Tuesday March 5/2024

A regular meeting of Clarke's Beach Town Council was held on March ~~6~~ 5, 2024 in the C.R. Dawe Memorial Chambers.

In attendance:
Mayor Betty Moore
Deputy Mayor Danielle Bussey
Councillor June Batten
Councillor Crystal Bradbury
Councillor Kelly Kavanagh
Councillor David Penney
Councillor Alice Russell
Joan Wilcox Town Clerk

Delegates:
Steven Drake Motion Avenue
David Saunders Park Avenue
Judy Kennedy Hill Avenue

Welcome
Mayor Moore welcomed all to the meeting

Minutes for adoption: Regular meeting Feb 6 2024
Mayor Moore asked if there was any errors or omissions to the minutes as circulated.
Motion #15/24 Danielle Bussey/Alice Russell
Resolved that the minutes of Feb 6, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
Motion Carried All in favour

Delegates:
Mayor Moore addressed the delegates welcoming all to the meeting and introducing them to the Council.

Judy Kennedy
Hill Avenue

Ms. Kennedy addressed the Council with her concern regarding the mandatory usage of clear garbage bags for waste collection. Ms. Kennedy felt that the time frame given is not sufficient and in her opinion, a time frame of a year before implementation should be given. She also noted that she has never received the Curbside Collection guides or other information from Eastern Regional Service Board in her mailbox. She has stocked up on "black" garbage bags and now since the rule is clear bags she is left with a large quantity which may not be used. She is aware that she can use one black "privacy" bag per week.

Ms. Kennedy would like the Town to correspond with ERSB and the Provincial Government and ask for an extension to the time limit for implementing the clear bag policy.

Mayor Moore advised that contact will be made with ERSB but she is doubtful if any change will be made.

Steven Drake
Motion Avenue

Mr. Drake addressed Council bringing forward concern of the number of rodents on Motion Avenue. A petition signed by residents of this street was presented to Council. Mr. Drake said that he personally had damages done to his vehicle by rodents. Residents of the street see rodents on a daily basis. Mr. Drake, on behalf of his family & other homeowners on the street would like for Council to contact Pest Control to see if there is some way to eliminate the problem encountered due to the rodent population on Motion Avenue.

Mayor Moore advised that Council would take this issue under consideration and see if there is any way the Town can help.

David Saunders
Park Avenue

Mr. Saunders addressed Council bringing forward concerns re the inadequate cell phone service being experienced in Clarke's Beach. He spoke on the necessity of having a dependable cell phone service especially for those operating business which is reliant on cell phone for communication. Mr. Saunders noted there is funding availability through the Provincial Government to address deficiencies in cellular service infrastructure. He wondered if this is something the Town could avail of in an effort to improve our cell phone coverage. Mr. Saunders lives close to the Municipal park and playground and he advised that there is basically no cell service once you are in the park... one of the DEAD ZONES in our Town.

Mayor Moore advised that cell phone service in Clarke's Beach is a concern of Council. Council has reached out to our MHA and MP regarding this issue. It was suggested that all cell phone users contact Bell Aliant and complain. She noted that our MHA Helen Ottenheimer has brought up this issue in the House of Assembly. MP Ken McDonald has been speaking with Mayor Moore on this issue. Council will continue to lobby on behalf of our residents for an improved cell phone service in the Town.

Delegates were thanked for bringing their respective issues forward to Council and invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting. Delegates thanked Council for the time given & departed the meeting.

FINANCIAL:
Bank balances provided

Bills for payment: $ 39,869.77 (List attached to agenda)
Motion # 16/24 Kelly Kavanagh/David Penney
Be it resolved that the bills totalling $39,869.77 be paid.
Motion Carried All in favour

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

1. Mr. X Single family residence & shed
   Location:; Corner of Meadow Lane/Glam Road
   Site assessed by Ron Laracy. Property to be serviced by Town water/sewer. Size 28 by 42
   Motion # 17/24 Kelly Kavanagh/David Penney
   Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach approve a building permit for a single family residence and personal usage shed on property located corner of Meadow Lane/ Glam Road as per the development application/drawings submitted by the applicant. Motion Carried All in favour

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Harris & Associates re water pooling area of Pentecostal Church/Main Street
   Motion # 18/24 David Penney/June Batten
   Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach undertake cleaning out of the catch basin on Main Street in an effort to eliminate pooling of water around the catch basin after a rainfall. Motion Carried All in favour

2. Circular re Procurement Thresholds - Dept. Of Transportation
3. Email from Dept. Of Fisheries re sessions on Wildlife
4. Letter from Municipal Affairs advising acceptance of Town's 2024 Municipal Budget
5. Email from Town of Hr. Grace giving update on resolution re liens on property for expenses incurred in removal of dilapidated buildings.
6. Letter from Communities in Bloom
7. Letter from Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association requesting donation for U18 & U15 Rep 2 teams re Provincial Hockey Tournaments. Also, request for donation for Under 11 Rep 3 team re hockey tournaments.
   Motion # 19/24 June Batten/Danielle Bussey
   Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach contribute standard donation of $50.00 to each team. Motion Carried All in favour

8. Email from Planner re development application - C.B. Highway Zoning Commercial
9. Correspondence from Mr. X re Otterbury land issues
   Motion #20/24 Danielle Bussey/Kelly Kavanagh
   Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach engage a legal opinion on the issues raised re Council in the correspondence received from Mr. X, Otterbury. Motion Carried
   All in favour
10. Info from Water Resources re one day Basic Water Chemistry Course for Water Operators - March 14th
    Motion #21/24 June Batten/Alice Russell
    Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach register Ron Laracy W/W Operator for the Chemistry course on March 14th.
    Course will be held in Mount Pearl. Motion Carried
    All in favour
11. Email from Lynn Tucker, Eastern Regional Services Board
    Motion #22/24 Danielle Bussey/June Batten
    Resolved that the Town of Clarke's Beach participate in the new Waste Collection tender /contract ending June 30, 2027
    Motion Defeated 5-2
    For the Motion:
    Mayor Betty Moore
    Councillor Alice Russell

    Against the Motion:
    Danielle Bussey
    June Batten
    Crystal Bradbury
    Kelly Kavanagh
    David Penney

12. Info from RCMP re Family Violence Initiative Fund

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Application has been forwarded for Community Garden Grant
   Amount applied for: $750.

Re Community Garden Beds

Some discussion on ways to improve the beds - ie location

Re: Cell phone

Councillor David Penney suggested having Bell Aliant Complaint line phone number posted on the Town's facebook page and ask that residents call and voice concern

Re: Easter festivities

Councillor Batten asked if there was any plans for a Child Easter party.
No definite plans made.

Re: Rodent control - Motion Avenue

Suggested Town Council obtain a quote from Exterminator (Pest Control) re rodent control

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23/24 Danielle Bussey/Alice Russell
Being no further business, meeting do now adjourn.
Motion Carried All in favour Time: 8:22 p.m.

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Betty Moore

BETTY MOORE Mayor

JOAN WILCOX Town Clerk

April 2 / 2024

Date minutes adopted by Council