budget Submission Form for 2021 and has accepted the form as presented.

5.3 Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities – Rescinding Approval to Borrow

The Department of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities accepts the Town of Labrador City's request to rescind the motion to borrow \$208,509.43 for the Tanya Trail Lighting Project as of February 16, 2021.

6. New Business

6.1 Letter of Support – Smokey Mountain Ski Club

Moved By: Councillor Baker

Seconded By: Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of February 25, 2021 to provide a letter of support to Smokey Mountain Ski Club to accompany their application to funding agencies for their Redevelopment Project.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

6.2 Letter of Support – SEM Bat Project

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of February 25, 2021 to provide a letter of support to SEM for their proposal to monitor bat species in Labrador West using ultrasonic equipment.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

6.3 Town Manager Vacation

Moved By: Councillor Baker

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council approve annual leave for Town Manager Cathy Etsell for the period of March 17-April 11 inclusive, during this time appoint Tom Mihajlovic as Acting Town Manger with Kim Conway assuming signing authority.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

6.4 No Fixed Place of Business

Following resident concerns, Council has agreed to re-evaluate and explore available options. An update will be provided at the meeting in April.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Finance & Administration

a) Donations

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve donations as follows: \$100 to the Royal Canadian Legion – NL Command for the Veterans Service Recognition Booklet; match employee contributions for National Denim Day on May 11,2021, in-kind donation of \$71.30 for LG Health Violence Prevention Skate 2020; and waive 2020 landfill fees for garage removal in the amount of \$197.60 for White Wolf Snowmobile Club.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

b) Taxation

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council approve a Business Tax Reduction Plan for businesses that have been mandated to close by the province of Newfoundland and Labrador as a result of Covid-19 by pro-rating 100% of business tax for the period closure. In addition, a 50% reduction of business tax reduction will apply to businesses with partial closures such as restaurants with dining areas. Requests for business tax reduction must be received in writing at the Town Hall.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

Moved By: Councillor Baker

Seconded By: Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve Service Club Rebates for 2020 in the amount of \$1,196.05 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

c) Administration / Miscellaneous

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council appoint Pearl R. Lee, Chartered Professional Accountant to perform the annual 2020 Financial Audit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

d) Finance

Moved By: Councillor Baker

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council approve Accounts Payable & Purchase Orders in the amount of \$2,101,959.08 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

7.2 Planning & Development

Moved By: Councillor Fahey

Seconded By: Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council enter into a revised Easement Agreement with Osprey Ridge Development Ltd for the properties known as 134, 136 & 138 Raven Avenue as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

7.3 Parks & Recreation

a) **Community Accessible Van**

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council approve advertising of the Request for Proposal for the Service Provision & Operation of the Community Accessible Van for the period March 19th – April 9th, 2021 inclusive.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

b) **Healthy Eating Policy**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Penney

Be it resolved Council adopt the Healthy Eating Policy as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

8. Applications for Permits

8.1 Permit 21-028 Approval in Principle: Scrap Yard Route 500

Moved By: Councillor Fahey

Seconded By: Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-028 Approval in Principle for Scrap Yard located on Route 500, subject to no objections being received and conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

8.2 Permit 21-029 Approval in Principle: Land Subdivision & Assembly 3 Maple Crescent

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council grant the Director of Planning & Development permission to approve Permit 21-029 Approval in Principle for Land Subdivision and Assembly located at 3 Maple Crescent, subject to conditions outlined on the permit.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

8.3 Permit Ratification List #3

Moved By: Councillor Penney

Seconded By: Councillor Fahey

Be it resolved Council approve Permit Ratification List #3 as presented.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

9. Unfinished Business

N/A

10. Tenders

10.1 TLC-03-21 Repainting of Labrador City Arena

Moved By: Councillor Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of March 1, 2021 to award TLC-03-21 for the Repainting of Labrador City Arena to Energy Lock Inc. the price of \$39,790.00 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

10.2 TLC-04-21 Supply of New Wheel Loader

Moved By: Councillor Penney

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of March 1, 2021 to award TLC-04-21 for the Supply of a New Wheel Loader to SMS Equipment Inc. the price of \$251,344.00 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

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10.3 TLC-05-21 Supply of Six (6) Gravelly's Tractors

Moved By: Councillor Fahey

Seconded By: Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of March 2, 2021 to award TLC-05-21 for the Supply of Six (6) Gravelly Tractors to Energy Lock Inc. the price of \$95,578.80 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

10.4 TLC-07-21 Supply of Electrical Supplies

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Humphries

Seconded By: Councillor Baker

Be it resolved Council ratify the poll of March 8, 2021 to award TLC-07-21 for the Supply of Electrical Supplies to Graybar Canada the price of \$37,997.02 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

10.5 TLC-08-21 Supply of SCBA Units – will be retendered

10.6 Quotation: Supply & Installation of Arena Windows

Moved By: Councillor Fahey

Seconded By: Councillor Lawlor

Be it resolved Council award the Supply & Installation of Arena Windows to Labrador Glass & Aluminum for the price of \$49,271.75 inclusive of hst.

Question called; Mayor Benoit, Deputy Mayor Humphries, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Penney, Councillor Fahey, and Councillor Baker all in favor. **Carried**

11. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 27th at 1 pm. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm by Councillor Baker.

Kim Conway, Town Clerk

Fabian Benoit, Mayor