

The Council's Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, May 8th, 2017 at 7:04pm in the board room of the Municipal Office.

**Present**

**Council:** Allan McInnis  
Angel Murphy  
Lloyd Gavin  
Judy Morrissey Richard  
Debbie Fennessey  
Wayne Gavin

Office Manager: Chancey Gaudette

RCMP: Derek Ewett

Resident/Staff: Mike Gavin  
Sam Arsenault

Media: Melissa, West Prince Graphic

Public/WBA Committee:	Nora Dorgan	Billy Williams
	Jennifer Rozell	Jack McCabe
	Thish Handrahan	Mandy Gaudet
	Raeann Kinch	Jody Gallant

1. **Meeting called to order**

Mayor Allan McInnis called the meeting to order, time 7: pm.

1. A) **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Lloyd Gavin declared he was in conflict with agenda item 7(a).

2 **Approval of Agenda**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Wayne Gavin and seconded by Councillor Lloyd Gavin;

That the agenda be approved with the addition under New Business 8.e. and 8.f. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the minutes were included in the Council's package. Councillor Judy Morrissey Richards noted that the minutes of April 10, 2017 item 5 (a) regarding the sidewalks, was incorrect. The sidewalk that is hazardous is by the post office not MJ's Bakery.

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Wayne Gavin and seconded by Councillor Debbie Fennessey; that the minutes of the Council's Regular Monthly Meeting held April 10, 2017 be approved with the amendments discussed completed first. **Motion Carried.**

At this time board members of the Western Ball Association joined the monthly meeting.

**4. Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Reports:**

**(a) St Lights/Streets/Sidewalks - Wayne Gavin**

**Re: St. Lights**, Councillor Wayne Gavin says they are all in working order.

**Re: Streets**, Councillor Wayne Gavin reported that there will need to be some patching done to the streets. Councillor Judy Morrissey Richard reported that the yield light at the corner coming into Tignish is not working. Chancey will report to highways.

**Re: Sidewalks**, Councillor Wayne Gavin reported that he will have a look at the sidewalks someday and report any work that needs to be done.

**(b) Library/ Fire Dept. /Planning Board – Debbie Fennessey**

**Re: Fire Department**, Councillor Debbie Fennessey didn't make it to the Fire department meeting. Spoke to Allan Gavin and got the report for the month. The firefighters responded to two grass fires, one mutual aid and seven medical calls in the past month.

**Re: Planning Board**, no report.

**Re: Library**, Councillor Debbie Fennessey informed Jessica at the Library that the Town is not responsible for covering the cost of paint; suggested that they contact Tignish Initiatives as they own the building.

**(c) Lagoon/Sewer and Water/Tignish Initiatives– Lloyd Gavin**

**Lagoon Project**, Meeting tomorrow afternoon (May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017) with Larry Stewart regarding the contract.

**Tignish Initiatives**, Councillor Lloyd Gavin reported that Colleen Handrahan will be managing the Heritage Inn. Heating system construction is soon going start. Ann at Tignish Initiatives got a quote to re route the piping not to go through the Well Field but the extra cost would be \$25,000.00 in which is not feasible. Stompin Tom project is coming along as planned. Grand opening falls on the same weekend as the Irish Moss Festival. Tignish Initiatives agreed to work together with Irish Moss Festival committee to create a fun filled weekend for all to enjoy.

Also, Tignish Initiatives were thankful to hear the news on the \$15,000.00 coming from the Town. Mayor Allan McInnis suggested that we get a copy of the minutes of the meeting every month to keep the Town familiarized with what is going on.

**Re: Sewer/Water,** Councillor Lloyd Gavin read a report on the sewer and water system. Mike attended level 1 & 2 Waste Water Treatment course in Halifax. A lot of information compiled into 4 days but definitely a great refresher to help Mike work towards his level 2 certificate. Mike will also be starting to flush the sewer system this week. May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> he will be flushing the water system. Mike will notify the businesses. Also, Chancey will have to put in Church bulletin to notify the residence.

**Re: Maintenance,** Streets and ditches are getting cleaned up. Sidewalks are all swept. Mike is working on getting all the picnic tables, benches, garbage cans and basket ball net out in the next week or so.

**(d) Finance/RCMP- Angel Murphy**

**Re: RCMP,** Derek Ewett read the report received from the detachment for the month of April 2017. RCMP responded to 16 calls for service within the Town. The report listed the nature of calls that the RCMP responded too. The RCMP recorded 170 hours spent in the Town. Councillor Angel Murphy suggested placing a check point on Dalton Ave.

**Re: Finance,** Copies of the list of bills were included in the council's package. The total list as of May 8th, 2017 was \$17716.88.

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Wayne Gavin; to pay the list of bills presented for a total of \$17716.88 with additions of two other bills (Coop & Karen's gift). **Motion Carried.**

**(e) Recreation / Park/CIB - Judy Morrissey Richard**

**Re: Recreation/Park,** Recreation Director Sam Arsenault read his report. Splash Pad: The initial order has gone in for the Splash Pad. Kim St.Pierre will be preparing the final documents for tender packages. Invitation for tender should be going out by the end of the month. IME: The planning has begun. We have met with Tignish Initiatives to work together as the grand opening for the Stompin Tom center will be happening on the same weekend. Some of the sponsor letters have been mailed out. Flag Football: Tignish Coop has generously donated \$500.00 towards the flag football Jersey's. Total cost to get the program up and running is \$950.00. Sam has applied through the participation grant to help cover some of the cost. If approved, the grant will more then cover the cost. WBA: The Western Ball Association has no interest in signing the proposal that was presented to their board. Since there has not been an agreement, it is in Sam's hope that by next ball season the recreation department will be able to once again offer Tignish Minor Ball.

**Re: CIB,** trees come in last week and were planted at grave yard. The planting event through Canada 150 grant will take place toward the end of June at the Tignish Elementary. Karen Gaudet Gavin has been in contact with Mike Ellsworth to arrange this event. Judges for CIB will be coming the middle of July which is earlier this year therefore Jamie has been working hard on

*Continued Reports 5 (e) Re: CIB*

all the flower beds throughout the Town. Karen Gaudet Gavin has also been working on profile book for Communities In Bloom.

**6. Public comments –**

Mayor Allan McInnis informed the Western Ball Board committee members that the Town Council were not aware of them attending tonight's meeting therefore, WBA will have a few moments to speak. Mayor McInnis also informed the WBA that this is comment only and not discussion.

Western Ball Association made a presentation to council. Nora Dorgan spoke on behalf of the WBA. Nora Dorgan would like the following questions answered:

1. Are all Town Council board members aware of the agreement that Sam recently presented to the Western Ball Association?
2. If so, Could someone please explain the increase in cost?
3. How does the Town Council expect WBA to pay \$20 an hour for evenings and weekends?

Councillor Judy Morrissey Richard asked to speak on behalf of the Town. About a month ago Nora and Judy spoke; Judy presented Sam (Recreation Director) FREE of charge to the WBA. Sam would take everything back on. He is responsible, mature and will look after everything for the WBA. They would have to worry about nothing. Nora agreed and took it back to the WBA board....they don't want him!!! So then Sam and Judy had to put a proposal together and based on last year's figures of the expense of running the ball program is where they came up with this proposal. Nora replied that the WBA was not interested in the Recreation Department taking all the money. WBA wants full control as to where the money would go. They (WBA) would like to see upgrades to the ball fields. Judy agreed that the recreation department wants the same things, that's why having a place to call home would create more opportunities as more time and effort would be put into applying for grants to help cover the cost for upgrading the ball fields within the Town. We need to be working together. WBA Committee, Sam, Judy and Chancey will meet at a later date to resolve these issues.

Councillor Judy Morrissey Richard also asked that Nora Dorgan president of the Western Ball Association clarify to the public that our Recreation Director Sam Arsenault did not take 9 weeks off; that there will be someone in the recreation office, from 8am - 4pm. Also, Sam is working evenings and weekends. Sam is putting in his hours allocated for his position.

**7. Correspondence****(a) Red Clay Blue Grass Festival Donation**

At this time Councillor Lloyd Gavin left the meeting, as he was in *Conflict of Interest*.

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Debbie Fennessey:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to make a donation of \$50.00 to the Red Clay Blue Grass Festival. **Motion Carried.**

**(b) West Prince Graphic Ad - Irish Moss Festival**

Councillor Lloyd Gavin came back to the meeting at this time.

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Wayne Gavin and seconded by Councillor Angel Murphy:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to put an Ad in the West Prince Graphic for the Irish Moss Festival. **Motion Carried.**

**(c) West Prince Graphic Ad - St Simon and St Jude Church Picnic**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Wayne Gavin:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to put an Ad in the West Prince Graphic for the St. Simon St. Jude Church Picnic. **Motion Carried.**

**8. New Business****(a) Motion: Sale of Truck**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Debbie Fennessey:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to give the money back to the Tignish Fire Department for the sale of the 1999 International Fire Truck, for the amount of \$8625.00. **Motion Carried.**

*Continued New Business*

**(b) Motion: Club Room make over**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Debbie Fennessey and seconded by Councillor Lloyd Gavin:

That Tignish Town Council agrees to give permission to the Tignish Fire Department to use the Fire hall at their discretion; for a meeting room and club room. Once constructed the Fire Hall will not be able to be used for any other outside functions as it will be for Fire Department use only. This makeover will be at cost to the Fire Department. **Motion Carried.**

**(c) Motion: Awarding Contractor for Lagoon Project.**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Lloyd Gavin and seconded by Councillor Wayne Gavin:

That the Town of Tignish agrees to award Stewart Enterprises Limited to perform the work required by the Contract Documents for Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades - 2017. (Second Cell- Lagoon Project) **Motion Carried.**

**(d) Motion: Borrow money for Lagoon Project**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Judy Morrissey Richard:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to borrow a maximum of \$1,531,725.00 with the Tignish Credit Union - League Savings through a short-term bridge loan for the construction of a second Cell Lagoon: With a Long Term Debt (LTD) of approximately \$420,300.00 and the other 75% will be subsidized under the Clean Waster Wastewater Fund. (CWWF) **Motion Carried.**

**(e) Motion: Letter of support for Liquor Licence (Bonnie Gaudet)**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Wayne Gavin:

That the Tignish Town Council agrees to write a letter of support to Bonnie Gaudet for her new business "Our Family Traditions Ltd." to obtain a Liquor Licence. **Motion Carried.**

*Continued New Business*

**(g) Motion: M E Callaghan Donation**

It was discussed and moved by Councillor Angel Murphy and seconded by Councillor Debbie Fennessey:

That Tignish Town Council agrees to give the same donation as we did in 2016. **Motion Carried.**

**9. Next meeting**

The Council's next monthly meeting is Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Adjournment**

Chairperson McInnis adjourned the meeting, time 9:05pm.

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**Chairperson, Allan McInnis**

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**Office Manager, Chancey Gaudette**