

Councillors Present: Mayor Churchill
Deputy Mayor Gordon
Councillor Arnold
Councillor Mackey
Councillor Blackwood, (Google Meet)
Councillor Whelan
Councillor Burry

Staff Present: Joanne Perry, Town Clerk/Acting Town Manager

MINUTES

1. Moved by Councillor Mackey and seconded by Councillor Burry that the minutes of Regular Council Meeting held on November 22, 2023 be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

MINUTES

2. Moved by Councillor Blackwood Jr. and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on December 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

2024 BUDGET

3. Moved by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Arnold that Council adopt the 2024 Budget with the Revenues and Expenses balanced at \$2,561,797.00 and the following tax rates be approved:

Water & sewer - \$31.50/month - due June 30/2024;

Water or sewer only - \$16.25/month - due June 30/2024;

Water/sewer vacant land - \$1.50/foot frontage minimum \$100.00; maximum \$300.00;

Property tax - 6.75 mils - due June 30/2024;

Residential Garbage Disposal Fee - \$175.00/ yearly - due June 30/2024;

Commercial property tax - 8.50 mils due June 30/2024;

Minimum property tax (homeowners) - \$400.00/year - due June 30/2024;

Vacant Land - \$400.00 - due June 30/24 (no additional property);

Vacant Land - \$75.00 per parcel for homeowners with additional property;

Minimum business tax - \$400.00 per year (see specific class) - due June 30/2024;

NL Power - 2.5% of gross revenue - due Feb. 28/2024,

Bell Aliant - 2.5% of gross revenue - due Feb. 28/2024,

Bell Canada - 2.5% of gross revenue - due Feb. 28/2024;

Cable tv companies - 2.5% of gross revenue - due Feb. 28/2024.

BUSINESS TAX

Class 1 - 14.50 mils - hotels and motels;

Class 2 - 16.50 mils - grocery, convenience stores, variety stores, amusements, restaurants, clothing stores, building material stores, hardware stores, funeral homes, and all other with no specific designation;

Class 3 - 16.50 mils - motor vehicle repair, welding shops, aluminum fabrication shops, boat building & repair, and garages;

Class 4 - 14.75 mils - beauty salons, craft shops, and flower shops;

Class 5 - 18.75 mils - plumbing, heating, and electrical services, and takeouts;

Class 6 - 22.50 mils - sawmills;

Class 7 - 56.50 mils - professional, insurance companies;

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Class 8 - 150.00 mils - banks/credit unions

Class 10 - 131.00 mils - all other financial institutions;

Class 11 - 22.50 mils - \$400.00 Min. -

Contractors/building/renovations

Class 12 - 22.50 mils - \$500.00 Min. - Contractors/
heavy equipment/road/w/s

Class 13 - 16.50 mils - manufacturing of granular
material;

Class 14 - 16.50 mils - fish plants;

Class 15 - 6.25 mils - seniors' homes;

Class 16 - 22.50 mils - veterinary clinics;

Class 17 - 16.50 mils - \$400.00 Min. - Carpenter shops

Class 18 - 7.50 mils - \$400.00 Min. - Bed & Breakfast

Class 19 - 13.75 mils - \$400.00 Min. - Pubs/Lounges

Class 30 - \$500.00 per year - short term vacation rentals,
ie. AIRbnb

Other Charges - miscellaneous general repair permits -
\$25.00,

residential building permits - \$50.00, commercial building
permits - \$55.00 and permit to operate a business \$50.00.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor
Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey,
E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

**PERMIT KIMBERLY
TAYLOR - AIRBNB**

4. Moved by Councillor Arnold and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gordon that a permit be issued to Kimberly Taylor to operate an Airbnb from residential property located at 37 Main Street South, subject to advertising and Service NL approval.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING
CONTEST**

5. Moved by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Mackey that Council encourage all residents to decorate their homes for Christmas. Send a photo and a name will be drawn for \$100.00 gift card from a local business of choice.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

MINUTES

6. Moved by Councillor Whelan and seconded by Councillor Mackey that a resident's name be drawn for a \$50.00 gift card for finding the 24 decorated windows in the Christmas Advent Window Calendar contest.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

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**DONATION
SALVATION ARMY
FOOD BANK**

7. Moved by Councillor Mackey and seconded by Councillor Arnold that Council donate \$750.00 to the Salvation Army Foodbank.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

**REDMOND GORDON-
CULVERTS -
NORTHWEST ARM**

8. It was a consensus that Redmond Gordon be advised that the Town does not have culverts available for use on Northwest Arm Trails.

**MUNICIPAL PLAN/
DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS ICSP**

9. It was a consensus that preparation of Municipal Plan/ Development Regulations and ICSP be placed on deferred business on the agenda.

BIOMAX CONTRACT

10. Moved by Councillor Burry and seconded by Councillor Blackwood Jr. that Council enter into a 4 year Service Contract with Biomax for years 2024-2027. Annual cost \$20,046.72 +HST.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

**DAMNABLE TRAIL -
TERRA NOVA
TOURISM ASSOC. INC.**

11. It was a consensus that the information from the TNTA Inc. Re: Damnable Trail System maintenance be filed for information.

**DEPT. OF HEALTH &
COMMUNITY
SERVICES RE:
NALOXONE KIT
DISTRIBUTION**

12. It was a consensus that the Council not participate in the distribution of naloxone kits from the Town office. Council of the option that the medical clinic and the pharmacy would be better suited for this activity.

**CORRESPONDENCE
CANADIAN
ADVENTURES
CHARTERS**

13. It was a consensus that the correspondence received from Canadian Adventure Charters be placed on file until they have secured Government Funding.

CHEQUE REGISTER
“A”

14. Moved by Councillor Mackey and seconded by Councillor Arnold that the cheque register “A” be approved as presented.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Mackey and Blackwood Jr. left Chamber table due to conflict of interest on next matter discussed.

CHEQUE REGISTER
“B”

15. Moved by Councillor Arnold and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gordon that the cheque register “B” be approved as presented.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Mackey and Blackwood Jr. returned to table.

Councillor Arnold left Chamber table due to conflict of interest on next matter discussed.

CHEQUE REGISTER
“C”

16. Moved by Deputy Mayor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Blackwood Jr. that the cheque register “C” be approved as presented.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr., P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Arnold returned to table.

EXEMPTION

17. Moved by Councillor Arnold and seconded by Councillor Blackwood Jr. that the following exemption be approved.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr., P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

18. Moved by Councillor Arnold and seconded by Councillor Blackwood Jr. that the meeting adjourn.

In favour: Mayor D. Churchill, Deputy Mayor Gordon, Councillors C. Arnold, R. Mackey, E. Blackwood Jr., P. Whelan and C. Burry.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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