

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 8, 2021**  
**Town Hall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Elaine Nash, Kevin McDonald, Ian Goudie, Brenda Young, F. David Power, Brenda Pike, Eugene McDonald

Absent: Doug Dean, Ashley Byrne

**MEETING CHAIR:**

Elaine Nash, Mayor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION BY 50+ CLUB**

On behalf of the 50+ Club, Eugene McDonald, President, enquired as to the restrictions around public gatherings, specifically the 50+ New Years' Dance. The Club has a band booked; however, restricted numbers could mean they will not take in enough funds to cover the cost of the band. As a reference, he explained that in order to break even, they would need 90 people paying \$20.00; 75 people paying \$25.00 or 60 people paying \$30.00. Council approved a maximum number of 75 people; all attending must be fully vaccinated and provincial COVID guidelines must be adhered to. Mr. McDonald will submit a plan for the gathering after the 50+ Board meeting tomorrow.

With reference to cleaning supplies which were previously supplied by the 50+ club in exchange for use of the hall, Council agreed this would continue.

Mr. McDonald left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion #2021-11-08-179: Brenda Young; Ian Goudie

Adopt the Agenda of November 8, 2021

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Motion #2021-11-08-180 : Kevin McDonald; F. David Power

Adopt the Minutes of October 18, 2021

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

**FINANCES:**

**Financial Report**

Motion #2021-11-08-181: Ian Goudie; Kevin McDonald

Adopt the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2021

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Reports**

**1) Policy and Procedures Committee**

Motion #2021-11-08-182: Kevin McDonald; Ian Goudie

Adopt the Town of Mount Carmel-Mitchell's Brook-St. Catherine's Proof of Vaccination Policy for Mount Carmel Town Hall, Library, Fire Hall and Garden Buildings.

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

**2) Infrastructure Committee**

Nothing to report.

**3) Fire Department Report**

Nothing to report.

**4) Town Clerk Report**

- Final tax notices have gone out
- Security cameras have been received
- Harassment statement has been posted in Town Office and Town Hall
- Newsletters have been mailed out
- Municipal Handbooks have been received. (Distributed to Councillors at meeting).
- Several complaints about roaming dogs have been received at the office over the last few months. The Clerk will put a reminder in the next newsletter that owners are responsible for their pets and they shouldn't be roaming off leash throughout the community
- First Aid course has been completed.
- As per Councillor Young's request at the last meeting, the Clerk has compiled the following information:
  - Poll Taxes Paid Per Household:
    - One householder paying: 299
    - Two householders paying: 95
    - Three householders paying: 2
- Councillor Power was in contact with the pea stone supplier and they are experiencing a shortage.
- Dishwasher: Omcan will be picking up existing dishwasher and replacing it with a different model. (Late November/early December).
- Remembrance Day brochure is complete. Hon. Ken McDonald will attend this year.
- Council received a thank you from St. Catherine's Academy for their scholarship donation. Tyler Hickey was the recipient of the Athlete of the Year Award sponsored by the Town.

**5) Recreation Committee Report:**

Nothing to report.

**c) Crown Lands Request**

With reference to a request for Crown Land approval, the Clerk will contact Crown Lands to advise them of a possible private land encroachment and advise them that Council does not approve the application based on this

encroachment. Councillor Power's contact information will be provided to Crown Lands as a contact regarding this land.

**d) Eastern Health:**

Mayor Nash advised she had once again been in contact with Eastern Health and advised them of the concerns around the provision of health care in the area (eg. Blood work, testing, inability of people to drive or find transportation to medical appointments, etc.) To date, Council has not been notified of any changes to Eastern Health for the area. Mayor Nash will speak to the local MHA tomorrow at the joint council meeting and will request a status report on the services Eastern Health will be providing in this area.

**e) Budget:**

Due to recent increases in Eastern Regional Service Board fees, the budget will need to be re-examined. Poll taxes will have to be increased for 2022 to cover the additional expenses.

**f) Remembrance Day:**

Eugene McDonald will MC the ceremony. He will contact David Butland to have the fire trucks removed from the fire hall in the event people need shelter due to inclement weather.

**g) Water Treatment System:**

At the last maintenance appointment, the Mr. Rooter representative suggested that the Town should look at replacing its current water treatment system due to its age (10 years) and the problems that will begin to show as it ages more. The Town Clerk has received two quotes for replacement of the system and will apply for gas tax funding to have it replaced.

**h) Tax Rates for 2022**

Motion #2021-11-08-183: F. David Power; Kevin McDonald

To cover the additional garbage fee increase by ERSB, accept the following tax structure for 2022:

Poll Tax: \$245.00

Business Tax: Minimum \$265 or 3/10 of 1% of gross revenue + \$15.00

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

**ROUND TABLE**

- Gerald Dalton has been spreading sand on parking lot. However, he has an issue with his equipment and is waiting on parts. Work will continue in a few days.
- The Clerk will request an invoice from Leo Squires. Mayor Nash will check on an extension for the completion of the work.
- Council will contact the Fire Department to determine what the plan is when the Fire Chief is unavailable.
- The Clerk noted that Councillor Byrne has expressed an interest in being the contact for Council with NCC.
- The Clerk brought forward a request to Council re the operation of a bed and breakfast/restaurant in St. Catherine's. Council approves the business as long as all government and outside agency requirements are met.
- Council will compose a letter to property owners in the Town who own uninhabited and unsafe buildings or other structures on their property, requesting that they be removed, made safe or that signs be posted

warning people to keep out. These structures pose a safety risk, especially to children who may be unaware of the dangers of playing in these areas.

- Councillor Power gave a short presentation on the D'Iberville Trail and felt there is great potential for development. This will be discussed further when the Trail Committee is put in place in January.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m..

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion #2021-11-08-184: F. David Power; Kevin McDonald

This meeting is adjourned.

All in favor; none opposed

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.