TOWN OF OLD PERLICAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 28, 2023
Minutes of a regular meeting of the council
Of the Town of Old Perlican
November 28, 2023, at 7:00P.M.

Members Present:	Mayor:	C. Morgan
	Councillors:	T. Hopkins
		J. Hopkins
		L. Andrews
		T. Squires
		R. Tizzard (Via Facetime
	TC/M	S. Durdle-Walsh
	Absent:	R. Burt

Meeting called to order by the Mayor C. Morgan at 7:06p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: T. Squires / L. Andrews

#2023-229 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican adopt the agenda as presented.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: T. Hopkins, J. Hopkins, C. Morgan, L. Andrews, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

Adoption Of Minutes

MOTION: T. Hopkins / L. Andrews

#2023-230 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023 with corrections.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: T. Hopkins, J. Hopkins, C. Morgan, L. Andrews, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes / Town Clerk/Managers Report:

TC/M Report

- Both of our public workers attended Asbestos training last week.
- The foreman made two trips to town each with a different pump from the lift station damaged in the accident. One has been repaired but we are still waiting on the other.
- The damaged Lift station is partially working but until the second pump is up and running, it will not be enough to handle everything.
- One of the workers did some work on the mouth of Big Brook to try and keep it from flooding, this is an ongoing concern.
- Preparations for "Christmas in the Park" have now begun. Lights have been purchased, a tree has been cut and a new sign has been made by T. Squires to put on display.
- The land auction went well, the property was sold for the full amount of taxes owing. The successful bidder was Royal Greenland.
- The public budget meeting was held this past Thursday, unfortunately no one came forward.
- The Union negotiations for our workers did not go well and have been referred to a conciliator.

- The Garbage Compactor will be delivered by the end of the week, hopefully.
- The morning of the seniors party (Friday, Dec. 8) everyone should meet at the community center to help prepare for this function - one or two will not be enough.
- The morning of December 22, the staff will be having breakfast at the office. If you would like to attend please let me know.

From the Minutes

- The TC/M spoke with the Mackenzies and assured them if the town ever decides to sell the land they will have the first opportunity to purchase it. As of now it is not for sale.
- S. French is purchasing the piece he was interested in for a vegetable garden.
- S. French did not attend the water training course this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Public Works

- Work list has been provided and updated.

- Removal or complete coverage of speed bump signs needs to be added to the list.

- The workers are waiting on D. Brewer to help with the hydrant installation by QuinSea Plant.

- Stone is required on both sides of the road leading to JHCC.

Human Resources

-Status Quo

Special Events

-It has been decided to have old fashion trifles as our dessert at the senior's party this year. Everything else will be as per previous year.

- T. Squires is to contact Santa to ask him to drop by.

- A request has been made to purchase a set of speakers for the community centre. Currently we have been borrowing speakers to supplement the two we have. Cost of speakers and stands would be approximately $1800-$2000

- It was suggested that we ask the seniors to bring along a non-perishable food item to the senior's social. These items would then be donated to a local food bank.

-The Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for 5:00 this Sunday. S. Durdle-Walsh will prepare hot chocolate and hot dogs to serve after the parade. Our tree/park lighting will also take place at that time.

-The council/ staff party has a gift maximum of $20., for those wishing to participate.

- The TC/M is to invite the special events members to the party.

- The Town staff will have their annual Christmas breakfast on December 22. Councillors are invited to attend if they so desire - please let them know in advance.

-This year the town will be giving out ornaments rather than chocolates to our residents as a goodwill token.

Beautification

- There has been no response from Alex Hepditch regarding cleaning up his property to date.

Policy/Planning

- Status Quo

Land Development

- Kelsey Button has been hooked up to the town water and sewer as of this week.

OH&S

-Status Quo

Liaison Reports:

Heritage

- Status Quo

OPRAAC

- The new doors for JHCC have now been installed.

- Members of the committee are selling tickets on a large flat screen TV and other times for Christmas. Draw to take place on Tibbs Eve.

- A Special Committee consisting of 2 members of OPRAAC, 2 members of the Special Events Committee and 3 councillors are planning major improvements for our playground area- work to begin asap. We are all very excited over this initiative.

MOTION: J. Hopkins / T. Squires

#2023-231 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican agree the Old Perlican Special (Splash Pad) Committee should continue their work on revitalizing the playground in conjunction with OPRAAC and the Town.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: T. Hopkins, J. Hopkins, C. Morgan, L. Andrews, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

Recreation

- Status Quo

Fire Department

- The 50 anniversary banquet went very well.
- The Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for this weekend.

Ambulance

- They had one food drive and were given a van full of groceries plus $310 in monetary donations. There will be a second food drive this weekend coming up.

-There is a new EMR joining the team, Cody Peddle.

Correspondence

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Infonote	Regional Economics	Noted
Gov't NL	Letter to Mahers Construction	Noted
RCMP	Invitation to Tree Lighting	Noted
MUN	Public Engagement Session	Noted
Cassidy Downey	Questions on Harbour Status	Noted

Finance:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and ACCOUNTS LEDGER

Town:

MOTION: L. Andrews / T. Hopkins

#2023-232 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican pay the bills as presented minus the Conccord invoice until adjustments have been made.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: J. Hopkins, T. Hopkins, L. Andrews, C. Morgan, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

It was suggested once again that the TC/M contact Orkin and ask why we are charged for areas they never seem to visit and seek clarification on exactly what service is provided.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A detailed copy of our proposed budget for 2024 was then reviewed. It was noted that there will not be any increase in taxes for the coming year. Some adjustments were made in various areas to meet changing demands. Due to successfully receiving some infrastructure grants our total budget will exceed $3 million. A detailed outline will be presented to our residents in our upcoming December newsletter.

MOTION: T. Squiers / J. Hopkins

#2023-233 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican accept the 2024 budget as presented.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: J. Hopkins, T. Hopkins, L. Andrews, C. Morgan, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: T. Squires / L. Andrews

A discussion was held on the upcoming Christmas Office schedule.

#2023-234 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican set the 2023 Christmas schedule as follows: the AA will work 10am to 2pm on December 27 and 29 and the TC/M will work on the 28. The public workers will collect garbage on the 27 and they will rotate on the 28 and 29 with the same hours as the office.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: J. Hopkins, T. Hopkins, L. Andrews, C. Morgan, R. Tizzard, T. Squires

VOTING AGAINST: NIL MOTION CARRIED

QUESTION & ANSWER

T. Hopkins - Was anything decided on the mileage reimbursement for the joint mayor's meetings?

-It will be dealt with at the next meeting.

L. Andrews - Is the last meeting before Christmas December 12th?

-Yes it is.

T. Hopkins - Did you mention anything about putting a pole light on the parking lot?

-I haven't looked into it at this point.

L. Andrews - Was the issue of the dredging materials from the harbour dealt with?

-Yes, contact has been made to take care of it.

Notice of Motion: NIL

The next regular council meeting will be held December 12 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Motion: T. Squires / J. Hopkins

#2023-235 Be it resolved that the Town of Old Perlican adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: T. Hopkins, J. Hopkins, C. Morgan, L. Andrews, T. Squires, R. Tizzard.

VOTING AGAINST: NIL **MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

C. Morgan

Mayor

S. Durdle-Walsh

Town Clerk / Manager