

**COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Jim Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm with Deputy Mayor Cairns, Councillor George Cyr, Shawn Brown, Jeanette Spearing, Gregory Moran, and Brad Brown present. Also present was CAO Brian Baker.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Spearing, and passed unanimously to approve the November 7, 2023 agenda.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:** Councillor Spearing said that she would be in conflict of interest on item 4 (2) Rental space at the Market Building

**Delegations:**

**Sgt Nelson, RCMP:** Sgt Nelson was out of the province and his report was read into the minutes.

**Jeanette Spearing, renting space at Market:** Councillor Spearing excused herself before the discussion. Ms Spearing has asked to rent the space at the Market Building where the Rustic Rooster was located. She would like to have a barber business located there.

**A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously to approve renting the space to Councillor Spearing to have a Barber Shop.  
Motion carried**

**Chief Brian Hunter, Simonds Fire Dept:** Chief Hunter was unable to attend the meeting and his report was read into the Minutes.

**Chief Carey Gray, St. Martins Fire Dept:** Chief Gray was unable to attend the meeting and his report was read into the Minutes.

**Correspondence:**

**Kennebecasis Crimestoppers:** A letter from the Kennebecasis Crimestoppers was read into the Minutes. They have requested a donation of \$300 to support the ongoing efforts of the Kennebecasis Crime Stoppers for 2024.

**A motion was made by Councillor Brad Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously to support the Kennebecasis Crimestoppers in the amount of \$300 in January 2024.**

**Motion Carried**

**Tabatha Chatterton, Harbour Lights:** A letter was read into the Minutes from Mrs. Chatterton asking for support to purchase additional Christmas lights within the Harbour Park Area.

**A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Shawn Brown and passed unanimously to donate \$250.00 towards purchasing additional Christmas Lights**  
**Motion Carried**

**Forest Dale Home Inc:** A letter was read into the Minutes from Forest Dale Home Inc. They feel that one of the major issues impacting our area is the lack of quality affordable housing.

**A motion was made by Councillor Spearing, seconded by Councillor Moran to receive and file this letter and that CAO Brian Baker would contact them to ask them to make a presentation to the Council.**  
**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Open Meeting, October 10, 2023**

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cairns, seconded by Councillor Spearing, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings.**  
**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Closed Meeting, October 24, 2023**

**A Motion was made by Councillor Spearing, seconded by Councillor Shawn Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the closed meeting.**  
**Motion Carried**

**Old Business:**

**Development Officer**

**Crosswalks:**

**Amphitheatre & Harbour Park:**

**Repairs to Decks at Community Centre:**

**Garbage in Chester Park:**

**Repairs to Roof at 4 Season Complex:**

**Fundy-St. Martins web page:**

**CAO Brian Baker provided Council with a report on each issue in the Old Business. This was read into the Minutes. The report has been filed and received.**

## **New Business:**

### **Commissions & Committees:**

- 1) **Financial** – Councillor Moran reported that a Financial Meeting will be held within two weeks.
- 2) **Human Resources**: Councillor Spearing reported that the Working Alone policy will be the next policy looked at.
- 3) **Administration – By-Laws** – Deputy Mayor Cairns reported that Unsightly Premises and CAO By-Law will be the next By-Laws that will be worked on. The ATV By-Law Open Houses generated a great deal of good information which will be taken back to the By-Law committee within next couple of weeks.
- 4) **Communications & Active Living** – Councillor Shawn Brown mentioned that the First Annual Santa Claus Parade will be held on November 24 starting at Harbour Park and finishing at the Community Centre. Hot chocolate and Cookies will be served. Christmas in the Village is happening and Tree Lighting at the Harbour. Councillor Shawn Brown suggested that a letter be sent to Hampton to thank them for their help in painting the ice at the rink. Hampton supplied the people and the equipment and we supplied the paint.
- 5) **Emergency Management & Public Safety** – George Cyr. Training is ongoing and a table top exercise will be scheduled for the near future. Hopefully, Seaview Community Centre and Fairfield Baptist Church will be the next locations for emergency generators.

### **Creation of Tourism Committee:**

**A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Spearing and passed unanimously to create a new Tourism Committee. Mayor Bedford and Clerk Jean McCumber have offered to sit on the new Tourism Committee. An ad will be placed on the Fundy-St. Martins Facebook page to ask the public if they would like to join the Tourism Committee.**

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on Removing Snow from St. Martins sidewalks winter of 2023/2024:** Councillor Shawn Brown has expressed concern for the people who access the sidewalks in the winter. This included approx. 8 school aged students and students walking to the 4 Season Complex. It was suggested that the residents be responsible to remove the snow in front of their houses. However, most of our residents are older or seasonally owners and cannot clean the snow in front of their homes. A machine to clean the snow would cost approximately \$70,000. It was suggested that it might be included in the 2024 budget.

**Application for Exemption to the Noise By-Law:** Greg Marks has asked for an exception to the Noise By-Law so that he might be able to perform the "Last Post" in his driveway on Remembrance Day. Under the Nuisance By-Law #6, Section 6 (f) Remembrance Day has an exemption for noise.

**Approval of the Bills**

The bills listed with these minutes were presented for payment and were formally approved at this time and are attached to the original Minutes.

**A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Spearing, and passed unanimously.**

**Motion Carried**

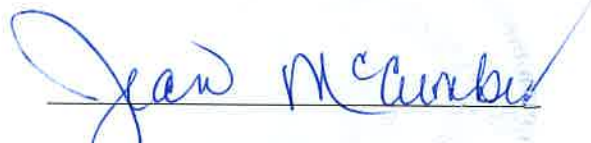
**Call for next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

**Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

  
James Bedford, Mayor

  
Jean McCumber, Clerk