

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held Monday, December 3rd, 2012 No. 1243 held in Council Chambers, 6 Crescent Street, Deer Lake, NL.

In attendance: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

Also in attendance: Town Manager, Maxine Hayden
Town Clerk, Lori Humphrey
Public Works Superintendent David Thomas

Gallery: Bill Hayden
Western Star Reporter Paul Hutchings

Regular meeting of council called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Dean Ball

2012-1203-01, Minutes No. 1242

Councillor Sheila Mercer/ Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen

Resolved that the minutes of regular meeting of council, No. 1242 held Monday, December 3rd, 2012 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried

New Business

Budget

From: Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen

Date: December 03, 2012

Re: Budget 2013

Your Worship, fellow councillors and members of the gallery, as Deputy Mayor and as Finance Chair for the Town of Deer Lake, it gives me great pleasure to present the Budget for the 2013 taxation year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the finance committee, all of council and the members of our management team as we all worked together to bring forth this important financial document and forecast for 2013. All involved played an important role in this balanced budget of \$6.5 million.

Before I proceed with this year's budget I would like to highlight some of the great investments in capital that we were able to acquire this year. We have purchased a beach cleaner that will help keep one of our greatest assets, our beautiful beach, an even more wonderful place to visit. An asphalt recycler has been purchased to help repair our roads at a lower cost. And finally we purchased a new tandem dump truck to help keep our road safe during the winter. Some of the capital works projects in town that have been worked on were paving on Wellon Drive (Industrial Park), finishing Birch and Colburne, paving Trailer Court Road, and Wight's Road and installing waterlines and paving on Garden Road. Also our town hall received a much needed new roof.

I would also like to bring to everyone's attention the incredible growth that has taken place in our community during the last year; with forty-four new residential dwellings and five new commercial buildings, one being the opening of the new Holiday Inn Express. It is easy to see that Deer Lake is a vibrant community which we all should be proud of.

Now on to our upcoming year!! I know there were great concerns about the mill rate due to the increase of the assessed values of everyone's homes. I am very pleased to announce at this time that the Town of Deer Lake will be reducing the mill rate as of January 1st, 2013 from 8.5 mils to 7.5 mils.

Some of our budget highlights include:

- The Town is committed to debt reduction and many of our long-term loans will be paid off during this year. This debt reduction will increase the town cash flow causing operations to run smoother.
- We are pleased to announce Capital Works commitments to Middle Road and Gatehouse Road. Also with our gas tax funding, critical areas of town will be reviewed and repaired under a priority level. A few areas that we will be looking at are Reid's Lane, Seventh Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue. Also this year we will be doing some much needed repair to the Fire Hall Roof.
- Our Public Works Department will be purchasing a new backhoe. To further aid in ensuring efficient operations of our town, this budget allows a further commitment to sidewalk development.

- The Budget of 2013 has emphasis on targeting wellness for the residents of Deer Lake and on the visiting public. Work will be done on Bennett's Avenue Sports field road. We will construct a new beach volleyball court, boards will be replaced at the stadium and new lifeguard chairs will be installed at the pool. Also canopies will be installed over doorways at the recreation complex insuring safety for everyone who uses it. In continuing to promote the use of the Hodder Memorial Recreation Complex and through our cultural and festivals fund, we are committed to the social and economic welfare of our residents.

Councillors will not be receiving an increase in remuneration – there has been no increase in remuneration rates for members of council of the Town of Deer Lake for about the past 12 years.

The budget of 2013 also sees a further commitment to assist our low income families with our sliding scale for those residing in their homes and earning \$0 to \$17,000, a \$2,000.00 raise of the exemption level from last year. We will continue to assess them on a case-by-case basis defining where they fit on our scale. Furthermore, as noted above, there will be NO increases in water and sewer rates

Interest on delinquent accounts annual rate will stand at 12 per cent and we will be offering residents a ONE MONTH ONLY discount of three per cent if all accounts current and arrears are paid by January 31, 2013.

Note: All taxes due and payable March 31, 2013. For those delinquent accounts, staff have been instructed to be firm and vigorous in collecting arrears as we need 100 % collections to operate our town in the most efficient and effective manner.

Your Worship, this concludes my presentation of the Town of Deer Lake's budget for 2013, I now would like to make a motion for its adoption.

2012-1203-02, Budget 2013

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen / Councillor Elmo Bingle

Resolved that the budget of 2012 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
 Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
 Councillor Kerry Jones
 Councillor Elmo Bingle
 Councillor Sheila Mercer
 Councillor Jean Young
 Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried

2013 Tax Tote

2012-1203-03 Tax Rate

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen / Councillor Elmo Bingle

Resolved that tax rates for 2013 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried



TOWN OF DEER LAKE

2013 Tax Rates

Property Tax (on the assessed property value)
Apartments)

7.5 mills: minimum Property Tax \$ 495.00 per year.

Business Tax (on the assessed property value)

7.5 mills: minimum Business Tax \$399.00 per year.

6.5 mills: Senior's Manor

10.5 mills: Drug Stores

12.5 mills: Bulk Oil Storage Plants, Funeral Homes, Doctor
& Dental Offices, Professional Offices

69.5 mills: Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies,
Car Rental Agencies

15.5 mills: Mail Order Offices (Sears)

Water/Sewer Tax (Residential &

Water/Sewer Tax \$ 448.00(per unit)

Water Only Tax \$ 338.00 (per unit)

Water/Sewer Tax (Commercial)

Water/Sewer Tax \$ 448.00

Water Only Tax \$ 338.00

Water/Sewer (Bed & Breakfast)

Up to 6 rooms \$ 896.00

More than 6 \$ 1,344.00

Business with “No Fixed Place of Business” will be taxes 1% of Gross Revenue.

Utilities and Cable Companies 2.5% of Gross Revenue

Public Buildings Water Tax: \$1.53 per thousand gallons on public buildings (schools)

**Hotels/Motels
Manors)**

Water/Sewer Tax (Hotels/Motels/Seniors

Small: 1-59 rooms, business tax of 8.5 mils

W/S \$448.00 plus \$37.55 for each room

Medium: 60-99 rooms, business tax of 5 mils

Water only is \$338.00 and \$30.80 each room

Large: 100 plus rooms, business tax of 2.5 mils

Poll Tax

\$345.00 per year

Residential Building Permits:

New Construction \$1.00 per sq. m of gross floor area

Extensions \$1.00 per sq. m of gross floor area

Accessory Buildings \$1.00 per sq. m of gross floor area (Minimum of \$50.00)

Basement apartments \$1.00 per sq. m of gross floor area

Renovations/Improvements \$25.00 construction value less than \$5,000. – \$50.00 over \$5,000

Swimming Pools \$50.00

Fencing \$25.00

Discretionary Use/Variance \$60.00

Quarry Permits \$600.00 per year

Town Plan Amendment Fee \$400.00 plus advertising/hearing costs

Zoning Amendment Fee \$100.00 plus advertising costs

Water/Sewer Connection Fee \$1000.00 (water - \$500.00 – Sewer - \$500.00)

Pavement Cuts \$3.00 per sq. ft

Water Turn on/off Fee \$50.00

Community Service Fee \$9000.00

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Building Permit:

New Construction	\$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value
Extensions	\$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value
Accessory Buildings	\$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value
Renovations/Improvements	\$100.00
Commercial – Other	\$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value

Other:

Direct Sellers Tax/Vendor permit business tax (\$399.00)	\$50.00 per month up to four months, after 4 months minimum
Tax Certificates & Compliance Letters	\$50.00 each
Taxi Permits	\$70.00 each
Installation of Signs	\$50.00
Demolition Permits	\$25.00 minimum
Dumping Fee – Non Resident	\$20.00 per load
Letters of Confirmation	\$100.00 (zoning/compliance)
Information Requests	\$50.00 per hour (Property Information Research Data Analysis)
Subscriptions	\$50.00 per year (Plan and Zoning Regulation Updates)
Copies of Municipal Plan and Development Regulations	\$25.00

Discounts 3% - if paid by January 31, 2013

Interest on delinquent accounts start on March 31, 2013, Annual rate of 12%

ALL TAXES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY MARCH 31, 2013

Municipal Tax Exception Application

2012-1203-04, Municipal Tax Exception Application

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen / Councillor Elmo Bingle

Resolved that Municipal Tax Exception Application be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried

Policy – Direct Sellers Tax

2012-1203-05, Policy Direct Seller Tax

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen / Councillor Elmo Bingle

Resolved that Policy for the Direct Sellers Tax be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried

POLICY

Town of Deer Lake

Direct Seller Tax

PURPOSE: Policy of the Town of Deer Lake, Town Council to establish.

AUTHORITY As per resolution at Meeting No. held

ACTION All transient and /or seasonal vendors in the Town of Deer Lake

- (a) Selling from temporary locations (i.e trucks, moveable stalls, mobile chip stands,) excepting those otherwise approved and organized venues where booth fees are being paid and
 - (b) Not otherwise paying the Town's regular business tax for their operation will be required to obtain and display a permit from the Town
- Fees are as follows:
\$50.00 per month after four months minimum business tax (\$399.00) would apply.

Meeting Date and Number

Verified by: _____

Resolution

2012-1203-06, Resolution

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen / Councillor Sheila Mercer

RESOLUTION

Development of a new long-term federal plan for municipal infrastructure funding

WHEREAS, The Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities, will expire in March 2014;

WHEREAS, Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments;

WHEREAS, a seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively;

WHEREAS, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign;

AND WHEREAS, our community has continuing infrastructure needs, such as water and sewer for Middle Rd, Garden Road, First Avenue and Second Avenue , sidewalks and storm drains for

Nicholsville Rd and upgrades to lift stations that can only be met with through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by a national plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the FCM campaign and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long-term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Hon. Denis Lebel, to the provincial minister of municipal affairs Hon. Kevin O'Brien, to Mr. Gerry Byrne, MP, to the federation of Canadian Municipalities and to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Hon. Denis Lebel
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
Transport Canada
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Lebel:

Please find attached our Council's resolution supporting the campaign by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), "Target 2014: Building our Future".

We are very pleased that your government has committed to develop a new long-term infrastructure plan that will replace the Building Canada Plan when it expires in 2014. We are also pleased that you have invited municipalities, provinces, territories, and other key stakeholders to participate in the planning process.

FCM's campaign goal is to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan reflects municipal priorities across the country, and our Council fully endorses that goal. The attached resolution is our first step in the communicating to you our interest in the issue and the planning process, as well as our belief that a seamless transition to a new long-term infrastructure plan is essential to the prosperity of our cities and communities and the economic competitiveness of Canada.

We understand that you will be touring Canada to consult on the new plan. Please consider this your invitation to visit the Town of Deer Lake to see the benefits of past federal investments, as well as our community's continuing needs-needs that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by a national plan.

We look forward to seeing you here or, if that is not possible, when you are next in our region.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Ball

We all need a say in planning the new federal infrastructure fund, says Council

Town of Deer Lake Council has passed a resolution supporting a national campaign to make sure municipal priorities are reflected in the federal government's new long-term infrastructure plan.

Almost \$2 billion dollars a year in federal infrastructure funding will end when the Building Canada Plan expires in March 2014. Any interruption in this funding could have serious consequences for the Town of Deer Lake, including water and sewer for Middle Rd, Garden Road, First Avenue and Second Avenue, sidewalks and storm drains for Nicholville Rd and upgrades to lift stations.

The federal government has promised to develop a new infrastructure plan before the 2014 deadline, in partnership with municipalities, provinces and territories.

"This resolution is the first step in telling the federal government how important it is that they continue to invest in cities and communities, and that a new infrastructure plan be in place when the Building Canada Plan expires in 2014", says Mayor Ball. "We've made some progress during the last few years under the federal Building Canada Plan. We don't want to slide back now."

Council's resolution supports the campaign by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, "Target 2014: Building our Future". The campaign goal is to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan reflects municipal priorities across the country.

"We're writing to Minister Lebel, the federal minister responsible for the new plan, to make sure our community's priorities are reflected in the plan," says Mayor Ball.

"We invite everyone in the community who is concerned about this issue to do likewise. Service clubs, businesses and other community groups should involve their members in the issue and ask them to communicate to our Member of Parliament the importance of continued federal investment in our community."

To the editor:

Almost \$2 billion dollars a year in federal infrastructure funding for municipalities will end when the federal government's Building Canada Plan expires in March 2014.

Any interruption in this funding could have serious consequences for the Town of Deer Lake, including

water and sewer for Middle Rd, Garden Road, First Avenue and Second Avenue , sidewalk for Nicholville Rd and upgrades to lift stations.

Although the government has promised to develop a new long-term infrastructure plan before the deadline and to consult with municipalities, provinces, territories and “other key stakeholders,” much depends on how this consultation works.

It’s crucial that municipal governments participate, and we intend to make sure the federal government understands the needs here in Deer Lake and the consequences of losing federal support.

In response to a campaign by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, our Council has passed a resolution and written to the federal Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities urging him to make sure his plan responds to local needs and is fully in place when the current programs expire in 2014.

We are inviting everyone in Deer Lake who is concerned about this issue to do likewise. Service clubs, businesses and other community groups should involve their members in the issue and ask them to communicate to our Member of Parliament the importance of continued federal investment in our community.

Anyone needing more information about the issue is invited to contact:

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Ball

Core messages

- Almost \$2 billion dollars a year in federal infrastructure funding for municipalities will end when the federal government’s Building Canada Plan expires in March 2014, along with funding for a number of other critical cost-shared programs.
- The federal government has promised to develop a new plan before the 2014 deadline, in partnership with municipalities, provinces, territories and other key stakeholders.

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure municipal priorities are reflected in the federal government's new long-term infrastructure plan, and that this plan is in place when the current programs expire in 2014
- The campaign, called Target 2014: Building our Future, will inform all FCM member municipalities of the 2014 deadline and the process for developing a new plan, so they can participate in setting priorities.
- The campaign will leverage traditional and social media to encourage local residents, businesses and organizations to get involved as well. We want the government to see that our residents, business leaders, volunteer organizations and service clubs are united on the need for continued federal investment in our communities.
- The campaign will run until spring 2013, when FCM expects the federal budget to spell out the government's commitment to meeting municipal needs in its long-term plan.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer
Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried

Policy –Working Alone

Deferred until procedures are complete.

Correspondence

Date: Monday December 3rd, 2012

No.	NAME	REGARDING	CORRESPONDENCE
01	Doug Francis	Letter	Meeting set up for December 5 at 10:00 a.m.
02	MNL	Info Note	For Informational Purposes
03	Municipal Affairs	News Release: Municipal Fire Protection	Sent to Fire Department
04	Deer Lake Chamber of Commerce	Awards Gala	Award Sponsor- in budget
05	HEDB	Round Table Dec 4 th at Pepsi Centre	Councillor Young attending
06	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	Purple Ribbon	For Informational Purposes
07	MNL	Thank You	For Informational Purposes
08	Xavier Junior High	Book Fair	Sent to Finance

Reports

(a) Finance (November 22nd, 2012)

2012-1113-07, Finance Meeting

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen/Councillor Elmo Bingle

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations of the Finance Meeting for November 27th, 2012 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Councillor Sheila Mercer

Councillor Jean Young
Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried



Finance
November 27th, 2012

In attendance:
Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
Councillor Elmo Bingle
Maxine Hayden

NO	Description	Recommendation
01	P/W/S Tax adjustment account 110276 income below \$11,000.00 owner to pay \$150.00 amount to be written off \$1,253.41	Recommend approval
02	P/W/S/ Tax adjustment account 110552 owner objects to paying supplementary charges for apartment. Owner has not yet been billed for extra w/s rate for 2012, amount to be adjusted \$201.45	Defer check on property
03	Interest adjustment account 112588 request credit of interest charges in the amount of \$167.79	Recommend approval if account paid in full by December 12 th , 2012.
04	Interest adjustment Account #110869 request credit of interest charges in the amount of \$1,491.92	Recommend approval if account is paid in full by December 12 th , 2012.

(b) Town Manager Action Report

Town Manager Action Report for
Meeting No. 1242
29th, 2012

No	item	Dept.	Person responsible	Task/request
1	NLSF/Junction trail Blazers	Admin	TM	Meeting set up for Tuesday November 27,2012 at 11:00 AM to discuss trail meeting held they were going to check out prices for removal of trees
2	Cal Legrow	Admin	TM	Follow up with adjuster he is still looking into the claim.
3.	Works Services	Admin /PW	PW	Dave checked with Nolan he is willing to give a talk on the brine system
4	HEDB	Admin	TM	Notified Councillor Young will attend annual holiday Celebrations
5	Deer Lake Seniors Citizens	Admin	TM	Notified Deputy Mayor Pinksen will attend
6	Humber Economic Development Board	Admin	TM	Notified Councillor Young will attend.
7	Grand Lake Centre of Economic Dev.	Admin	TM	Notified that Deputy Mayor Pinksen, Councillors Bingle, Mercer, Spence and Young will attend.
8	Mr. Dewey	Admin	TM	Email sent and letter written on Councils decision.
9	Mr. Brake	Admin	TM	Email sent about manhole covers on Dr. D.D. Macdonald Drive
10	Crown Lands	Admin	TM	Crown Lands called Minister has forwarded our letter to them for information, they are checking into our request.

(c) Public Works

Report From: Public Works Superintendent David Thomas
Prepared For: Council & Management Team
Date Prepared: November 30, 2012
Timeframe: November 26, 2012 – November 30, 2012

Road:
Road Patching

Shouldering
Installed culverts on Tulk's Lane
Ditching

Water:

Water service hookups on Grace Ave
Cleaned filters and maintenance at filtration plant
Repaired curb stop on South Main Street

Sewer:

Sewer service hook ups on Grace Ave

Snow:

2 days of snow clearing

Building Maintenance:

Electrical repairs at stadium

Misc :

2 employees 1 day safety course

Adjournment

2012-1203-08, Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen


Resolved that since there is no further business that the meeting adjourns at 8:05 pm with the next regularly scheduled meeting set for Monday December 17th, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

All in Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
 Deputy Mayor Sandra Pinksen
 Councillor Kerry Jones
 Councillor Elmo Bingle
 Councillor Sheila Mercer
 Councillor Jean Young
 Councillor Myra Spence

In favor 7; opposed 0; abstained 0. Carried



Mayor Dean Ball



Lori Humphrey, Town Clerk