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**Minutes**

**Special Meeting of Town Council**

**June 11, 2024**

**Town Hall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ben Didham, Mayor

Joan Nolan, Councillor

Loretta Nash, Councillor

Don Corrigan, Councillor

Paula Linehan, Councillor

Brenda Pike, Town Clerk

**MEETING CHAIR:**

Ben Didham, Mayor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**APPLICATION TO FIRE SERVICES FOR USED FIRE TRUCK**

Mayor Didham provided background information on a 1991 International 4900 Pumper truck which is available in Paradise for $30,000. There was discussion around the present need for the fire truck, based on the age in relation to the existing truck (1987), which has had considerable work, including a new pump, recently. Mayor Didham will request that Scott Tilley, Fire Marshall, view the truck with him to make sure the truck is suitable for the Town’s needs. It has passed inspection; the pump needs to be re-tested for certification. The size of the Fire Hall is a concern; however, the truck will fit in the Town Hall once the modifications are made to move the fire hall. Once its suitability is ascertained, Mayor Didham will meet with the Fire Department.

An application for funding under Fire and Emergency Services has been submitted due to the timeliness of the availability of the truck. (See motion).

If the fire truck is purchased, the Town wouldn’t keep the current pumper truck. The Fire Department members will need Air Brake training for this truck.

**Motion #2024-35: Joan Nolan; Loretta Nash**

The Town of Colinet will submit an application to Fire and Emergency Services for funding to possibly purchase the used fire truck outlined herein.

All in Favor; none opposed Motion Carried

**DEED OF CONVEYANCE**

Councillor Corrigan presented a survey (attached) which depicts that 3’ of his commercial property infringes on Council property (town road). He requested that Council transfer ownership of this 3’ to him, as it does not impede traffic or otherwise affect the property. (When an addition to the commercial building was constructed back in 2004, this extra 3’ was taken in).

Councillor Corrigan excused himself from the meeting.

**Motion #2024-36: Loretta Nash; Paula Linehan**

Council hereby transfers ownership of the 3’ of land to Don Corrigan, as per the survey presented to Council.

All in Favor; None opposed Motion Carried

Mayor Didham will sign the Deed of Conveyance on behalf of Council with a Commissioner for Oaths as a witness.

Councillor Corrigan returned to the meeting.

**BASEMENT DOOR**

Brian (Maintenance) will repair the basement door to the Town Hall. This area is being rented by SAEN while work is ongoing for the Rocky River project at a rate of $125 monthly, with SAEN being responsible for cleaning.

**NEWSLETTER**

Rather than including the full letter composed by Mr. Davis regarding Markland Road in the upcoming newsletter, a portion of the letter will be included, as well as direction to the Town’s Facebook page and town office for anyone wanting to read the complete letter.

Councillor Nolan presented Council with a brief update on the establishment of a Stewardship Committee for Rocky River, with possible extensions to Colinet and North Harbour Rivers. The full scope of the committee will be determined in the future. Council agreed the update will be included in the upcoming Town newsletter.

Ms. Nolan advised that she will act as a liaison between the town and the Steering/Stewardship Committee.

**HIRING OF POSITIONS FOR ROCKY RIVER PROJECT**

Council expressed concern that the two positions advertised for the Rocky River project have been filled without consideration for local applicants. SAEN members had stressed the importance of local engagement and the need for local people to take ownership of the future of Rocky River. Mr. Power, SAEN, was very specific at the meeting with Council that two local people would be hired for the field work; Council is aware of at least one local applicant, who has experience working on Rocky River and had applied for the position. They are very surprised and disappointed that this applicant wasn’t considered, especially in light of SAEN’s very direct indications that local hires would be preferable.

Mayor Didham will contact Kevin Power of SAEN to request clarification on how the hiring process was carried out and why local applicants weren’t offered the positions, as per SAEN’s indication at the meetings.

**CANADA DAY AND 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Canada Day: The Loggers’ Society has an event planned for June 30 so Council doesn’t see the need to hold a separate event. Mayor Didham requested that Councillor Nash request the Loggers’ Society include Council in their next meeting so they can discuss a collaborative event between the Loggers and Council. Once Council meets with the Loggers, they will determine how to proceed for Canada Day.

50th Anniversary Celebrations: The Town of Colinet will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its incorporation in September of this year. Council discussed having a community event at the Town Hall in recognition of this milestone.

**Motion #2024-37: Joan Nolan; Paula Linehan**

This meeting is adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

All in favor; none opposed Motion Carried

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Bernard Didham, Mayor Brenda Pike, Town Clerk