

Council Meeting  
 Place: Town Office Council Chambers  
 Date: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Time: 5:30pm

<b>Present</b>	Deputy Mayor Sheralyn Rumbolt Councillor Victor Major Councillor Jeffrey Reid Councillor George Tucker Councillor Michael Walsh Councillor Stephen Wheeler Town Clerk Manager Glenda Hynes Asst. Town Clerk April Crocker  Absent: Mayor Fred Laing
<b>Outside Attendee</b>	NIL
<b>Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm</b>	By: Deputy Mayor Rumbolt
<b>Outside Attendee</b>	NIL
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>  <u>Motion 2023-250</u> Reid/Wheeler	<b>Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</b>
<b>Adoption of Minutes</b>  <u>Motion 2023-251</u> Reid/Tucker	Regular Council meeting November 21st, 2023 No errors or omissions.  <b>Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting, November 21st, 2023 be adopted as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</b>
<b>Business Arising</b>  <u>Motion 2023-252</u> Tucker/Wheeler	<u>Joint Meeting with Rocky Hr.</u> Tentatively scheduled for January 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the Rocky Harbour Town Hall.  Tract Consulting Unencumbered lands program update- The project cost is approximately \$17,000. There is funding available for the project.  <b>Be it resolved that Council agrees to proceed with adopting the project proposal for encumbered lands project. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</b>
<b>Financial Report</b>  <u>Motion 2023-253</u> Rumbolt/Tucker	<b>Be it resolved that approval be given to pay the invoice list # 1 &amp; # 2. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</b>

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<p><b><u>Motion 2023-254</u></b> Wheeler/Tucker</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to pay for the extended warranty on the new Town Truck \$2950 plus Hst. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-255</u></b> Reid/Tucker</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council approves the bank transfer (\$18,176.19) from Main Account to Capital Works Account. Funding received for lift station projects. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-256</u></b> Wheeler/Reid</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to renew the FCM membership for 2024. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-257</u></b> Tucker/Reid</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to donate \$100.00 towards the Santa Claus Parade &amp; Food Hampers. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p> <p><u>Outflow Monitoring – Biomaxx</u> Contract is up for renewal December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Council agrees to hold off on renewing contract until additional information has been received.</p> <p><u>BBCHHC W/S Tax Break</u> Councillors Wheeler &amp; Walsh gave an update on the meeting they had with the BBCHHC. They spoke about possibly utilizing some of the vacant property there for a freestanding multiplex building &amp; Town Office. Looked at ways the Town could work together with them.</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-258</u></b> Wheeler/Tucker</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to exempt water &amp; sewer taxes for the Bonne Bay Cottage Hospital for the 2024 taxation year. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p> <p><u>Community Active Living</u> Town Clerk Manager gave an update from the last meeting. It was decided that the committee would be dissolving and the funds that remain in the account would be divided between many different groups within the two communities. (list on file)</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-259</u></b> Wheeler/Tucker</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to pay Jennifer Samms a Consultant rate of \$30.00 per hour for 18.5 hrs, working with Town Clerk Manager on budget preparations. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><b><u>Motion 2023-260</u></b> Tucker/Wheeler</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to pay Allnorth Invoices for the Lift Station projects; FB32106 (\$2599.00), FB33360 (\$1953.56), FB35497 (\$5469.98), FB32104 (\$2599), FB35495 (\$5469.98), FB33364 (\$1953.56) &amp; FB35505 (\$5469.98) from the Capital Works account. All in Favor. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>

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<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><u>Motion 2023-261</u> Reid/Tucker</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-262</u> Reid/Wheeler</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-263</u> Reid/Wheeler</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-264</u> Tucker/Walsh</p>	<p><b>Be it resolved that Council agrees to adopt the revised Municipal Emergency Management Plan as presented. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p> <p><b>Be It resolved that Council agrees to apply through the Canada Summer Student program for 2 positions to work with the Maintenance Department. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p> <p><b>Be it resolved that Council agrees to respond to Aim Network advising them that they would like to become a part of the Climate resilient coastal communities program. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p> <p><b>Be it resolved that Council agrees to send a letter of support for the GMTRIP- 7 Corners project in effort to find additional financial support. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p> <p><u>PMA/MNL letter regarding Bill 54 Town and LSD Act.</u> Letter was passed around for Council to review.</p>
<p><b>Applications/Proposals for Development</b></p> <p><u>Motion 2023-265</u> Wheeler/Walsh</p> <p><u>Motion 2023-266</u> Wheeler/Reid</p>	<p><u>2 Mercers Lane – New Shed</u></p> <p><b>Be it resolved that Council approves in principle the application from 2 Mercers Lane to construct a new shed based on a site from from the lands committee. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p> <p><u>Stone's Lane - Crown Lands Application # 161897</u></p> <p><b>Be it resolved that Council approves in principle the Crownlands application # 161897 based on approvals from Government Departments. All in Favor. Carried.</b> <i>(Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</i></p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><u>Budget 2024</u></p> <p>Town Clerk Manager reviewed the budget with Council</p>

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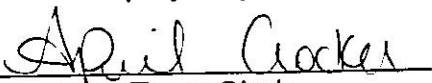
<p><u>Motion 2023-267</u> Tucker/Reid</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to give a 13% increase to employees for 2024. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-268</u> Tucker/Reid</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees the Residential Milrate will remain at 4.4 mils, Commercial Milrate at 4.75mils and minimum property tax at \$350. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-269</u> Tucker/Major</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees that the water &amp; sewer taxes will remain the same for residential and commercial. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-270</u> Reid/Walsh</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees that there will be no changes in the business taxes. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-271</u> Reid/Tucker</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to increase the Water on/off fees to <u>\$50.00</u> per visit and <u>\$75.00</u> per visit for anything after hours. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-272</u> Wheeler/Reid</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to eliminate accepting credit card payments effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-273</u> Wheeler/Walsh</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to adopt the Municipal Budget 2024 as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-274</u> Tucker/Major</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council agrees to accept the 2024 Tax Structure as presented. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p> <p>Councillor Wheeler left the meeting @ 7:39pm</p>
<p><u>Motion 2023-275</u> Tucker/Major</p>	<p>Be it resolved that Council approves the bank transfer \$150,000.00 from Main Account to the Capital Works Account. All in Favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>NIL</p>

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Round Table	NIL
Privileged Meeting	NIL
Scheduling of next meeting	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Adjournment <u>Motion 2023-276</u> Major/Tucker	Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 7:44pm. All in favor. Carried. (Rumbolt, Major, Reid, Tucker, Walsh, Wheeler)
Councillor Notes:	

Signature:   
Deputy Mayor

Date: Jan 16/24

Signature:   
Asst. Town Clerk

Date: January 16/24