



**Regular Meeting #16
December 15, 2015**

MINUTES

Present:

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Joy
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Kim Ghaney**

Staff Present:

**Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant
Luke Power, Communication
Steve Martin, Recreation Community Events
Gary Lewis, Infrastructure & Public Works
Marjorie Gibbons, Economic Development**

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15-16-167

Ghaney/Penney

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favor-7

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

n/a

4. BUDGET 2016

See attached Budget 2016 Speech.

Joy/Ghaney

15-16-168

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood, in accordance with the Municipalities Act 1999 Section 75-79 adopt the attached Schedule of Taxes, Rates and Fees to take effect January 01, 2016.

In Favor-7

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

Penney/Myette

15-16-169

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood, in accordance with the Municipalities Act Section 75-79 adopt the 2016 Budget with operating revenues and expenditures totaling \$3,371,429.

In Favor-7

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor George Penney
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Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

Comments on Budget 2016

Deputy Mayor Joy

Recent residential property assessments showed increases on average of approx. 30 %. I am very pleased we were able to reduce the impact to taxpayers by lowering the mil rate from 7.5 to 6.5 mils . In view of increased cost of maintaining and upgrading services this is a reasonable and balanced approach. I believe this shows good fiscal management by the town.

In addition to the seniors discount we now will have in place a low income discount. As well residents can take advantage of our Payment Plan with no interest charges applied. Council is very conscious of the burden of taxation on various income levels and we are trying to reduce this where possible.

While there is some re-grouping of business taxation resulting in small increases we still are able to keep these rates far below adjacent towns.

We will continue to provide funds to address needed improvements in infrastructure resulting in a better quality service to residents:

- Pleased that we were able to provide additional dollars to deal with resources and requirements of the fire dept.
- We continue to address the need of equipment in conjunction with our Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Allowance for upgrade to our Sewage Treatment Plant and Outflows.
- Improvements to water supply in areas of the town with the purchase of new equipment.
- Continued allowance for funding in areas of recreation, special events programs for all age groups.
- Provision of equipment in the public works area for snow clearing, our roads, etc.
- Allowance for upgrade to our roads in brush cutting, ditching, and replacement of culverts and sections of bad pavement.

These are a # of other areas we have allotted monies for improved service.

As part of multi capital works and gas tax we will continue paving more of our gravel roads and upgrading the water line in north arm.

We continue to plan for economic development which will allow us to take advantage of new opportunities in growing our town's revenue.

Overall I believe this is a well balanced budget.

I would like to thank Gary C., Christa, other staff and council members for the many hours of work in preparation of the 2016 budget.

Councillor King

It's a good budget. We've taken care of the low income group- that's really good.

Councillor Penney

I concur with everything Jim said. 5 or 6 years ago, we as a council developed a strategic plan and we have them on target. We continue to grow and leverage money from all sources. We have great relationships with federal and provincial governments. We have a new member, Betty Parsley, and we will keep her feet to the fire. We are taking the lead on many things in CBC and we are not giving up. It's easy to give up- let's keep going. It's a good budget. We got the right staff and the right leadership with Gary and his team, and Corporate Services and councilors.

Councillor Ghaney

I'm pleased and supportive of the budget. Minimum impact on residents. Happy for low income discount. Full mil reduction is a great accomplishment

with no decrease in services. Great job by all staff and council. I support it 100%

Councillor Myette

Since the property tax assessments have increased significantly this year, it only makes sense to reduce the mill rate, and it's our duty as council to think about the property tax burden of our residents. In doing so, we reduced the mill rate by a FULL 1 percent to help absorb some of the property tax burden from the residents, while still providing essential services to our town. This reduction of the mill rate should put some money back into the pockets of our residents, especially low income and families on fixed incomes. It's a balance between providing services that our residents expect, and lessening the tax burden for our residents. This budget is a well balanced budget and has something for everyone. I'd like to thank the Corporate Services Committee, as well as the town staff and council for spending a lot of time (days and nights) over the last few months getting this completed before the end of the year. A job well done by all!

Councillor Barron

Thank you to CSC- it's great we don't have to raise taxes for our residents, while looking after seniors and low income earners.

Mayor Goobie

A lot of work gone into this budget. I would like to thank the members of CSC who had countless meetings. We came out with a fair equitable budget keeping taxes at a minimum. I'm very pleased with the budget, and kudo's to everyone, especially our staff. It takes a lot of time.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

- a. Complaint from Resident re homeowner on Duff's Road- Tabled. Will come back to Council at a later date.

6. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE

- a. **Referral Letters from the Department of Natural Resources**
 - i. Darrin Sheppard
 - ii. Vincent Besso Ltd.
 - iii. Black Ridge Const. Ltd.
 - iv. Buckle's Contracting

15-16-170

Penney/Barron

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above referral letters from the Department of Natural Resources, in principal, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

In Favor-7

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Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

b. 15-16-171

Penney/Ghaney

Location: Salmonier Line

Proposal: Municipal Recommendation Form

Zoning:

Labrador-Island Link Ltd. Partnership (30 m x 182 m)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above Municipal Recommendation Form, in principal, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

In Favor-7

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Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

c. 15-16-172

Penney/Myette

Location: Marine Institute Marine Base

Proposal: Breakwater, wharf and marginal wharf construction

Zoning: Public Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above application, in principal, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

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Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

7. RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Transfer

15-16-173

Ghaney/Barron

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$100,000 from Roymor to General Account.

In Favor-7

Mayor Gary Goobie
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Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

b. Donation

15-16-174

Ghaney/Barron

BE IT RESOLVED to donate \$100 to Holy Cross Parish for the Christmas Hamper project.

In Favor-7

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
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Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Rosena Barron
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Joy

Our Xmas parade was well organized with many nice floats and groups .
Great job. Thanks to everyone involved.

Fabulous job on the lighting of Holy Cross Park and opening night on Thursday, December. 10. So many positive comments. Thanks to Steve and everyone in organizing this.

Attended the Marina Golden Age 50 + dinner and dance on Friday night . Great venue in our town. I would thank Sadie, executive and membership for the great service they are providing.

I attended the Fire Department Annual Firefighters Ball and Awards night on Saturday night. Congratulations to all the award recipients and to all firefighters for keeping us safe and protecting our loved ones.

Happy to see the towns involvement in programs such as the Toy Mountain, collecting non-perishable food items etc. Also thanks to the Star of the Sea for Operation Santa Claus events they host.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in the interest of our residents in the new year.

Councillor King

I would like to commend Steve on parade- and an awesome job on the park. Served 227 people at the Breakfast with Santa. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Penney

The job at Holy Cross Park is excellent. I'm on this council 18 years, and one time councillors had to take these portfolios on and do things themselves. Now you can see the difference with the staff hired, and Gary Corbett's leadership. You can't bring this town to this level by just being around the table. You have to have the staff and expertise to do it, and I'm glad we bit the bullet and hired. The town is only as good as its council and employees.

Councillor Ghaney

All the staff is worth their weight in gold. The park is breathtaking. It's such a beautiful venue and promotes Christmas spirit. The hope is that this will continue to grow. All the feedback has been positive. Huge thanks to Steve and town staff, and the public works crew. I didn't get to the parade but I heard it was fantastic. Parade Awards in their respective categories: Best in Business- NL Power; Best Community Group- The Royal Canadian Legion; Crystal Carnival events will take place in February and March. More info to come on this after Christmas.

Councillor Myette

Holy Cross Park- fantastic job. It's been completely overhauled over the past year. A place to enjoy all year around. Parade was fantastic- many different

floats. The Royal Canadian Legion had a great entry. Breakfast with Santa was great- thanks to the Star of the Sea. It's been a great year- thanks to senior councillors, and staff, I'm still learning and improving as a new councilor.

Councillor Barron

Our directors and staff are worth to their weight in gold. Thanks to Steve, Gary L and public works crew for their work at the park and the parade. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Goobie

We have a great staff and a great team. When people stop and compliment you on snow clearing, that's positive. We are stepping up and responding to the needs of the community. Wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to great things in 2016.

9. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2016

10. ADJOURNMENT

15-16-175

Ghaney/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting do now adjourn.

In Favor-7

- Mayor Gary Goobie
- Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
- Councillor George Penney
- Councillor Sadie King
- Councillor Rosena Barron
- Councillor Roger Myette
- Councillor Kim Ghaney

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Mayor

Clerk

Date

Prepared on December 15, 2015 by /ct