

ATTENDENCE –

Mayor Barry Dooley
Councillor Kelly Loch
Councillor Glenn Clarke

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Moores
Councillor Sharon Snooks
Shelly Butt, Town Clerk/Manager

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME / DELEGATIONS

No registered delegate/s. Mayor Dooley called meeting to order 6:55 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: July 6th, 2021.

No additions or deletions

Motion 2021-137 Loch/DM Moores

Be it resolve that Council adopt the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of July 6th, 2021, as presented.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

MINUTES / COUNCIL MEETING / OTHER MEETING MINUTES / June 15, 2021:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, re: May 25th, 2021, *No errors, or omissions*

Motion 2021-138 DM Moores/Snooks

Be it resolved that Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of June 15th, 2021.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Clarke requested an update on #4 & #9 under Correspondence for Action; updates provided.

Review of Meeting with Minister Crocker, Minister Davis, Environmental Specialists & Salmon Cove Council, Wednesday, June 30/2021, re: Forest Pond Blue-Green Algae Update. Mayor Dooley and Councillor Clarke provided an overview of the meeting.

- Sample Testing will continue to the end of July 2021,
- Will resume sample testing May 2022,
- Victoria's Wastewater Lagoon & Treatment Facility: Cannot be determined to be the sole cause algae bloom in Forest Pond.
- Algae naturally forms in all bodies of water and when all conditions are met an algae bloom can form within a 24-hour period, lasting for various periods of time depending on the location and other factors, i.e.: low rainfall, high than normal temperature, more sunshine for longer periods, etc., and was verified to be the case in Forest Pond, as well as all over the world.
- Algae Blooms in NL are recorded as normally occurring from mid-June to mid-July.
- Global Warming may be one of the contributing factors for the rise in the number of Blue-Green Algae Blooms in Canada, with higher-than-normal temperature recorded in June/2021 across Canada.
- Algae Blooms have occurred in NL for more than 15-years, and are monitored by the Provincial Gov.
- Ministers Crocker/Davis both suggested, if necessary, there maybe other nutrient reduction options available at a cost-shared venture between the Prov. Gov., Town of Victoria, and Town of Salmon Cove, but it is currently unknown what type and/or if any action will be required.

Councillors expressed concerns around the recent scope of events, questioning if any new mechanisms are available, other than or in addition to, the town's wastewater lagoon & UV light disinfection systems that may assist with preventing nutrients from going into Forest Pond and/or if the town would have to make changes if meeting the regulations implemented Prov./Fed. Government. All Councillors agreed, it was a matter for the Provincial Government to relay back to Council once the proposed study is complete and would provide, recommendations, or remedies at no expense to the town of Victoria, if required. Discussed recent Facebook comments/debates, with all Councillors asked to refrain for responding to any public debates.

Request from Mr. E. Penney, (*under Correspondence for Information/Discussion*), member of the Salmon Cove Concerned Citizens Group, to allow another independent laboratory to take samples from the town's wastewater treatment facility. Council agreed no course of action will be considered until the third sample results are received/reviewed and, if necessary, will find out more information and request direction from the Dept of

Environment or Municipal & Provincial Affairs and MHA, Steve Crocker, however, will not rule out the request for another independent laboratory to conduct more samples.

Council Direction: Working Foreman to put up signs “No Trespassing” signs and place a rock on the manhole cover at the lagoon.

FINIANCIAL / COMM. / DEPT. & STAFF REPORTS

1. Bill/Accounts: Total \$32,432.06 & Payroll June 6-26, 2021 for \$20,234.56.

Motion 2021-139 Snooks/Loch

Be it resolved that Council approve to pay the accounts payable bills for \$32,432.06 and further resolved to approve the town’s Payroll 04/25/21 – 05/15/21 totaling \$20,234.56 as presented. **Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried**

Addition: Remaining Remuneration balance, 2nd quarter, (April 01- June 30) of 2021, Re: Two Councillor vacancies.

Motion 2021-140 Snooks/Clarke

Be it resolved; Council approve to pay to each eligible Councillor an equal sum not to exceed \$389.64 of unused remuneration for two vacant Councillor’s seats for the 2nd quarter (April 01- June 30, 2021).

Favour 4; Opposed 1-Moores; Carried

2. **General Bank Account Reconciliation**, re: April 2021

Motion 2021-141 Snooks/Loch

Be it resolved; Council confirms the town’s General Operating Bank Account reconciled for April 2021.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

3. **Town Clerk’s Report**: Dated June 14 - July 2, 2021 *Reviewed*

Motion 2021-142 DM Moores/Loch

Be it resolved Council accept the Town Clerk Manager’s Report for June 14 - July 2, 2021, as submitted.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

4. **Working Foreman’s Report**: Dated June 14 - July 2, 2021 *Reviewed*

Motion 2021-143 Snooks/DM Moores

Be it resolved Council accept the Working Foreman’s Report dated June 14 - July 2, 2021, as submitted.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

5. **Permit Registry**: Permits Issued #320 – 329

Motion 2021-144 Snooks/Loch

Be it resolved, Council approve permits #320 – 329, pending work is completed in compliance with the Town of Victoria’s Municipal Plan & Development Regulations and any other applicable policies, regulations or stipulations that may be attached.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION (CFI/D)

1. Service Master Restore Scope of Work Report, re: Water damage repairs to Fire Hall.
2. Eric Penney, Town of Salmon Cove Concerned Citizens/Council Representative request to gain access for 3rd Party Testing of the town’s lagoon system by Avalon Laboratories.
3. Victoria Recreation Commission Statement of Account, re: May 2021.
4. Victoria Recreation Commission, re: Notice Floor Dropped at the Recreation Center.
5. AGAT Laboratories, Certificate of Analysis, re: Town Lagoon Sewer Samples for June 2021.
6. Municipal & Provincial Affairs, re: DOC/2021/03629 Supplementary Circular to Municipalities Safe Elections
7. Gov. Service Centre, ServiceNL, re: Water Sampling Results, dated June 16, 2021.
8. VVFD, re: Fire Hall Extension & Renovation Plan. LED Lights. *Defer for meeting July 13, 2021, 7:30 pm.*

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION (CFA)

1. Municipal Elections 2021: Separate Ballot for Mayor; Council agreed no change.

2. House of Commons, re: Seeking Endorsement for Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes & Incident and Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

Motion 2021-145 DM Moores/Loch

Be it resolved on behalf of 1800 residents, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor of Victoria endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

3. Atlantic Purifications Systems Ltd, re: Quote to supply UV Lights & Accessories, \$8,104.00 + tax/freight.

Motion 2021-146 Clarke/Snooks

Be it resolved Council accept the quote from Atlantic Purifications Systems Ltd, for the purchase of UV Lights & other supplies, of \$8,104.00 plus HST/freight charges.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

4. Ronald McDonald House Charities NL-Kilometers for Kids 2021– Advisory.

Motion 2021-147 Clarke/DM Moores

Be it resolved Council approve to donate \$100.00 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities NL-Kilometers for Kids 2021.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

5. Prime Consultant for King's Road Watermain Upgrades.

Motion 2021-148 Clarke/DM Moores

Be it resolved, that in consideration of previous services and engineering fees deemed to be fair and reasonable, Council approve Harris & Associates to be the Prime Consultant for MYCW Funding Project, re: King's Road Main Waterline Upgrading.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

6. Council Concerns, re: Permit #289, Scope of Work may be beyond specifications stated on the development application; reviewed and deemed acceptable.

7. Renewal Application, re: Agriculture Pastureland Swansea Road, #116005.

Motion 2021-149 Clarke/Snooks

Be it resolved Council approve to renew the Agriculture Pastureland Swansea Road Application #116005 as per the Renewal of Licence to Occupy, re: # 116005 and further resolved the Town Clerk Manager sign the Licence Holder agreement on behalf of the Town of Victoria.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

8. Application for Consent & Notice of Assignment of Lease/Licence to NL Pony Society

Motion 2021-150 Snooks/Clarke

Be it resolved that upon receiving confirmation the Licence to Occupy Application #116005 is renewed, Council approves to transfer Lease/Licence to the NL Pony Society the Agriculture Pastureland Swansea Road Renewal.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

9. Application to Extend Width of Driveway 10-ft & Land excavation.

Motion 2021-151 Clarke/Loch

Be it resolved Council approve the application from property owner at #93-95 Church Road to extend the existing driveway culvert from 20-feet to a total width not to exceed a maximum of 30-feet.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

10. Re-Tabled, Crown Land Grant Application, re: RV Park, Freshwater Road, re: Application #158119.

Motion 2021-152 Snooks/DM Moores

Be it resolved, due to insufficient information attached to the crown land grant application, which being but not limited to, a certified engineered development plan for a Trailer Park/Campground to verify compliance with the town's adopted Development Plan/Regulations, a certified well & septic system design approved by ServiceNL, Council deny approval of the Crown Land Grant Application #158119.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Shaw Venture's, re: Ash's Lane Project, construction expected to commence July 12th, 2021, with a preconstruction meeting to take place prior to starting work.

Residents building shed/garages without permit to convey or sell for profit, inquired as to Council's perspective regarding a building permit required and if a business tax was applicable. Council deemed activity not to be a business, however; requires a building application/permit for all such structures.

Municipal Assessment Agency, re: Retirement Announcement, Sean G. Martin retiring July 7, 2021.

Noted: New Business Operating in Victoria, known as Hennessey's Excavating & Trucking Ltd. Letter previously sent regarding this matter, with no response to date; Council advised business tax invoice for 2021 be issued immediately.

Stone on Deering's Road – road damaged from excavator on clearing private property behind last dwelling, re: vacant land; Working Foreman to review and address accordingly.

Council was advised of property owners seeking permission to install personal sawmills to mill locally cut wood for personal use within Victoria; one permanent, (#17-23 Deering's Rd) and one mobile sawmill, (#227 Highway East). Many towns are experiencing concerns of rising interest in residence/businesses wanting to build/install sawmills to mill cut-wood for purposes, such as cabins, garages, barns, sheds, etc. The Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture stated an application process is required to obtain a sawmill permit that must meet all municipal and provincial regulations, and requires a town's approval, with the possibility of DFFA deeming the application as an industrial business. Council agreed, applications for personal/commercial sawmills must meet all applicable provincial legislation, municipal development regulations and/or other requirements pertaining to the development of a Sawmill prior to submitting to council in consideration of approval.

Property Owner, #17-#23 Deering's Road, Application to construct a building and setup a sawmill to mill own lumber. Working Foreman checked out application and could not pass as the access to the vacant land is unknown and it is also unknown if the applicant has the minimum stand of 50-ft frontage and no reply has been received to date to questioned asked. The owner of a property in front of the vacant land is claiming ownership of part of an access that was paved by that owner. The application was discussed, with Council reiterating that appropriate staff must evaluate any applications to be deemed compliant with all municipal, provincial, or other applicable regulations, plans and/or legislations before being submitted for Council approval.

Noted: Town Hall flagpole chains difficult to move; pass to Working Foreman for repairs.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

10th Regular Scheduled Council Meeting: August 17, 2021, revised from July 27, 2021

Motion 2021-153 Clarke/Loch

Be it resolved the 9th Regular Council meeting for July 6, 2021, adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Signed:

Barry Dooley
Mayor

Signed:

Shelly Butt
Town Clerk Manager