



***MINUTES***  
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING  
March 30, 2015

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on March 30, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mayor Ralph Tapper  
Deputy Mayor Geoff Gallant  
Councillor Peggy Roche  
Councillor Craig Scott  
Councillor Carol Ann Smith  
Councillor Mary Thorne-Gosse

**Staff Present**

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk  
Tina Auchinleck-Ryan, Director of Community Services  
Bernie Manning, Director of Public Works & Technical Service  
Ann Picco, Executive Clerk  
Brian Winter, Director of Planning

**Gallery**

There were a total of 23 people in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

123-15      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Smith

**RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**Adoption of Minutes**

124-15      Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Public Council Meeting be adopted, with the following change:

- Page 22, Question & Answer Session, second bullet – remove first sentence of last bullet, “Mayor advised that it would be up to Council to decide if to move forward.”

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

### **PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

- Proclamation – Volunteer Week.
  - Councillor Thorne-Gosse read aloud the proclamation.
  - See motion below:

125-15      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay declare the period from April 12-18 in 2015 to be observed throughout the Town of Torbay as Volunteer Week.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

- Building Applicant/Developer, Quarry Road Extension – concerning Pine Ridge Development.
  - Applicant questioned what Council is doing to solve the issue in Pine Ridge and Quarry Road area in relation to water servicing.
    - Mayor Tapper discussed North Pond indicating that it is at capacity. He noted that South Pond is contaminated and the Provincial Government has removed from watershed. In the Pine Ridge area, there is concern that contamination can be drawn from the airport. The Provincial Government has provided a limit in relation to development and application approvals, and the Town cannot go beyond that number. The Town did meet with the Mayor of St. John’s and other officials concerning connection to their water servicing. The City is in process of conducting a study on their regional water service, including Torbay, and it is almost complete. The Town should know results in early May, 2015.
    - The Department of Natural Resources is taking lead in a pilot project to get water testing done. Correspondence was sent out today to 270 households.

- Applicant discussed costs to have the City service water to the Town and questioned steps taken with Transport Canada to secure funds.
  - Mayor advised that media and individuals have contacted Transport Canada to request AMEC report. MP Jack Harris has requested report through House of Commons, which he received, however, most of report was blacked out.
  - The Town is awaiting completion of the City's water study. Once information/results received, can then make contact with Transport Canada to start arranging meetings.
  - Mayor Tapper advised applicant that he can answer further questions after the meeting.
  
- Mayor Tapper referred to the Gallery and asked if anyone else would like to comment/present to Council. The following presented:
  - Resident of Civic 25 Cordelia Crescent
    - Resident noted that residents in the Pine Ridge area have concerns of water contamination, indicating that they have requested AMEC report through privacy request and feel they are entitled to it for their family's safety.
      - Mayor noted that the Town does have a copy of Transport Canada's report, however, there is a disclaimer attached and unable to release report.
    - He reported that property sales are not moving.
      - Mayor advised that at present, reports indicate contaminates have not moved.
      - He indicated that this issue impacts everyone – the Town, residents and new businesses. Council is researching and will take a stand.
      - The Town's Environment Advisory Committee are looking at issue, as well.
    - Resident questioned testing and if everything would be tested, including perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). He indicated that Transport Canada was supposed to test yearly to 2014, and he questioned the 2013 results including number of wells.
      - Mayor advised that the Town will set up a public meeting with the Groundwater Manager, Department of Environment and Conservation, to answer any technical questions that residents may have. He advised that meeting will be held after April 14<sup>th</sup> as she is out of town.
      - CAO noted that the Town has received the 2013 report and is presently having it reviewed in comparison to last report.
  
  - Resident of Civic 45 Cordelia Crescent
    - Resident advised, in reading the Town's minutes, reports and correspondence, that it indicates there would be contingency left for the area of Pine Ridge in the event water was contaminated. She indicated she will forward referenced to Mayor for his review.

- She discussed that Transport Canada would be testing of wells until 2014, and questioned who would be taking over in 2015.
  - Mayor advised that the Town has not received notice that Transport Canada would be discontinuing testing.
- Resident questioned options if the City cannot add Torbay to its water service, and asked that the Town hold a dedicated meeting for questions and answers.
  - Mayor indicated that a meeting will be scheduled.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tapper provided a report, dated March 13 - 26, 2015, of his work and connections that he has made in the community over the past couple of weeks.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. St. John's and District Labour Council – National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured in the Workplace. ***Mayor Tapper will be attending and participating in the annual event on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He advised that Councillors are welcome, as well.***
2. NL Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission – Public Notice. ***Mayor advised that during the last regional mayors' meeting it was discussed that the towns in the Cape St. Francis District could jointly do submission at public hearing. Council agreed – Mayor to follow up.***
3. Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc. (SAM) – Annual General Meeting. ***Mayor noted that this years' annual meeting is taking place in Flatrock. Registration information is included. Deputy Mayor is President – he noted that Torbay has had a strong showing at SAM for many years. He indicated that he hopes as many as possible can attend to showcase the East Coast's beauty and hospitality. Mayor reminded all that an updated stewardship agreement has been sent to all Councillors with request for comments. If no comments received, going forward with the draft to get signed in conjunction with the meeting in Flatrock.***
4. Holy Trinity High School – Evening with the Arts – Request for Funding. ***Referred to Finance Committee. It was noted that event was taking place tonight, March 30<sup>th</sup>.***
5. Earth Day – April 22, 2015. ***Referred to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee.***
6. Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor Gallant. ***In relation to the above Earth Day correspondence, Item No. 5, Deputy Mayor Gallant discussed purchasing an EVS electrical charging station. He advised that the Town is an environmentally responsible community, indicating the correspondence mentions the use of an electric vehicle to reduce carbon emissions. He advised it would be a great way to celebrate Earth Day by taking advantage of the 90 percent funding to municipalities to install an EVS charging station, and he would like to unveil the charging station on Earth Day.***

*Deputy Mayor put forward a motion that the Town of Torbay take advantage of the provincial government subsidy and install a public EVS charging station at Torbay Town Hall. This is to educate residents and encourage the use of emission free transportation. It will also put Torbay literally “on the map” for potential tourists, visitors and residents as a progressive community that is leading by example and willing to do its part to support the reduction of greenhouse gases. There was no seconder to the motion.*

7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Torbay Brownie Group – Great Shoreline Clean-Up and request for donations. *Referred to Finance and Administration Committee, Parks, Recreation and Community Service Committee, and Public Works Committee.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE & ACTION REPORT**

The Correspondence and Action Report, dated March 30, 2015, was discussed and accepted as presented.

- Item 5 - Fireworks Concerns
  - Councillor Scott advised that a number of the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Members completed a course in fireworks. The course was designed to learn proper procedure and safety. He suggested to email the Fire Chief if anyone had questions. The Department is not going to regulate fireworks, but they do have the additional knowledge that could be helpful. Item can be marked as complete on the report.
- Item 7 – Charging Station Initiative
  - This item can be marked as complete.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Planning, Land Use and Development**

Councillor Scott provided an overview of items discussed under the Planning, Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 24, 2015.

Items discussed in the report included:

1. Development Proposals
  - a) Development proposal from company for phase two of their development with an access off Torbay Road. The proposed development will consist of 11 unserviced building lots.
    - Committee reviewed the proposal submitted, and it was agreed that at this time, committee cannot make a recommendation on the proposal for the following reasons:
      - The area in question falls within the area of concern for the possible draw of contaminants from the airport fire training site.
      - As per motion 230-14 from the May 12, 2014 public Council meeting “no new development applications will be received until the community wide groundwater study is completed.”

2. Correspondence
  - a) Letter from property owner at Gosse's & Rodger's Crescent, concerning the development of a building lot.
    - Committee reviewed the letter received. Director of Planning noted that the proposal was dealt with in 2013, at which time the property owner was informed that the Town was experiencing a water quantity issue and that the Town was not approving any new additional water use lots at that time.
  - b) Letter from property owner at Gosse's & Rodger's Crescent, concerning the possible construction of an accessory building for part time commercial use.
    - Committee reviewed the proposal, and it was agreed that prior to making a recommendation on the proposal that the Director would meet with the property owner to obtain more information on the proposal.
  - c) Inquiry from property owner 381-383 Indian Meal Line to expand his current Auto Body Detailing business to include the selling of used cars.
    - Director of Planning will meet with the property owner to discuss.
  
3. Other Items
  - a) Crown Land Project
    - Director informed the Committee that the consultant attempted to determine private and Crown land in the Town and is having a lot of trouble accessing the required information from the registry of deeds.
    - The Director and the consultant are looking at other options to move the project forward. As the information comes forward, the Director will present it to Committee.
    - Mayor Tapper asked if information regarding the East Coast Trails research was relayed to the consultant. He advised that the East Coast Trail did a lot of research on the trails going through Crown lands and they may be of assistance on the project.

Mayor Tapper discussed email from MNL concerning notice of Lands Act Review. He discussed that identifying Crown land is a problem within a town. He suggested the Town do as other communities are doing and submit on the issue of Crown lands. He asked for comments, indicating that a decision is required today.

  - Council discussed if staff should take the lead or the Planning, Land Use and Development Committee.
  - Councillor Scott noted that when this topic was brought up at MNL Convention, the objective was for towns to take ownership of Crown lands. Towns would benefit from sale of property instead of Provincial Government. If this happened, the Town's project of determining Crown land in the community may be irrelevant.
  - Mayor indicated that research needs to be done and that the Town should do something. Will be discussed later.
  
4. Planning, Land Use and Development Items for Correspondence and Action Report
  - Committee reviewed table. Director to provide updates at the next meeting.

Building Applications Approved

The following applications were approved subject to the normal conditions and requirements for building within the Town of Torbay:

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Proposal</i>
B2015-031	25 Bridge Road	General Repairs
C2015-033	10 Woodbridge Lane	Single Family Dwelling

Business Applications to be Deferred

Application: D2015-032  
Location: 26 Flora Drive  
Proposal: Home office for holding company  
Zoning: Residential Large Lot (RLL)

126-15 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Smith

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay Defer Application D2015-032, under the Applications for Approval section of the Business Application Report, dated March 24, 2015, for further review by the Planning Department.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**Economic Development**

Councillor Roche provided an overview of items discussed under the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 19, 2015.

Items discussed in the report included:

➤ Updates

- Groundwater Assessment Report & Wastewater Predesign Report
  - Meetings completed with the engineering consultants and next steps discussed and agreed, that the Business Park Feasibility Project had now been completed in its current form – relying on onsite servicing.
  - There was unanimous consensus from Committee to recommend a motion to Council to adopt the Groundwater Quality Assessment & Wastewater Collection & Treatment Pre-Design Investigation reports as presented.
  - Motion to follow.

- Town Centre Prospectus
  - Committee Members were provided with a copy of the newly completed Town Centre Prospectus.
  - The document forms the basis of all developer and investor discussions on the Town Centre Concept and would be heavily relied upon to market the economic opportunities that this development had.
  - Councillor Smith requested that all Council receive a copy. She requested a paper copy.
- Community Profile
  - Committee Members were provided with a copy of the newly completed community profile.
  - It was the largest version of the community profile to date, with more imagery and content than before. This document will again be used to attract new residents and businesses by making those individuals aware of all that Torbay had to offer.
- Business e-Newsletter
  - The very first business e-newsletter has been released earlier the week. It was sent to members of the business community that were on file. More addresses would be added in coming days and weeks.
  - It outlined a number of important news items for members of the business community for example the business awards, Town Centre development, Invest Torbay website and sponsorship opportunities.
  - It is hoped that this newsletter will be a more regular piece of contact between the local business community and Town Hall.
- Business Awards
  - The Business Awards night had been re-scheduled for Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
  - Local MHA Parsons was due to attend with the Mayor. Local MP Jack Harris was unable to attend, but that representatives from the majority of nominated businesses would be there to accept one of the four awards on offer.
- NL Irish Connections Festival
  - Event is well underway.
  - A call to the community for musicians, billets, volunteers and performers had gone out in the most recent edition of the Northeast Avalon Times. The call would also be added to the Town's website and social media feeds this coming weekend.
  - If anyone would be interested to house someone from Ireland, contact Economic Development Officer or Committee.
- New Business Leads
  - One business was assisted in the last cycle.
- Scheduling of the next meeting
  - Next meeting to be on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Town Hall at 10am.

127-15      Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Smith

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay adopt the Groundwater Quality Assessment & Wastewater Collection & Treatment Pre-Design Investigation reports as presented.



Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

In relation to the above motion, Mayor Tapper discussed that this is a study the Town engaged consultants to do in relation to the proposed business park. The business park is a development that will have to be put on hold due to water servicing issue, as the Town is unable to use deep water wells/onsite service in the area. Developers/home constructions are being turned down as well due to this issue. The Town is trying to attract businesses in the Community to reduce residential tax burden, however, unable to move forward due to water safety/servicing. Reports will be updated to the Town's website so residents can review.

Council discussed that the above report can be referenced when meetings are arranged with Transport Canada, as well as the City of St. John's. The report provide solid information indicating that the Town does have an issue in relating to water servicing without a solution. The report provides urgency.

### **Finance & Administration**

The Finance and Administration Report, dated March 16-27, 2015, was accepted as presented. Councillor Thorne-Gosse read out payroll and accounts payable information as per the report:

Payroll for the period of March 16-27, 2015, for 35 employees totalled \$75,062.53.

For the period of March 16-27, 2015, Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$164,215.19 were paid. These expenditures were within budget.

There were four (4) Main Operating Invoices, in the amount of \$50,181.63 for approval:

128-15      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to LW Consulting, for Organizational Review Progress Payment, in the amount of \$9,605.00.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

129-15      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Newfoundland Power Inc., for Group Billing March 2015 – Heat/Light for Town Buildings, in the amount of \$8,652.52.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

130-15 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Receiver General for Canada, for Payroll Deductions for March 1-15, 2015, in the amount of \$26,387.11.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

131-15 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Weldcan, for Dugout Frames, in the amount of \$5,537.00.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

A copy of the current income and expense reports were included for Council's information.

Councillor Thorne Gosse added that there will be a meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup> concerning review of budget. Council needs to review commitments made outside the budget. It was agreed as Committee that all Council attend to look at re-allocation of funding and to review the strategic plan.

### **Parks, Recreation and Community Services**

Councillor Thorne-Gosse provided an overview of items discussed under the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 25, 2015.

Items discussed in the report included:

- Discussion:
  - Request regarding summer camp
    - Another meeting scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> to continue discussions.

- Programs/Events for Spring and Summer 2015
  - Further discussion to be brought forward to next meeting.

Councillor Smith indicated there was a provincial physical activity challenge at the Jack Byrne Arena this past week. She advised she received a challenge from a councillor from the Town of Logy Bay Middle Cove Outer Cove. They were fitted with pedometers to track steps for the month. She suggested that the Town look at doing something similar to encourage regional cooperation. Director of Community Services advised she's working on a regional activity and hoping to get use of school. She noted that she is also working with the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Tapper suggested putting out a challenge with the regional mayors.

### **Public Works**

Councillor Smith provided an overview of items discussed under the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 23, 2015.

Items discussed in the report included:

- Updates
  - MYCW - 2012-2014 - Municipal Depot Design Project
    - AMEC has completed final drawings and meet with to Town to review. Director advised that we can expect a public tender call for April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - MYCW - 2012-2014 - Wastewater BAT
    - The Town has directed the consultant to continue to record data as it directly relates to the next phase of our wastewater process.
    - Staying within parameters of potential funders.
  - Lime Feed System
    - Committee have discussed the upgrading of the Town Lime Feed system, changes have been made to the upgrade and additional funds will be required to complete the project.
    - See motion below.

132-15      Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay's Lime Feed System Upgrade has been revised and presented to Committee. Due to the change in scope of work additional funds will need to be reallocated to complete. The Town of Torbay request that the additional funds (\$10,500) from the main operating be redirected to complete the project Spring of 2015.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Deputy Mayor questioned where funds were coming from. CAO clarified that funds will come from within the Public Works Department. There is a budget line for water distribution system and she advised she can provide GL information after meeting. Deputy Mayor discussed his concerns with a number of projects ongoing and possibility of going over budget.

- Capital Investment Plan - 2015
    - Multi-Purpose Building (UTC)
      - The DPWTS advised committee the preliminary drawings have been completed and have been provided to the market for costing.
    - UTC Ball Field Improvements
      - The DPWTS have advised committee that the municipal consultant is developing a plan for alternatives for upgrading.
      - Original thoughts of what we could accomplish are outside budget. Taking phased approach and re-pricing for phasing over this year and next.
  - New Green Municipal Fund
    - FCM is renewing its Green Municipal Fund (GMF) program offerings to remain responsive to the evolving needs of municipalities and their partners while continuing to manage the high demand for available funding. It is the committee's opinion that the Town of Torbay refocus our funding requirements and develop a comprehensive strategy to access any potential funding.
    - Director and Economic Development Officer are keeping sights on additional funds for work as part of plan in 2015.
- Scheduling of the next meeting: Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 7 at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **Environment**

Mayor Tapper advised that a meeting was held last Thursday evening. Items discussed included:

- Committee is looking at water testing project for the unserved portion of the Town.
  - It's important that people test their wells on a regular basis. This is a project that's rolling out and hopefully will be completed within the next couple of months.
- Five year review.
  - Meeting took place a few weeks ago. The Environment Committee will be making a submission on the open space matter.

### **Heritage**

Councillor Roche advised that a meeting will be held in two weeks' time. Mayor Tapper requested that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible – before next Council Meeting. With recent issue in St. John's concerning heritage home, there are a few sites in Torbay to be reviewed.

**LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Jack Byrne Arena**

The Jack Byrne Arena Facility Status Report, dated March 17, 2015, was included in Council's packages for information.

Councillor Scott questioned when there will be minutes from the Jack Byrne Arena Board Meeting, in particular an update on the chlorine issue.

- Deputy Mayor advised he can request.
- Mayor Tapper advised that the Board met last Thursday, and he has requested the minutes.

Councillor Smith questioned if the Arena offers opportunities for groups to fundraise, indicating that someone advised her that there was a group doing fundraising during a recent skating event. Individual may be wanting to avail. Deputy Mayor to check and advise.

**Northeast Avalon Joint Council**

No report.

**Torbay Harbour Authority**

No report.

**Torbay Volunteer Fire Department**

Councillor Scott advised that the Department met on March 23, 2015. He provided a verbal report, indicating they are working on a template for their minutes.

- There are some issues with the repeater and paging terminal for the Fire Department. Looking at pricing to replace.
- The Department had some surplus vehicle extraction equipment. They had interest from other communities who could use the equipment, and will be sending to the Town of Botwood.
  - It was noted that it's a great opportunity to leverage a good news story into the volunteer week media. The Town is helping other communities who have needs but limited access.
- Voting for fire fighter of the year has started. There are three nominees. Award will be presented at the upcoming Annual Firefighters' Ball.
- There were eleven calls since the last meeting.
- Applications to the Provincial Government for equipment were sent.

**Urban Municipalities Committee**

No report.

**North East Avalon Regional (NEAR) Plan**

No report.

**Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. (MAA)**

Councillor Roche advised that a meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc. (SAM)**

No report.

**Eastern Regional Service Board**

Councillor Roche advised that a meeting will be held on Wednesday night.

**Holy Trinity Elementary School Council**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Mayor Tapper - Pass*

*Deputy Mayor Gallant*

Deputy Mayor discussed greenspace. He reminded the public that the Town is in process of completing its Town Plan, indicating there is a controversial issue of land vs cash. In development, the Town has a choice of land for parks or cash in lieu of land. He discussed fair market value vs assessed value, indicating assessed would be far less money, meaning less revenue for the Town. He discussed upgrades to playgrounds like Pine Ridge indicating it's the developer's responsibility for parks and trails. He advised the deadline to write letters to the Town to provide objections to this matter is tomorrow, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Information can be read on the front page of the Northeast Avalon Times. A quick email of your concern would be beneficial to the Community.

He discussed water issue at Pine Ridge. Residents came out today to the Council Meeting and there has been correspondence going back and forth. Mayor and Council have been very serious about this issue and very concerned. He indicated he doesn't think issue has been taken seriously enough at the Provincial Government level. He indicated that this is an election year and it's very important that we make this matter a provincial election issue.

Deputy Mayor thanked the Provincial Government for their funding of the EVS Program. They provided municipalities with ninety percent funding to install EVS charging stations throughout the Province. It's a great way to reduce greenhouse gases. There are misconceptions and some

people don't understand the benefit both economically and environmentally. There are lots of tourist groups who would look for these stations. Electric vehicles are growing and hopefully others will avail of this funding.

**Councillor Roche** - Pass

**Councillor Scott**

Councillor Scott discussed bicycle helmets and the matter that the Provincial Government has passed a new law. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, all riders will be required by law to wear approved helmets while riding on public roadways. There is a change to the Highway Traffic Act, which is outside the jurisdiction of municipalities. If caught by enforcement officers, you can receive a fine, therefore important for parents to remember. He noted for safety reasons alone, it's important to wear a helmet.

**Councillor Smith**

Councillor Smith asked the Director of Public Works to look into the Provincial funding of EVS electric charging station. The Town is installing one at the new depot and the deadline is tomorrow. She questioned if the Town can still purchase for reduced price for the new depot – could save money on the depot project. Director to look into.

**Councillor Thorne-Gosse** - Pass

### **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

Mayor Tapper referred to the Gallery and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. The following had comments:

- Resident of Civic 43 Pine Ridge Crescent
  - Resident discussed North Pond and water capacity.
    - He advised he received correspondence from CAO dated July 2012 in relation to capacity at the time.
    - He discussed and questioned minutes of the July, 2012, Planning, Land Use and Development report, where it indicated capacity was there to service Pine Ridge and agreed capacity should be left as contingent plan to service area.
      - Mayor Tapper advised he will check into the above.
    - Resident pointed out in letter received from Town today regarding testing, wherein it states that the Town has known about contamination since 2000. He advised he finds this information troubling as he built his home in 2004 wherein he applied for permit and it was granted by the Town. He questioned why residents were not made aware at that time.
      - Mayor advised that information was known at both the provincial and federal levels, as well. In this case, for subdivision agreements,

they would have to go through provincial level and the Department of Environment for approvals. If there was any question of contamination moving, it was approved at the Provincial level.

- He further noted that contamination at airport goes back to the Second World War.
  - Resident questioned if the wells were tested in 2013 by Transport Canada.
    - CAO advised yes indicating that the report is being reviewed.
  - Resident advised that the first time residents found out about the contamination was in 2013. Wells were being tested by Transport Canada until 2014. He advised he hasn't heard results of testing for 2013.
  - Resident discussed North Pond noting that it's at capacity and the Town failed to reserve for Pine Ridge.
  - He discussed testing and deadlines of April 24<sup>th</sup>, indicating he's not convinced we're testing for everything. He suggested holding off until meeting with official with the Department of Environment and Conservation so that testing is done correctly and for all the right things.
  - He discussed testing for PFOS, further indicating it's not listed for testing. He noted it's difficult and expensive for a lab to test.
    - Mayor Tapper requested the resident's contact info to further discuss.
- Building Applicant/Developer, Quarry Road Extension – concerning Pine Ridge Development.
- Applicant questioned if land owners at Pine Ridge would receive same letter as homeowners.
    - Mayor advised no but indicated he would provide her with copy of letter.
    - Mayor noted that some families are getting tested through a pilot and taking advantage.
    - Councillor Smith suggested that the Town notify all land owners in the area as well, to ensure all landowners have the same information.
- Editor, Northeast Avalon Times
- Editor questioned if Mayor was surprised that PFOS was not being tested, indicating that it's tested for every former firefighting training site across the country.
    - Mayor Tapper discussed PFOS and metals it contains, indicating that it could be included to be tested, and he has to verify this information.



**ADJOURNMENT**

133-15      Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith and Thorne-Gosse)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

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*Mayor*

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*CAO/Town Clerk*