



**Regular Meeting #3
February 17, 2015**

MINUTES

Present:

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Joy
Councillor Rosena Norman
Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Sadie King**

Staff Present:

**Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant
Marie Searle, Manager of Payroll & Finance
Steve Martin, Director of Recreation
Marjorie Gibbons, Economic Development**

Prior to official start of Regular Meeting of Council, Michael Tubrett presented a petition to Mayor and Council on behalf of residents of Holyrood.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15-03-010

Joy/Myette

Adoption of meeting agenda of February 17, 2015

In favor- 7

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Myette
Councillor Penney
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Norman**

Opposed- 0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes of meeting January 27, 2015 as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

N/A

4. CORRESPONDANCE

4.1 NEAJC December 17, 2014 Minutes- Tabled

4.2 Petition on behalf of residents of Holyrood, presented by Michael Tubrett- Tabled

4.3 Correspondence from Calvin Marshall - Tabled

4.4 Report from Briefing Chair, Stan Clinton-Tabled

5. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE

5.1 **15-03-011**

Penney/Ghaney

Location: 70 Duff's Road

Proposal: Residential

Zoning: Rural (RMD in 2014-2024 Holyrood Municipal Plan)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve the above residential application subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations. Before any permit can be issued, the 2014-2024 Holyrood Municipal Plan must be registered and gazetted.

In favor- 7

Mayor Gary Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Norman

Opposed- 0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

5.2 **15-03-012**

Penney/Joy

Location: Big Triangle Pond

Proposal: Mineral Exploration Access Road

Zoning: Watershed

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve the construction of a Mineral Exploration Access Road -South of the Trans-Canada Highway, and East of the Salmonier Line, commencing in the area of Big Triangle Pond- Trans Canada Highway.

Councillor Penney

This application has been ongoing for a long period of time, Council and staff have taken it through the process. Thanks to everyone for emails, letters, calls, presentation, etc. and thanks to Eagle Ridge for providing information that was requested by the town. I am not confident the issues raised can be clearly address and I will not be supporting this application

Deputy Mayor Joy

Eagleridge application - Good evening everyone. Pleased to see a large attendance here this evening.

This application has received a lot of scrutiny/commentary from residents and other interested people. Comments received were in the form of: petitions with approx. 875 names, written submissions, presentations at the briefing session, editorials in the telegram and

shoreline papers, open line programs, emails to council, etc. All comments received were very concerned of the risks / impacts that the development of this road and mineral exploration work could have and noted this proposal is problematic in three main areas as follows:

1. Protection of the Holyrood watershed as a water supply
2. Protection of the habitat of Atlantic salmon and sea run brown trout stocks
3. Protection of the accessible wilderness- recreation areas

In addition council was encouraged to actively pursue the full and real protection of the watershed and to remove the "discretionary" options of mineral workings from the watershed zoning.

I also share the concerns expressed by everyone with the application by Eagleridge.

I would like to note that I am pleased with the opportunities given for public input and I would like to thank everyone for their valuable participation/ contribution.

The three specified areas of protection are all so important but the possible risks to the Holyrood Watershed as a future water supply is very bothersome and you could say alarming.

The larger portion of the 11 km. road and the 22 sq. km. exploration area is in the duly zoned and designated water shed. The only permitted uses in this zone are conservation and passive outdoor uses. Access roads would be considered development under the definition of the Holyrood Municipal Plan and is not permitted. This road would be counter to the objectives of protecting the watershed from development.

I would like to note that although the committee which was put in place to draft the Environmental Preview Report Guidelines Clearly stated in sect. 4.1 that the proponent was to " Provide information regarding zoning of the land which the project is to be located and any restrictions imposed by that zoning " there is no reference to the presence of the Holyrood Watershed in the Environmental Preview Report (ref. page 7) or noted as one of the conditions in the Ministers Release of the project. As well on March 24, of last year a letter from the town was sent to the Dept. of Environment and

conservation clearly noting the watershed within our towns
Municipal Plan.

A clean, safe, reliable source of drinking water is one of the most precious resources a community can have. Any detrimental threats to the water quality and security has to taken seriously. We have to be careful to take measures to protect this valuable water supply for the long term.

I don't believe the activity proposed here (that of road construction, drilling and trenching) should be permitted at all in a future water supply area. As well I know the company makes the point that it is only proposing to explore, but if the expectation of development is not there then why expend one's resources on exploration.

I believe there are risks associated to the habitat of Atlantic and sea run brown trout stocks and as well to the preservation of this accessible wilderness area for recreation users.

I will not be supporting this application. Thank You

Councillor King

Thanks for coming here this evening and for all the interest in this road. Any develop will lead to the detriment of this water supply. There is always the chance of harming the water supply. Building this road will lead to destruction of environment. I will not be supporting this application.

Councillor Ghaney

I do support economic growth but not at the cost of the environment, and beautiful surroundings. I'm not convinced there would be no negative impacts.

Councillor Myette

I thought in the beginning it would be a great opportunity for Holyrood economically. As I started reading more and talking to residents I realize negative impacts, and high concentration of chemicals in the watershed area. I would like to pursue this area as a provincially recognized watershed area. The north arm salmon project has done a great job with the salmon population and I would like to see this thrive. Negative impacts outweigh the positive impacts.

Councillor Norman

I am rejecting this application.

Mayor Goobie

Over the past few months, along with council have been listening to the public and gather info to make a sound decision on this application. Without question this application is the most significant information council has ever had to debate. The biggest question was what is in the best interest of the community and surrounding area. When we started consultation process, councillors agreed to step back and remain impartial and let the process unfold as not to be judged as influential. We wanted to ensure everyone was heard fairly without contaminating the process. Throughout the process, up until a few days ago, we were so impartial no discussion took place on who was voting what way. Thank council for the manner in which you conducted yourself. After the public briefing, reading emails, phone calls, presentation, etc. its clear people feel compassionately about this application. I based on 4 factors- The EPR feel short in addressing key concerns i.e.- impact on watershed area and the possibility of contamination; 2. what impact could this have on salmon stocks? 3. The north arm river is design as alternate water supply. Any contamination of ponds that feed could have long lasting ramifications. 4. Destruction caused by the development of access road to Avalon reserve, contradict our values of environment stewardship. There are way too many questions and concerns outstanding and I will be voting against the motion. Thanks to everyone who participate in this process.

Councillor Penney

Thanks to Mayor and fellow council and staff on the work done on this application. I would like to thank the citizens of Holyrood and surrounding towns for their input in this decision.

In Favor-0

Opposed-7

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Norman

Motion Defeated

---BREAK FOR 10 MINUTES---

Councillor Ghaney left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

5.3 **Town of Holyrood Municipal Plan & Development Regulations 2014-2024.**

The Holyrood Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2014-2024 has been officially registered by the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

A Notice of Registration ad will appear in the Newfoundland Gazette on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

The Town of Holyrood Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2014-2024 comes into effect on the day that the notice is published in the Newfoundland Gazette.

5.4 **Rubber Plant**

Permit has been issued for the demolition of the Rubber Plant and we are working with the developer on a timeline to complete demolition and removal.

6. **RECOMMENDATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORK**

6.1 **Snow Clearing**

A lot of positive comments being made about our snowclearing after the storm last Thursday. The investment in new equipment and personnel has a positive reflection on the service we provide to residents.

Thank you to public works staff for the tremendous effort they are doing with snowclearing.

Thank you to the residents for their compliance to the snow clearing regulations.

6.2 **Sewage Treatment Plant Review**

15-03-013

Joy/Norman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve a Sewage Treatment Plant review of the existing oxidation ditches capacity to accept schedule A or schedule B effluent, in the amount of \$6,977.00 excluding HST.

In favor- 6

Mayor Gary Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Norman

Opposed- 0

**Abstained- 0
Motion Carried**

6.3 Update on Infrastructure & Public Works

- All water and chlorine usage in existing pump houses has been compiled into a data base
- Currently compiling existing houses and sewage flows to determine the demands and capacity of our sewage systems;
- Currently compiling of new and missing signage as it related to traffic control data base;
- Currently compiling information on existing fire hydrants and their condition;
- Developing an asphalt maintenance program;
- Occupational Health and Safety Program;
- Operational Controls;
- Ongoing Public Awareness Education Program- Sewer and Water;
- Town Depot- Outside work improvements;
- Town Depot -Proposed & ongoing inside improvements.

7. RECOMMENDATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RE- OCEAN'S HOLYROOD INITIATIVE

7.1 Ocean Business Park Feasibility Assessment

15-03-014

Norman/King

BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Holyrood approve the Ocean Business Park Feasibility assessment to *Independent Consultants Group Ltd.* in the amount of \$99,489.00. Cost shared 45% Business, Tourism, Culture & Rural Development, 45% ACOA, 10% Town of Holyrood

In favor- 6

Mayor Gary Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Norman

Opposed- 0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

7.2 Video/Telephone Conference

On February 4, 2015, the Town of Holyrood engaged in a video/telephone conference between Newfoundland and Ireland. There were 11 Newfoundland and Labrador representatives including our CAO and 12 representatives from the Laurentic Conference Focus Group in North Western Ireland. A summary of the focus group discussions and collaborative opportunities is included in Councillors meeting material.

On February 16, 2015 the CAO and the Executive Assistant participated in a Skype conference with Elizabeth Muldowney from Donegal County Council. Elizabeth is currently working in Killibegs on an initiative which takes in 3 key segments of Fishery, Tourism and Energy. The town is interested in getting a good understanding of their rural development strategies and enterprise model.

On February 18, 2015, the CAO will participate in a further video/telephone conference with the North Western Ireland representatives. Final preparations will be made for the Laurentic Conference.

7.3 Public Library

The Library is now under renovations which includes new flooring, significant changes and improvements in the children's room, painting in the main area/ scrubbing & waxing of floor in the main area, installation of new entrance including hardware.

Benefits: - Allow a much more welcoming room to encourage reading among the children and adults of the community.

- Ensures safety of patrons to the library.

- Supports the library committees' goals and objectives.

There will be a grand reopening of the Library February 24 at 7:00 pm.

8. RECOMMENDATION OF RECREATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Profile

8.1 Crystal Carnival Events

Our Holyrood Recreation Committee is pleased to see the Crystal Carnival off to a very successful start! We have some excellent events coming up this week including:

Friday, February 20

- The MGA Carnival Dance

- Teen Skating Party at the Holyrood Chill Zone
Saturday, February 21
- Loopapalooza: Trip to The Loop in St. Johns
Saturday, February 28
- The Chilly Dash
 - o We are extremely pleased to see the new Chilly Dash to be one of the most popular events of this year's carnival. Holyrood will play host to running groups from all over the Avalon for this 5km race. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our work-term student Ryan Lawlor for everything he has accomplished with this event and I'm sure it will be a great success.

8.2 **Community Garden**

In November of 2014, our Department of Recreation and Community Events presented a new state of the art Community Garden to council. I'm pleased to see they have taken the next step in the development stages of the garden.

On Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm Holyrood's Recreation Department, The Food Security Network, and consultant Bob Halfyard will be showcasing the new garden concept to the public at the Star of the Sea. I'd like to invite all those interested in the community garden or those who would like to become involved with the garden to attend this meeting.

The meeting will discuss the benefits of community gardens, an explanation of the garden concept, and the plan for moving forward. There will be some light refreshments served at the end of the presentation.

9. **RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

9.1 **Fire Department Calls to Service**

There have been 21 calls in 2015 for Fire and Emergency Service from the Holyrood Volunteer Fire Department.

9.2 **Fire Protection**

15-03-015

Joy/Norman

BE IT RESOLVED that effective Saturday, February 28, 2015, the Town of Holyrood will no longer be providing Fire and Emergency Services to residents of the Deer Park/Vineland Road Local Service District.

All attempts to secure a cost recovery agreement with the local service district have failed. All appropriate provincial authorities have

already been notified of this change in fire services, and various insurance providers have been notified.

All residents in the LSD area have been sent a letter indicating the process and the situation the town finds itself in.

The town will continue to provide services to the residents and cabin owners located from the Salmonier Line-TCH intersection through to The Wilds. In the near future, the town will initiate a process with these owners similar to the process conducted with the Local Service District.

Deputy Mayor Joy-

We have been providing this service for many years. Our volunteer Fire Department have been doing a super job, we find ourselves in a situation where we are trying to service our own with limited volunteers. Leaves the town vulnerable. The only answer to fire protection is a regional approach. The town has made much effort for a regional arrangement. Our Fire Department has had recruitment drives and we are making a great effort towards working with the towns from Holyrood to Colliers for the long term. I don't understand why someone would turn it down.

Mayor Goobie

By charging a fee, we can re-invest in improving the service in there. There is a need to regionalize fire services in some areas. We could be more efficient and effective by working together.

In Favor- 6

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Myette
Councillor Penney
Councillor Norman**

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

9.3 Meeting with Minister Judy Manning

On February 6, 2015, town representatives met with Minister Judy Manning and her officials to discuss fire service issues and concerns.

9.4 Emergency Preparedness Plan

The EPP is in the final stages and the consultant will be presenting the plan to council at an upcoming meeting.

10 RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES

10.1 Account Information

15-03-016

Norman/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$242,790.08 (cheque #31281-31409) be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 6

Mayor Gary Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Norman

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

10.2 Bankbook Balance- \$-139,575.53

11. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Joy

Pass along thanks to Public Works staff for the great job on snowclearing. Conditions are not good, and our staff is going back and forth.

Will have a Public Safety meeting on Thursday and I will bring information forward at the next regular meeting

Councillor King

Nothing to report

Councillor Myette

Thank Public works staff for great work. Congratulate Steve, town staff, and fire department for great work on Crystal Carnival. Excited for demo of rubber plant

Councillor Penney

Compliment staff and council and all involved in Eagle Ridge application and sticking to the subject at hand and remaining profession.

We had our AGM for the Holyrood Marina Park Corporation, 2 new members on HMPC Board- Hubert (Treasurer) and Spence.

Waste management meeting on Thursday.

Congratulate Gary Corbett on his 6 years with the town.

Councillor Norman

Nothing to report

Mayor Goobie

Congratulate Gary Corbett on his 6 years with the town as CAO- a job well done Gary. He is committed, dedicated, and has a passion for moving the town forward. He is always challenging us as Council to make things better and more efficient. He has high work ethics and standards for doing things. And we wish you many more.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
March 10, 2015 at 5:30 pm

13. **ADJOURNEMENT**

15-03-017

Norman/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting do now adjourn.

In Favor- 6

Mayor Gary Goobie

Deputy Mayor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Councillor Penney

Councillor Norman

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Mayor

Clerk

Date

Prepared February 17, 2015 /ct