

# TOWN OF TROUT RIVER

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Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Horace Crocker
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Gloria Barnes
	<b>Councillors</b>	Marsha Crocker
		Rosie Crocker
		Tina Crocker
		Tom Sheppard
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	Elwood Crocker
<b>Also, Present:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	Lorraine Barnes-Gushue
	<b>Town Assistant</b>	Sharrel Mclean

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

## Resolution 17-302

**G. Barnes/ M. Crocker**

Motion to adopt the agenda with amendments:

**Under Financial - Outstanding Invoices #1:**

Add: Hi-Tec Communication for the amount of \$1,752.80

**Under General Business:**

Add: # 7. Streetlighting

**Under Delegates:**

Add: Corey Spracklin, Fire Commissioner of Deer Lake

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: Councillors, E. Crocker, T. Crocker**

## Delegate: A resident entered The Chambers @ 7:08

A resident had sent correspondence to the previous meeting which occurred on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 requesting an exemption of waste fees for the property located at 53C Duke Street due to no occupancy at the residents. Council had agreed to reject their request due to the fact that it would not be appropriate in the case of equality among the residence. The resident presented the same argument as a delegate. Council again agreed to reject the residents request on the same grounds, and furthermore although there was no service being used at the location on the specific

dates requested, the service was still available to be used at any given time during the requested exemption period. A letter is to be sent to the resident.

**Council thanked the resident for attending; Resident departed; Council discussed the situation which was presented.**

**Resolution 17-303**

**G. Barnes/ R. Crocker**

Motion to deny a credit for the delegated resident for the property located at 53C Duke Street.

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0**  
**Crocker**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker, T.**

**Councillor, Tina Crocker arrived @ 7:25pm**

**Resolution 17-304**

**R. Crocker/ G. Barnes**

Adoption of Minutes with Amendments on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes

- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Great Humber Joint Council, clarify the date of the meeting and the Christmas Social; Resolution # 17-278 specify names for voting at the GHJC meeting, add Mayor, Horace Crocker and Deputy Mayor Gloria Barnes; Resolution 17-283 change the word liaison.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
- November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Fire Department**

Derek Simmonds, Fire Commissioner of St. John's, was invited to attend the meeting for this particular subject; He could not make it, Corey Spracklin, Fire Commissioner of Deer Lake, attended in his place.

**Delegate: Corey Spracklin entered The Chambers @ 7:30 pm**

Mr. Spracklin was invited to provide insight into the ongoing issues of The Fire Department and The Chief. Council had already contacted Municipal Affairs and Fire Emergency Services to request direction on how to proceed concerning the issue prior to this meeting. Council agreed that Ralph Traverse, current Fire Chief, had tried repeatedly to abide by the regulations governed under the Municipalities Act, concerning The Fire Department. The fact that it is an arm of Council would require him to follow Council's direction. Although many attempts were made, Mr. Traverse could not regain control of The Fire Department and its members, which in turn left him lacking in many of his responsibilities as Fire Chief. The same issues have plagued the Fire Department for many years (as far back as 2013, according to previous Council's and the minutes from their meetings), to the point where it was completely out of control. Our Fire

Chief, Ralph Traverse, although he tried his best, could not govern The Fire Department or its members as efficiently as required. Mr. Spracklin provided Council with details of duties that would fall under the Fire Chiefs title, the responsibilities required as Fire Chief, as well as the proper process of appointing a new chief if needed. He also offered to be available whenever needed while we were making the transition.

### **Resolution 17-305**

#### **G. Barnes/ R. Crocker**

Motion to dismiss Ralph Traverse of his Fire Chief duties and appoint the Deputy Chief as acting Fire Chief until a new Fire Chief is selected, if the Deputy Chief accepted the position.

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Sheppard**  
**Opposed: Councillors, M. Crocker, T. Crocker Abstaining: 0 Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Council thanked Mr. Spracklin for attending and for the insight he provided; Mr. Spracklin departed @ 7: 52 pm**

### **Public Works**

#### **Water/Sewer**

- A couple of residents have experienced some noise in their pipes, a sort of vibration. The maintenance man was to release some pressure at one of the hydrants to see if it would help with the noise.
- 126-128 Main Street experienced a break in their water line. The maintenance man was called in to turn off the curb stop so repairs could be done. Upon turning the curb stop back on the Maintenance Man discovered the curb stop was broken, he proceeded to replace it.

#### **Garbage**

- We were informed that we will have a drop off point for white metals, where residents can transport and drop items themselves; This site should be up and running by July 2018, but no later than October 2018.
- Our garbage that had been transported to Deer Lake to be disposed of will no longer have that destination, as of the new year our garbage will be brought to Hampton for disposal; Because of this change the overall disposal rate for garbage for the town will increase close to triple the amount we are currently spending on garbage disposal.
- We inquired as to whether or not we could acquire our own dumping site for garbage disposal, similar to what we had in the community in the past, the answer we received concerning the question was “Absolutely Not!”. Therefore, no drop off for any waste is permitted in Trout River.

#### **Roads**

- Anthony Blanchard was contacted concerning the fill that is needed for the sides of the road, although it still has not been done. Town Clerk will make a reminder call.
- Department of Transportation will be plowing by-roads this winter season.
- Mr. Blanchard also informed the town clerk that he would be coming to take pictures of the turn-around at the end of Duke Street and to investigate the current situation regarding a turnaround and safety issues, to determine whether or not they would plow it; a councillor informed council that they had already plowed the road, Duke Street.

**Permits**

Permit to build an 8x10 shed located at 27B Hillcrest Road.

**Resolution 17-306**

**M. Crocker/ G. Barnes**

Motion for public works to gather more information on location, pending approval of the permit to build a shed located at 27B Hillcrest Road.

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0      Abstaining: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes      Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Financial Report**

**Resolution 17-307**

**Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes/ T. Crocker**

Motion to pay December #1

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                      Abstaining: 0                      Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Resolution 17-308**

**T. Crocker/ R. Crocker**

Motion for Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes to depart due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Councillors T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard, R. Crocker**

**Opposed: 0      Abstaining: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes      Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Deputy Mayor G. Barnes departed**

**Resolution 17-309**

**T. Crocker/ M. Crocker**

Motion to pay December #2

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Councillors T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard, R. Crocker**

**Opposed: 0      Abstaining: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes      Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Deputy Mayor G. Barnes returned**

**Resolution 17-310**

**M. Crocker/ R. Crocker**

Motion for Mayor, H. Crocker to depart due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                      Abstaining: Mayor H. Crocker                      Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Mayor H. Crocker departed, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes assumed chair**

**Resolution 17-311**

**R. Crocker/ M. Crocker**

Motion to pay December #3

**In favor: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                    Abstaining: Mayor, H. Crocker                    Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Mayor H. Crocker returned and resumed chair**

**Resolution 17-312**

**M. Crocker/ G. Barnes**

Motion for Councillor T. Crocker to depart due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0    Abstaining: Councillor, T. Crocker                    Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Councillor T. Crocker departed**

**Resolution 17-313**

**M. Crocker/ T. Sheppard**

Motion to pay December #4

**In favor: Mayor, H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                    Abstaining: Councillor, T. Crocker                    Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Councillor T. Crocker returned**

**Resolution 17-314**

**R. Crocker/ T. Crocker**

Motion for Councillor M. Crocker to leave due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Mayor, H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                    Abstaining: Councillor, M. Crocker                    Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Councillor, M. Crocker departed**

**Resolution 17-315**

**T. Crocker/ Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes**

Motion to pay December #5

**In favor: Mayor, H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0                    Abstaining: Councillor, M. Crocker                    Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Resolution 17-316**

**R. Crocker/ G. Barnes**

Motion for Councillors T. Crocker to depart due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: Councillors, T. Crocker, M. Crocker Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Councillor T. Crocker departed**

**Resolution 17-317**

**R. Crocker/ T. Sheppard**

Motion to pay December #6

**In favor: Mayor, H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: Councillors, T. Crocker, M. Crocker Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Councillors M. Crocker and T. Crocker returned**

**Budget 2018**

**Resolution 17-318**

**M. Crocker/ T. Sheppard**

Motion to accept the 2018 Tax Structure

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Resolution 17-319**

**T. Crocker/ R. Crocker**

Motion for Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes to depart due to conflict of interest

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Councillors T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard, R. Crocker**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Resolution 17-320**

**T. Crocker/ T. Sheppard**

Motion to accept medical benefits excluding dental for 2 town employees for budget 2018

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Councillors T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard, R. Crocker**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: Deputy Mayor G. Barnes Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

**Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes returned**

**Resolution 17-321**

**M. Crocker/ T. Sheppard**

Motion to adopt the 2018 Budget

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Heritage**

- November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 a meeting occurred
- Suggestions to install a power source on the view points on the boardwalk
- Members inquired on the Lobster and Capelin Signs on the Boardwalk
- The Committee requested clarification on the deed for The Jacob A. Crocker House, they will be informed that such a request has to be in writing.

### **Recreation**

- No meetings have occurred

### **HR Committee**

- Due to Councillor, E. Crocker's absence, Mayor, Horace Crocker will assist Councillor M. Crocker in the H.R Department to review the 2018 Employee Contracts.

### **Great Humber Joint Council (GHJC)**

- The meeting was held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the debate was concerning regionalization

### **Bonne Bay South Joint Council**

- Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017; Mayor, H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor, G. Barnes and Town Clerk, Lorraine Barnes-Gushue attended.

### **The Mayors Forum**

- Occurred on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Councillor R. Crocker attended the forum, and returned with contact information regarding waste disposal, and possible funding sources to possibly cover a portion of waste cost since our garbage disposal cost will rise significantly in the near future.

## **Correspondence**

**#1.** The Town of Trout River received a Thank You card from a previous councillor

**#2.** A resident wrote requesting a culvert to be dug out; Request was denied due to Council not being responsible for maintenance of culverts located on personal property.

**#3.** An inquiry was received from a property owner concerning a piece of property that had been rezoned in an Environmentally Protected Area, requesting the developmental restrictions associated with the re-zoned property; Council will reply to the request in writing explaining the restrictions, and enclose a link to The Municipal Plan and The Development Regulations concerning the plan.

**#4.** Town of Trout River received correspondence regarding Gas Tax Balance.

**#5.** A councillor had sent a letter to rescind a previous letter dated November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 that they had submitted to council prior to the previous monthly meeting.

#6. A Councillor sent correspondence verifying they had stepped down as Treasurer for The Fire Department.

#7. Jakeman All Grade sent correspondence requesting to use the town truck to transport recyclables to the depot; council agreed that when the truck was to make a trip to pick up supplies for the town, they would inform the school prior to, and transport a load each time.

#8. Correspondence was received requesting guidance regarding funding for the Chimney Cove Trail. A letter is to be sent stating the suggestions council has regarding the issue.

#9. PMA correspondence regarding the importance of upcoming training.

#10. A resident wrote requesting to repay a past Poll Tax debit weekly until the arrears is settled. Council have granted the resident the opportunity to do so.

#11. Town of Trout River received correspondence informing them of a new board of directors for Western Regional Waste Management.

**General Business:**

**# 1. Student for Town of Trout River**

Carry Over

**# 2. Sign for Town Entry**

Carry Over

**# 3. Christmas Tree**

Council has agreed to purchase and plant a tree so it can be used for our annual Tree Lighting.

**# 4. Town Manager**

Council has agreed that we do not need a town manager at this time.

**# 5. I-Pads**

Get quotes

**# 6. Mayor Forum**

The event was carried out on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**# 7. Street Lighting**

Carry Over



**Next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Resolution 17-322**

**M. Crocker/ T. Crocker**

Motion to adjourn

**In favor: Mayor H. Crocker, Deputy Mayor G. Barnes, Councillors, R. Crocker, T. Crocker, M. Crocker, T. Sheppard**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: Councillor, E. Crocker**

Approved On:

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Signed:

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Position:

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