

Town of Bishop's Falls  
Public Council Meeting No. 1252  
October 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers

## Minutes

Mayor B. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on October 6, 2009 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett  
Councillor B. King  
Councillor A. Hynes  
Councillor P. Budgell  
Councillor F. Mills  
Councillor R. Canning

Wayne Champion, Town Manager  
Randy Drover, Town Clerk

Mayor Hobbs welcomed the Councillors to the meeting. He indicated that some of the items on the agenda would normally be addressed by Committee before coming to Council; however, these issues have been outstanding for a while and were added to the agenda to expedite the resolution. Mayor Hobbs stated that he would like to add two (2) additional items to the agenda – “Meeting with the Centennial Committee on October 6, 2009” and “Correspondence”. His Worship then advised Council that the Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Chris Tobin, was in the gallery. He provided Mr. Tobin an opportunity to address Council. Mr. Tobin welcomed the Councillors to the table and stated that he looks forward to working with everyone. Mayor Hobbs then proceeded to carry out the business of Council.

### **Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **Motion 421/2009 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Canning**

To adopt the agenda as amended.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Item 2: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1250**

### **Motion 422/2009 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor King**

To adopt the minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1250 as presented.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Councillor Budgell indicated that the motion ought to state ‘presented’ because the majority of the current Council was not present during that meeting. Something could be added or removed from the minutes and they would not be aware. Mayor Hobbs asked Deputy Mayor Tremblett if the minutes accurately reflected the meeting, and she stated this was the case. There being no further discussion, His Worship called for a vote.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Item 3: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Meeting 1250**

No discussion ensued on this item.

## **Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1251**

### **Motion 423/2009 – Councillor King/Councillor Budgell**

To adopt the minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1251 as presented.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Councillor Hynes noted that her comments under Item 6 were not recorded. The omission will be corrected. There by no further discussion, His Worship called for the vote.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes of Public Meeting 1251**

Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to discuss matters arising from Public Meeting 1251. Councillor Mills wondered when his suggestion to have an opening prayer before Public Meeting would be addressed. His Worship responded by saying it would arise during item 6.2 (amendments to the Standing Orders), as well most other matters that were discussed that night.

## **Item 6: General Business**

### 6.1 STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 6.1.1 Adoption of Standing Committee Terms of References

Mayor Hobbs reviewed the Terms of References for the Governance, Public Works, Community Relations, and Recreation Standing Committees. His Worship reminded the Councillors once again that Committees make recommendations only. They do not bind Council to any particular course of action. He then called for a motion to adopt the Terms of References as presented.

#### **Motion 424/2009 – Councillor King/Councillor Hynes**

That the current Council adopt the Terms of References for the four (4) Standing Committees as presented with the option to adjust the Terms of References as we move forward.

#### DISCUSSION

Mayor Hobbs advised Council that it has the authority to amend any policy of the Town when it feels necessary, so there is no need to state such things in the motion. If a Committee feels there is a problem with its Terms of Reference, then it should recommend an amendment to Council. There being no further discussion, His Worship called for a vote.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 6.1.2 Mayor's Statement Concerning Standing Committee Representation

Mayor Hobbs announced his selections concerning Standing Committee representation. He indicated that each Councillor's preference was taken into account, and he believed a good balance was achieved. Most preferences were accommodated. His Worship also stated that the appointments will stand for a year, and he will serve as an ex-officio member on

each Committee. For the first few months he will attend each Standing Committee meeting unless something prevents him from doing so. Deputy Mayor Tremblett wondered what option was available if they were not pleased with the selection. Mayor Hobbs responded by saying everyone will be pleased. Councillor Budgell questioned the process of voting at a Committee level, and advised Council that ex-officio members are not permitted to vote. Mayor Hobbs anticipates the Committees will work on a consensus basis; however, a member dissenting from a majority recommendation can submit a minority report to Council. His Worship then proceeded to outline the Chairpersons and members of each Committee, which is as follows:

Standing Committee	Chairperson	Members
Governance	Councillor Budgell	Councillor King Deputy Mayor Tremblett
Community Relations	Deputy Mayor Tremblett	Councillor Hynes Councillor Mills
Public Works	Councillor Mills	Councillor Canning Councillor Budgell
Recreation	Councillor King	Councillor Canning Councillor Hynes

Councillor Budgell questioned the mandate of the Governance Standing Committee. He indicated that each Committee has a policy directive that pertains to a specific subject matter (i.e. recreation, finance, etc); however, he wondered what Committee was responsible for cross sectional polices that would pertain to the overall governance of the Town and Council. Mayor Hobbs advised Councillor Budgell that the *Municipalities Act, 1999* deals with those matters.

## 6.2 AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

### **Motion 425/2009 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning**

That section 1.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “Effective March 3, 2009, a Public Meeting shall be held every third Tuesday beginning at 7:00 pm” is deleted and replaced with “Effective October 6, 2009, a Regular Public Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 426/2009 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes**

That section 1.2 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “Public Meetings shall take place at the Town Hall in Council’s Chambers and, in accordance with section 24 (1) (1) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, shall be open to the general public” is deleted and replaced with “Regular Public Meetings shall take place at the Town Hall in Council’s Chambers and, in accordance with section 24 (1) (1) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, shall be open to the general public”.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 427/2009 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Hynes**

That section 1.4 of the Standing Orders is deleted.

**DISCUSSION**

Councillor Budgell suggested that during these months it may be wise to have Public Meetings occur at the call of the Mayor. This will ensure that holidays and things of that nature can be accommodated. Mayor Hobbs reminded Council that if necessary the Orders can be changed. Councillor King stated that if one meeting is missed during a twelve (12) month period that would not be terrible. Councillor Mills wondered how the public would be informed. Consistency is important. Mayor Hobbs concluded the discussion by saying the Orders can be changed if necessary, but for now we can keep a consistent schedule. His Worship then called for a vote.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 428/2009 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Canning**

That section 3.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “Notice of Public Meetings shall be by way of an agenda that is distributed by hand or email, whatever method is most feasible in the circumstances, that is served upon the Councillors at least 24 hours in advance” is deleted and replaced with “Notice of Public Meetings shall be by way of an agenda that is served by hand or email, whatever method is most feasible in the circumstances, to Councillors at least 24 hours in advance.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 429/2009 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Hynes**

That section 7.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “The Chief Administrative Officer and Town Clerk are required to attend all Public and Privileged Meetings of Council” is deleted and replaced with “The Town Manager and Town Clerk are required to attend all Public and Privileged Meetings of Council.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 430/2009 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes**

That section 7.2 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “At the request of the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer or a Standing Committee Chairperson, Department Heads may be required to attend a Public or Privileged Meeting of Council” is deleted and replaced with “At the request of the Mayor, the Town Manager or a Standing Committee Chairperson, Department Heads may be required to attend a Public or Privileged Meeting of Council.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 431/2009 – Councillor Mills/Deputy Mayor Tremblett**

That section 8.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows:

“The Town Clerk, or his/her designate, shall prepare agendas for Public and Privileged Meetings. Public Meeting agendas shall, where permissible and at the discretion of the Town Clerk, take the following form:

Call Meeting to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Adoption of Minutes  
Business Arising From the Minutes  
Delegations  
Standing Committee Reports  
External Boards and Committee Reports  
Regulations  
Policies  
General Business  
Notice of Motions  
Notice of Motions to Reconsider  
Adjournment”

is deleted and replaced with

“The Town Clerk, or his/her designate, shall prepare agendas for Public and Privileged Meetings. Public Meeting agendas shall, where permissible and at the discretion of the Town Clerk and/or Mayor, take the following form:

Call Meeting to Order  
Opening Prayer  
Adoption of Agenda  
Adoption of Minutes  
Business Arising From the Minutes  
Delegations  
Standing Committee Reports  
External Boards and Committee Reports  
Regulations  
Policies  
General Business  
Notice of Motions  
Adjournment”

**DISCUSSION**

Councillor Mills stated that he is conducting business on behalf of the Town as a member of Council, and he believes God is supreme. When conducting business in his home,

Councillor Mills prays before making a decision, and he believes this should be a practice in Chambers. Councillor Hynes suggested that a generic prayer may be more appropriate. Deputy Mayor Tremblett agreed, and further stated that the prayer could be similar to that of the Bishop's Falls Fire Department. Councillor Budgell indicated that he objects to the motion because a prayer is a personal choice. You should not mix politics with religion. Councillor Canning reminded Council of Councillor King's comments during the last Public Meeting. At times members of the public will be attending the meetings, and they may not feel comfortable with a prayer. Councillor King, in response, stated that people of various backgrounds may attend Public Meetings, and we should not be perceived as favouring one religion over another. Councillor Budgell, on leave from the Mayor to speak to the motion a second time, suggested that the prayer could take the form of a moment of silence. This suggestion was acceptable to the majority of Council.

Amendment – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King

To amend the motion by adding “in the form of silent reflection” to Opening Prayer.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Amendment Carried

Mayor Hobbs then called for a vote on motion 431/2009 as amended.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried as Amended**

**Motion 432/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning**

That section 8.2 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “Once the agenda has been set as per Order 8.1 and notice has been served as per Order 3.1, additions to a Public Meeting agenda shall not be permitted except where: a. The Town Clerk has been notified of the addition 12 hours in advance; b. The item being added to the agenda does not involve a financial expenditure greater than \$500; and c. In the opinion of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Town Clerk, the item being added requires Council's immediate attention” is deleted and replaced with “Once the agenda has been set as per Order 8.1 and notice has been served as per Order 3.1, additions to a Public Meeting agenda shall not be permitted except where: a. The Town Clerk has been notified of the addition at least 12 hours in advance; b. The item being added to the agenda does not involve a financial expenditure greater than \$500; and

c. In the opinion of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Town Clerk, the item being added requires Council's immediate attention."

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 433/2009 – Councillor Mills/Councillor Canning**

That section 11.2 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: "Notice of motions shall be in the following form: Madame Mayor, I stand today to advise my fellow Councillors that during a Public Meeting to be held on date and month in the year 0000, it will be moved and seconded that Council adopt the Bishop's Falls Regulation" is deleted and replaced with "Notice of motions shall be in the following form: Mayor, I speak today to advise my fellow Councillors that during a Public Meeting to be held on *date and month* in the year 0000, it will be moved and seconded that Council adopt the *Bishop's Falls Regulation*."

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 434/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King**

That section 12.10 of the Standing Orders is deleted.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 435/2009 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett**

That section 12.11 of the Standing Orders is deleted.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

## **Motion Carried**

### **Motion 436/2009 – Deputy Mayor Tremblett/Councillor Mills**

That section 15.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “Effective March 3, 2009, Standing Committee meetings shall take place two (2) weeks before a Public Meeting as per the following schedule:

Standing Committee	Day and Time
Recreation	Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Governance	Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Community Relations	Wednesdays at 6:45 pm
Public Works	Thursdays at 7:00 pm

is deleted and replaced with “Effective October 6, 2009, Regular Standing Committee meetings shall take place as per the following schedule:

Standing Committee	Day and Time
Recreation	Second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm
Governance	Second Wednesday of every month at 1:30 pm
Community Relations	Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm
Public Works	Second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm”

## **DISCUSSION**

After a lengthy discussion Mayor Hobbs suggested that each Chairperson should consult their members to identify a day and time that works for everyone. The Chairpersons must advise the Clerk of their day and time by Thursday, October 8, 2009. Councillor Budgell then moved to lay the question on the table until the next Public Meeting. The matter will be revisited during the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2009.

## **Motion tabled to next Pubic Meeting**

### **Motion 437/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Mills**

That section 17.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “During each Public Meeting the Chairperson shall present the Standing Committee’s report and recommendations. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Presiding Officer shall appoint another member of the Standing Committee for the purpose of presenting the report and recommendations” is deleted and replaced with “During each Regular Public Meeting the Chairperson shall present the Standing Committee’s report and recommendations. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Presiding Officer shall appoint another member of the Standing Committee for the purpose of presenting the report and recommendations.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 438/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett**

That section 19.2 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “To be valid and admissible before Council, minority reports must be signed by the dissenting member and submitted to the Town Clerk at least six (6) hours before the meeting during when the majority report or recommending is being presented to Council” is deleted and replaced with “To be valid and admissible before Council, minority reports must be signed by the dissenting member and submitted to the Town Clerk at least six (6) hours before the meeting where the majority report or recommendation is being presented to Council.”

DISCUSSION

Councillor Budgell stated that he hopes everyone understands this particular Order. Committee members dissenting from a majority decision must follow this process. It will not be acceptable for Committee members to disagree with a recommendation at the Council level if this was not declared in accordance with Order 17.1. Mayor Hobbs agreed, and advised each Chairperson to ensure dissenting members are advised of this process during meetings. There being no further discussion, His Worship called for a vote.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 439/2009 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Budgell**

That section 21.1 of the Standing Orders is amended as follows: “The Public Works Supervisor shall attend meetings of the Public Works Standing Committee. The Chief Administrative Officer shall attend meetings of the Governance Standing Committee and, where necessary, meetings of the Recreation and Community Relations Standing Committees” is deleted and replaced with “The Public Works Supervisor shall attend meetings of the Public Works Standing Committee. The Town Manager shall attend meetings of the Governance Standing Committee and, where necessary, meetings of the Recreation and Community Relations Standing Committees.”

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

## **Motion Carried**

### **Motion 440/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King**

To delete sections 22, 23, and 24 of the Standing Orders that pertain to the Committee of the Whole (Part IV).

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

## **Motion Carried**

### **6.3 BUTLER STREET/MCDONALD CRESCENT SUBDIVISION ISSUE(S)**

Mayor Hobbs advised Council that a letter was received from a resident in the Butler Street/McDonald Crescent subdivision concerning drainage issues. He explained that the Town is serving as an intermediary in the land sales between the buyer and developer. This should never be the case, and the framework will change in the future. The problem right now is that there are no rules for the developer to follow. The Town recently obtained the Grand Falls-Windsor subdivision agreement that will be used as a template for the future. His Worship then proceeded to read the letter from the resident. Essentially the resident is asking Council to intervene and resolve the drainage issues before the pavement is laid. Mayor Hobbs indicated that it appears the developer is not cooperating with the Town because it did not honour previous commitments. He then suggested that the Town should withhold land sales revenue until the developer begins to cooperate. A meeting must take place within the near future as well. Councillor Mills questioned the suggestion to install a catch basin on the rear of the properties. Councillor Budgell sought direction from the Public Works Supervisor, and it was then agreed that the details will be discussed during the next Public Works Standing Committee meeting. Councillor Canning wondered if the land sales revenue currently being held by the Town is large enough to entice the developer to cooperate. Mayor Hobbs indicated this was the case. Deputy Mayor Tremblett said it has always been the practice of the Town to approach subdivision in this manner. Mayor Hobbs agreed, but stated this will not be the case in the future. His Worship then called for a motion.

### **Motion 441/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Mills**

That payments to the developer of the Butler Street/McDonald Crescent subdivision be withheld until the issues are resolved.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 442/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor King**

That the issues pertaining to the Butler Street/McDonald Crescent subdivision be referred to the Public Works Standing Committee to resolve.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

6.4 BLANCHARD'S WOODWORKING LEASE

Councillor Budgell recommended that Council resolve into a close session to deal with the next two (2) agenda items.

**Motion 443/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning**

That Council resolve into a privileged session.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

\*\*\*Privileged session commenced at 8:28 pm and persons in the gallery were requested to leave Chambers. Members of the Public were invited back into chambers at 8:56 pm. Councillor Hynes vacated Chambers when the matter pertaining to Clyde Way Holdings/Newfoundland Styro was being discussed\*\*\*

**Motion 444/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning**

That Council resume the Public Meeting and end the privileged session.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 445/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Hynes**

That Council enter into the lease with Blanchard’s Woodworking amended as follows: 1. Rental payments shall be \$1,500 per month; and 2. The term of the lease shall begin September 1, 2008.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

**Motion Carried**

6.5 CLYDE WAY HOLDINGS/NEWFOUNDLAND STYRO LEASE

\*\*\*Councillor Hynes declared a conflict of interest and vacated Chambers at 9:02 pm\*\*\*

**Motion 446/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning**

That Council accepts the agreement between the Town, Newfoundland Styro, and Clyde Way Holdings that was presented during the privileged session.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Conflict of Interest: 1 - Councillor Hynes

**Motion Carried**

\*\*\*Councillor Hynes returned to Chambers at 9:02 pm\*\*\*

6.6 EXTERNAL BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Councillor Budgell requested permission from the Mayor to rise on a point of order, more specifically to read an email pertaining to the Butler Street/McDonald Crescent subdivision. The Mayor, with the approval of Council, granted the request. Councillor Budgell read aloud an email, which was provided by Deputy Mayor Tremblett, from former Councillor Barry Saunders that was sent last month. In the email Mr. Saunders outlined the actions he had taken to resolve the issues in the subdivision. Mr. Saunders held a meeting with the developer to discuss the resident’s concerns, and discovered that the issue was caused because of the resident’s landscaping. The resident was, subsequently, directed to speak to the developer directly about the matter. Mayor Hobbs stated that the meeting was not sanctioned by Council, and such a practice must not be tolerated because there is no structure. Deputy Mayor Tremblett stated that it was most likely a campaign issue. Councillor Budgell believed that the letter to the developer must be very professional and

not accusatory. The Clerk was directed to ensure this was the case. Council should approach this subject in a cooperative manner with the intention of resolving the issues to the satisfaction of all parties. It was noted that the people in the area are very upset, and a resolution must be brought about in the near future.

Mayor Hobbs then resumed the business of Council. After a brief discussion, he suggested that each Councillor should indicate what his/her preferences are for external boards and committees by completing a form that was circulated. Councillors were instructed to select at most three (3) boards/committees.

## **Item 7: Cheque Signing Authorities**

### **Motion 447/2009 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Hynes**

That Mayor Robert Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Doreen Tremblett, Town Manager/Treasurer Wayne Champion, and Executive Assistant Linda Snow shall be signing authorities for cheques effective immediately.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

### **Motion Carried**

## **Item 8: Meeting with the Centennial Committee on October 6, 2009**

Mayor Hobbs advised Council that he had a meeting with Mr. George Saunders, Mr. Lloyd Reid, and Mr. Paul Gallant on October 6, 2009. The Town Manager was also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Centennial Celebrations, and it was very positive. The Committee would like to know who will be replacing former Deputy Mayor Jose Budgell. Within the coming weeks the Committee and Town will be meeting with MP Scott Simms and MHA Clayton Forsey to discuss funding opportunities. At this point Mayor Hobbs did not want to disclose the losses and gains because the facts are not yet known. This will be presented to the Governance Standing Committee for greater analysis. It seems as though there are some frictions between the Town and Committee, and it will be Council's job to mend the relationship over the coming weeks. His Worship indicated that he will appoint someone to represent Council on the Committee in the coming days.

## **Item 9: Correspondence**

Mayor Hobbs reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Invitation to attend an event with the Red Cross on October 13, 2009: Mayor Hobbs will be attending this event on behalf of Council.

2. MNL Convention Resolution Notice: The deadline for resolutions for the upcoming MNL Convention has been extended until October 23, 2009. He suggested that the Town may want to put forth a resolution banning the use of pesticides in the province. If each municipality were to implement its own restrictions the issue would still exist. It must, therefore, be addressed at a provincial level. Council generally agreed with the suggestion, and the Clerk was directed to prepare a draft resolution for consideration at the next Governance Standing Committee meeting.
3. Municipal Assessment Agency Board Nomination Notice: This item will be discussed at the next Public Meeting. A nominee, if applicable, will be decided at that time.
4. Firemen's Annual Ball: Mayor Hobbs strongly suggested that each Councillor should attend this event. It is a special occasion in the community. All Councillors will be attending the dinner, with the exception of Councillor Canning who will be arriving around 11:00 pm. The Clerk was directed to notify the Department.

## **Item 10: Adjournment**

### **Motion 448/2009 – Councillor King/Councillor Canning**

To adjourn Public Meeting 1252.

Yeas: 7 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor King, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

### **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

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Mayor Robert Hobbs

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Randy Drover, Town Clerk