



MINUTES

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on January 25, 2010 at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Bob Codner
Deputy Mayor Geoff Gallant
Councillor Mike Byrne
Councillor Peggy Roche
Councillor Carol Ann Smith
Councillor Ralph Tapper
Councillor Brian Whitty

Staff Present

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk
Ken Anthony, Director of Programs and Services
Brian Winter, Planning & Development Officer
Ann Picco, Executive Clerk

Meeting was chaired by Mayor Codner

020-10 **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Carol Ann Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

021-10 **Adoption of Minutes**

Motion – Councillor Byrne / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the January 11, 2010, Public Council Meeting be adopted with the following changes:

Page 5 – Paragraph after Motion 006-10 – “After much discussion and debate and all Council voiced their opinion on the issue, Council remuneration will be raised to 2%...”

ADD ...of the Town's main operating budget, this year's 2010 main operating budget amount being \$4,976,534.60.

Page 9 – Under **LIAISON COMMITTEES**, **Jack Byrne Arena** - Motion 018-10 – it was discussed and noted that not all members of Council voted for Jerry Dunphy. For clarification purposes, process of nomination and voting procedure should be included in the Minutes.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC):
 - Copy of letter to Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans, from Walter Butt, Chairperson, NEAJC, concerning concerns over the proposed amendments to the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). ***For Information Purposes - The Town to write a letter against this decision, expressing our disappointment. B/F.***
 - Presentation – “Review of Conflict of Interest and Conduct for Municipal Councillors,” December 15, 2009. ***It was agreed that this was a well researched document, as there are some grey areas when it comes to the issue of conflict of interest. It is for clarification purposes and it was suggest that this document be forwarded to MNL to see if they will present it on the floor of the convention this Fall. Councillor Roche advised all Council to forward any comments or suggestions to her or Councillor Whitty and she will forward on. It was also suggested that as the Town is reviewing and developing its own policies and procedures, that this document be incorporated into that.***
 - City of Mount Pearl – “Banning of Cosmetic Pesticides Report.” ***It was suggested that all communities should operate under the same set of rules and that towns should act as a group to go to Provincial Government to have a ban put in place. It was agreed this report should be submitted at the MNL Convention for voting by delegates.***
- 2) Jim Cantwell – 2010 Budget and increase to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Remuneration. ***There was discussion on issues of previous budgets and when to start the process, as more research needs to be done before final decisions are made; and, these decisions need to reflect what's in the best interest of residents. It was noted that the CAO did a great job, as she took the lead with pressure and timelines. As preparing for the budget requires a lot of work and research, it was suggested and agreed that the process start earlier this year especially on sensitive issues and everyone's input is important. It was suggested to start gathering information for next year's budget and review what was previously passed. The Deputy Mayor Gallant advised that he will take all recommendations and information and will discuss at the next Committee meeting. Business Tax is another issue that needs to be further researched. CAO to forward a copy of her response to Mr. Jack Hogan regarding his business tax to Council, as requested by Councillor Smith.***

- 3) Request from John Ryan for re-zoning of the old church property on Lower Street to from Public Property to Residential. *Defer to Planning and Land Use Development Committee. B/F.*
- 4) Keith Yeo – 1 Yeo’s Lane - request for reimbursement of installation of sewage services. *Defer to Public Works Committee. B/F.*
- 5) John White, Eastern Division Manager, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries concerning Town Centre Plan Feasibility Study. *CAO– follow up to meeting regarding current status of library downstairs and Heritage Master Plan. B/F.*
- 6) Horizons Community Profile – booking banner ad on the top of the page - deadline is February 5, 2010. *CAO to follow up with the Telegram to confirm ad space. B/F.*

022-10 Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay book ad size 5.43” wide x 3.36” high (5 col x 47 lines) at cost of \$432.50 + tax in the Horizons Community Profile.

Question called.

Against Motion: Councillor Smith

Motion carried.

- 7) Correspondence from Paula Mahon – Council’s plans for the development of Motion Drive. *Development and Planning Officer advised that this issue is being addressed in the Recreation Master Plan – Coastal Park Area. CAO to respond to Ms. Mahon and advise. B/F.*
- 8) Minister of National Defence – Peter MacKay – Town’s request for an increased provision of search and rescue (SAR) capability on the Avalon Peninsula. *FYI – This is a letter in response to our letter of May, 2009, as advised by Mayor Codner.*
- 9) Canadian Wildlife Service – Environment Canada - invitation for comments concerning the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA): the List of Wildlife Species at Risk. *CAO to write letter advising the Town’s approval of preservation of species. B/F.*
- 10) Department of Municipal Affairs – Correspondence from Tom Hedderson, MHA – concerning appointment of Mayor Codner to the Leadership Committee for the Northeast Avalon Regional Plan. *FYI*
- 11) City of Mount Pearl - Copy of letter to Eastern Waste Management - User (Tipping) Fee Structure. *There was discussion on issues that may arise with having this service – to take your items to Robin Hood Bay whenever you like – littering being a major concern. With clean up day and household hazardous waste days no longer in effect, will people start dumping their garbage around the community? It was suggested that the Town put a reminder of this in the newsletter. CAO to draft a letter/notice to residents for the next meeting. Recycling and composting was discussed and that the Town needs to formulate a plan. B/F.*
- 12) Eastern Waste Management – 2010 Budget and user (tipping) fee structure for the Regional Integrated Waste Management Facility – Robin Hood Bay. *FYI*

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

- 1) Canadian Red Cross – Letter from Robert (Bob) Pike, Member, Canadian Red Cross “Prepared” Campaign Cabinet regarding presentation given at the MNL Annual General Meeting. ***Deferred to Finance Committee due to reduction in 2010 Budget. No Report. B/F***
- 2) Brendan & Dana Kelly – 13 Wildberry Lane – concern of emergency exit in Forest Landing. ***Letter to be written to the Kellys. CAO to write letter to resident advising that in the summer months, should an emergency develop, the posts are designed to crack off. In winter months, Public Works are on standby. Letter written - COMPLETE.***
- 3) Resident meeting regarding issues at Kinsmen Center – Motion 250-09 - To have skateboard ramps removed from Kinsmen Center at the end of the season. Director of Programs and Services to confirm removal and storage. ***Deferred to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee – no committee meeting yet. B/F.***
- 4) To explore the cost of a fence and gate at the Kinsmen Center – Motion 251-09 – Director of Programs and Services to confirm status of quote. ***Deferred to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee – no committee meeting yet. B/F.***
- 5) Town to develop a Smoke Free Environment Policy for adoption and implementation. – Director of Programs and Services to confirm status. ***Deferred to CAO for inclusion in the policies and procedures manual for the Town of Torbay. B/F.***

With regards to Items 3, 4, and 5, above, there are some serious concerns of residents. Issues discussed were noise, vandalism, unsafe environment, sale of drugs and a hangout – young people were not using the skateboard park for skateboarding. CAO and all Council members talked to residents at a meeting that was held in the latter part of last year, and the consensus was to have the skateboard park removed from the Town. It was suggested that the skateboard park be moved to the Jack Byrne Arena parking lot. Other issues were discussed on how to solve this problems, such as fencing, however, nothing is finalized. Deferred to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee.

- 6) Revisions to snow clearing policy – Director of Programs and Services to research and bring forth a recommendation to the Public Works Committee. ***Director of Programs and Services advised that there’s a Committee Meeting on Thursday at 5:15 and will have a recommendation to Council for next meeting. B/F.***
- 7) Council to meet with Mr. Pittman to discuss legal issues. CAO to confirm a meeting date. ***CAO – send reminder to all council – issues being discussed at meeting on February. 15th. All comments are to be received by week’s end, as per CAO. Councillor Tapper asked that the Town include auditor on list of providers, as well. B/F.***
- 8) Rovers Search and Rescue Inc. – Request for support to be forwarded to Finance Committee. ***Deferred to Finance Committee. B/F.***
- 9) Wayne Tapper – Access to Tapper’s Cove – Council to meet with resident. CAO to confirm a meeting date. ***CAO advised that she’s waiting for a call back. B/F.***
- 10) George White – Driveway Problems at 51 Bridge Road – ***Director of Programs and Services advised that he spoke to Mr. White, letter is written. COMPLETE.***

- 11) Health Care Foundation – Revised Proposal for Tri for Health – CAO to arrange a presentation to Council. **CAO advised that presenter is still working on. She will touch base - next Council meeting for final recommendation. Deputy Mayor Gallant asked CAO to forward him copy – email. B/F**
- 12) Point of Order – Councillor Smith requested decision – **Councillor Smith asked that a copy of the minutes, with revisions, for November 30, 2009 be forwarded to all Council members and added to agenda for next Council Meeting. B/F**
- 13) Revisions to Habitat Management Plan – **CAO advised that Jonathan Sharpe is taking plan and formatting as per other municipalities – arranging a session with all stakeholders for any gaps. Draft back by mid February. B/F**
- 14) Department of Municipal Affairs – received letter from Lori Ann Companion, Assistant Deputy Minister, regarding amendment to Gas Tax Agreement with the Federal Government – 2010 – 2014 allocation. **Defer to Public Works Committee for review and recommendation. CAO advised that there is no signed agreement. Councillor Roche asked when deadline is for signature – CAO advised hoping next fiscal year – April. B/F.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development

023-10 Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Tapper

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated December 7, 2009, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Roche advised that the Hillside Festival Committee Meeting is tomorrow night. Councillor Whitty and Councillor Smith advised that invitations are extended; and, a meeting for 2010 with Museum Curator is arranged.

024-10 Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Tapper

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated January 18, 2010, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Smith advised that she's happy to see that the Town is applying for 2 grants – and wished the Town good luck.

Finance

025-10 Motion – Councillor Tapper / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay appoint Mr. James E. G. Vavasour as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of Torbay for the 2010 calendar year.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

026-10 Motion – Councillor Tapper / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay adopt the 2008 audit as presented and prepared by Belanger, Clarke, Follett and McGettingan.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

027-10 Motion – Councillor Tapper / Deputy Mayor Gallant

RESOLVED THAT further to motion 24-09 and the advice of Municipal Affairs, that the Town of Torbay proceed with an expressions of interest for auditing services in three year commitments. The current expression of interest will pertain to the period of 2010-2013.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources and Administration

028-10 Motion – Councillor Byrne / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Human Resources and Administration Committee Minutes dated January 18, 2010, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

029-10 Motion – Councillor Byrne / Deputy Mayor Geoff Gallant

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay make the museum curator position full time effective January 1, 2010. Primary responsibilities for the curator will be public programming, operations of the museum, implementation of the Heritage Plan and coordination of the 2010 Special Celebrations.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Land Use

030-10 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Building Application Report dated January 22, 2010, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Smith made a comment on Large Lot development – there seems to be more buildings on large lots, such as 24 x 42 accessory building – very large – comparable to a house. We need to keep an eye on this – look at our policies and regulations.

Deputy Mayor Gallant confirmed that new developments are now subject to new levies and fees.

031-10 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Crown Land Applications report, dated January 21, 2010, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Application: B1034-09

67 Crowes Lane

Application for Bed and Breakfast in current home (2 bedrooms)

Zoning: Residential Infill (RI)

032-10 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the application subject to the following conditions:

1. The business will be subject to Business Tax in accordance with the published schedule of Taxes and Fees for the Town of Torbay.
2. Approval from Government Service Center for Accessibility, Fire and Life Safety.
3. Approval from Canada Select Newfoundland Branch
4. Approval from Department of Tourism, culture & Recreation, Visitor Services Section

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Application: B1035-09
238 Bauline Line
Application for Child Care Centre (Maximum of Six Children)
Zoning: Residential Infill (RI)

033-10 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT Committee recommends that the application to operate the above noted business be deferred pending public notification and consultation required in accordance with Regulation 33 of the Torbay Development Regulations, and that any explicit costs associated with the public notification and consultation be paid in advance by the applicant. The application will also be deferred to the following departments:

- Department Health and Community Services
- Department Government Services

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works

034-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty/Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2010, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

035-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty/Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2010 with the following changes:

On first page, first sentence - date **SHOULD READ ...held on Thursday, January 21, 2010, not January 21, 2101.**

Item no. 8 – Change “The next meeting will be held 5:30 p.m,...” **SHOULD READ 5:15 p.m.**

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

036-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Director of Programs and Services contact Mr. Paul Porter, Newfoundland Design Associates Limited to request written confirmation that when

culverts were installed in Phase 1 of the Pine Creek Development, the culverts were undersized.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

037-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Director of Programs and Services contact a qualified professional to schedule a site visit at the Thorne's Lane Pump House to review our current facility and to recommend improvements/upgrades for our current and future water distribution requirements for Thorne's Lane Pump House.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Smith noted that two opinions from very qualified people were received, but very different. Town should contact independent person with no dealings with unit. Deputy Mayor Gallant asked if this would be a free consultation. Director of Programs and Services advised that he can find individual and let Council know if cost is involved. Quotations on work to be completed at Thorne's Lane Pump House. Director of Programs and Services to obtain third quote and bring details back to Council for confirmation.

038-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay issue Clean Up/Demolition Order for Civic No. 1327 Torbay Road.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

039-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay issue Clean Up/Demolition Order for Civic No. 9 Howlett's Avenue.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

040-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay issue Clean Up/Demolition Order for Civic No. 10 Howlett's Avenue.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

041-10 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay issue Clean Up/Demolition Order for Civic No. 1157 Torbay Road.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services

042-10 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve the Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2010, with the following changes:

After some discussion on the skateboard park, it was decided that Item No. 10 be removed and deferred back to Committee for recommendations. The skateboard park is being used as a hang-out for young people, not skateboarders themselves. Need to secure residents in the area and possibly move skateboard park to another area, outside the community.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

043-10 Motion – Councillor Tapper / Deputy Mayor Gallant

RESOLVED THAT Item No. 10 in the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting dated January 21, 2010, be removed for further review by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

044-10 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town Country Realty Team coxswained by Graham Roche and members of his crew consisting of mainly Torbay athletes be permitted to have the name Torbay included in the name of his team “Torbay Town and Country Reality.”

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

A request for a motion for approval of the upgrading of the East Coast Trail through the Town of Torbay was received by e-mail from the East Coast Trail Association. Councillor Tapper (seconded by Councillor Byrne) put forth a motion for approval as follows:

After two meetings held in December 2009 and January 2010 which included Mayor Codner, Councillors Tapper and Byrne, the town Planner, members of Torbay Environment and Trails Committee, and the Torbay Recreation and Healthy Living Committee a motion for approval for

this project to proceed in the Town of Torbay during the spring and summer of 2010 is requested by the East Coast Trail Association.

Having discussed and being briefed of the East Coast Trail Association's plans for the upgrading and construction of the East Coast Trail through the Town of Torbay during the spring and summer of 2010, be it resolved that the Council approves this project which includes:

- Upgrading (trail hardening) of Father Troy's Trail, including the installation of structures ad required (boardwalk, crib steps, waterbars, fencing, etc.)
- Construction and hardening of the trail from Motion Drive along the shore line to North Pond Brook
- Construction of a pedestrian bridge over North Pond Brook as per drawings submitted to the Town Planner
- Installation and repairs of hand rails on two existing pedestrian bridges (in the vicinity of Big Beach)
- Construction of a parking area at the trailhead area along Motion Drive, (east of the site of present mail boxes on Motion Drive)
- Minor upgrades to the parking area at Spray Lane
- Installation of East Coast Trail signage along the path providing direction, and location information for trail users.

After some discussion amongst Council, however, Councillor Tapper withdrew motion as Council was not comfortable with all points and it needs to be researched further. Deferred to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee.

The WinterLights Celebrations Awards Nomination – Youth Involvement 2009 – 2010 - was included FYI. All Council agreed it was good work.

Technical Services

045-10 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay prepare and submit an application to the Department of Municipal Affairs for consideration under the 2011 – 2014 Multi Year Capital Works Program. Projects to be submitted include a sewage treatment plant, relocation of the municipal depot, implementation of the underground infrastructure assessment project, roadwork and lights for the soccer field.

Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO advised that next meeting scheduled at 5:00 on February 15th with Technical Services Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

2012 Celebrations

Councillor Roche advised that there's a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 with Museum Curator to find out progress. As progressed, will have representative come in for each group and discuss – working through different committees.

By Pass Road

Mayor advised nothing new to report. Tenders to be called for Spring - outer five lanes – hoping to have finished by this year's end. Newfoundland Design meeting February 2nd on Torbay Road – still in very preliminary stages.

LIAISON COMMITTEES

Heritage/Museum

Councillor Byrne advised that last Thursday's meeting was cancelled – going ahead this Thursday.

Jack Byrne Arena

Arena Manager advised that part of Newfoundland Power hook up – if stand alone then have to pay \$25,000 security. Four Towns - partners – if in writing then \$25,000 security waved. Documents gave to Towns, sent to CAO today by Arena Manager. No charges as long as Towns are owners.

Deputy Mayor Gallant advised that Mayor Codner was removed from position of Chair. The three (3) Towns wanted answers to legal proceedings. Vice Chair, Bradley Power, now running meetings until issues are resolved. It was felt that the Board structure should be reviewed and revisited to include non-political representatives.

Copy of Minutes of Meeting, dated November 19, 2009, were presented for review.

Northeast Avalon Joint Council

Councillor Whitty advised that there was a meeting on January 20th at the Justina Centre in Logy Bay – Middle Cove – Outer Cove. He advised everyone to forward any questions or comments to him and he will bring forward at the next meeting. This is in preparation for the meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Councillor Roche confirmed that all questions/issues must be regional in scope.

Councillor Smith brought up the issue of our Town not being included in meetings. The Town of Torbay is not being invited, and how are decisions made as to what towns are included in

meetings. Councillor Roche advised that any issues most likely concern all towns and have similar themes such as the Integrated Sustainability Plan. Why is the Town not in the same room taking part in discussions? It was discussed that maybe the Town doesn't have the same issues as smaller towns – smaller towns do not have an economic development officer, for example; however, it was agreed that size of town should not matter. Councillor Smith suggested that we speak to the MHA, especially concerning the ICSP. Everyone should be supportive of regional cooperation or service sharing and our Town needs to be included. Mayor Codner agreed that we should speak to our MHA.

Northeast Avalon Regional Plan – no report

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor Byrne advised that the Budget 2010 was read out and well received. Mayor Kevin Butt is now the Liaison in Flatrock. There are three (3) new recruits on the Department. Chief met with Fire Commissioners Office concerning Pumper No. 1. No concessions made – throttle system given to a company that has worked on vehicle – to get problem solved. Councillor Byrne discussed a Policy that the Town of Clarendville has in place regarding firefighters and stormy weather. The snow plow operator lifts blade by Fire Fighter's property – for emergency purposes – need to get out of driveway to emergency. Defer to Public Works. Director of Programs and services advised that there's a Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday and staff meeting on Wednesday and will get staff input.

School and safe parking issue – Chief to go to RNC to see if they can have car there for emergency purposes. Signage not an option, as it's not obeyed.

Urban Municipalities Committee

Councillor Smith advised that there is a UMC Meeting is on February 26th – don't have agenda yet. She advised that the social is on Friday night, February 26th, and all council are invited. The meeting will be held the next day on Saturday, February 27th at the Kinsmen Centre.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Codner - Pass

Deputy Mayor Gallant

After long nights and heated debates, Deputy Mayor Gallant extended his thanks to Councillor Whitty for his conduct over the past couple of weeks and his reasonable debates.

Councillor Byrne - Pass

Councillor Roche

Councillor Roche discussed the issue of vehicle traffic at South Pond Meadow. There's a lot of vehicles back and forth in the area where the by-pass has gone through. Can anything be done with vehicle traffic back and forth there? Can a fence go there to deter traffic? With mild weather, it's going to get very muddy and there will be a lot of damage to the meadow if the traffic is not stopped. Can we deter by putting barrier across entrance where fence used to be. Mayor advised that Department of Works, Services and Transportation were going to look after this – he advised he will call the Department tomorrow.

Councillor Smith – Pass

Councillor Tapper

Councillor Tapper advised that the issue of renaming the new school was discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting last week and that there was a meeting concerning this issue. He and there was a good show of solidarity that the name remain unchanged.

Deputy Mayor Gallant advised that a questionnaire was sent home to the school community: 560 possible votes, but 219 were submitted. 65% (159 votes) of votes to keep name / 34% (60 votes) of votes were to change the name. He offered Town's support for the current name. Holy Trinity is Roman Catholic Symbolism, however, it means so much more, not just denominational. He advised he was neutral when he went to the meeting, but totally swayed with Holy Trinity Name. The school is the name supporting school Council's decision and thanked all Council members who showed up to support meeting. Councillor Smith advised that she didn't hear of meeting and Deputy Mayor Gallant advised that he didn't know soon enough to notify – it moved very fast – just happened.

Councillor Tapper advised that with regards to our Town sign and the design, they all received comments. Some comments were that people can't read the digital message as there are cars parked on both sides of the sign and the sign is too low. The Sign could possible cause accidents. . Maybe the Town can block off four parking spots? Can the Town keep cars from parking there? Other comments were that the sign is too quick to read – sign flashes too fast. – there are too many events and difficult to read and understand. Councillor Smith suggested that the Town go back to designers – if it's a design flaw. Deputy Mayor Gallant advised that everyone do love the sign – and they have also received lots of compliments.

Minutes on Website – Need to get up on site as soon as possible. CAO advised that there are some technical difficulties, but in works of getting fixed.

Councillor Whitty

Discussed NEAJC Report – recent meeting – discussed under Liaison Committees.

Councillor Whitty wanted to highlight that he was contacted by Kayla Furlong concerning school supplies to be sent to Jamaica – schools have been contacted – was asked to coordinate the Town's school and Pouch Cove in the drive.. It was agreed that media attention is required – VOCM, Kevin Parsons, MHA. Mayor Codner advised that the Haiti situation now overshadows this issue.

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Councillor Smith advised that plans were in place before Haiti. Councillor Whitty advised that his project will wrap up by end of February.

ADJOURNMENT

046-10 Motion – Councillor Smith/Councillor Byrne

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m., as there was no further business.

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk