

Town of Winterland
Regular Council Meeting, December 7, 2022

Minutes of the regular meeting of council
Of the Town of Winterland, held in the
Town Office, December 7, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Members Present Mayor D. Pittman
Deputy Mayor D. Cribb
Councilors K. Stapleton, A. Dodge & C. Kenway

Also Present Town Clerk/Manager M. Simms
Admin. Asst. G. Walsh
Jean Hynes

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Dave Pittman presented former councilor Jean Hynes with her 12 year long service award.

Call to Order Mayor D. Pittman called the meeting to order @ 7:10 pm.

Agenda Motion 2022-110 Kenway/Stapleton
Council approved the agenda for December 7 as presented.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes Motion 2022-111 Cribb/Dodge
Council approved the minutes of the November 1 council meeting as presented with no errors or omissions.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Budget Minutes Motion 2022-112 Cribb/Stapleton
Council approved the minutes of the budget meeting as read by M. Simms with no errors or omissions.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.

******Deputy Mayor D. Cribb left the meeting @ 7:15pm due to conflict of interest**

Financial Incentive Motion 2022-113 Dodge/Kenway

Council had some discussion as to what groups could avail of payments through council to receive a tax break. Those groups who are not considered to be 'under the arm of council' will not be able to avail of this incentive. However, with regards to the Trail Association, council has agreed to make a donation to this group after council reviews their expenses for 2023. As well, council has agreed to include this group to avail of the Fundraiser Incentive program in 2023.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

******Deputy Mayor D. Cribb returned to the meeting @ 7:25pm.**

Christmas Tree Motion 2022-114 Kenway/Stapleton

Council approved the purchase of a farmed Christmas @ a cost of \$432.35 plus delivery fee @ \$230 to replace last years tree. Claude has volunteered the upkeep of the tree for now and council will review this in the spring.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Rental Question

Council was asked by a potential renter if they could use the old fire garage to cook a deep fried turkey. Council does not feel it is safe to cook inside the building but they cook it outside.

Water Sensors

Council reviewed the question regarding purchasing water sensors for the water heater in the hall. Council will not be going forward with this at this time.

Barrier

Council discussed the fact that vehicles are travelling from the fire hall parking lot and going through to the postal shelter. As this is not a designated pathway, council will look into putting markers on the property line to deter vehicles from passing through. To be discussed at the next council meeting.

******Mayor D. Pittman left the meeting due to conflict of interest @ 7:45pm.**

Building Application Motion 2022-115 Kenway/Cribb

Council approved a building application for Dave Pitman for a single family dwelling to be located at the end of Branch Rd. (address to be determined through MAA)

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

*****Mayor D. Pittman returned to the meeting @ 7:50pm.**

Hall Rentals

Council will ask the recreation committee to assign members to a weekend each to handle any issues/complaints that may arise from weekend rentals. The Town office will still take bookings and issue rental agreements and the key.

Snow Clearing

Motion 2022-116 Cribb/Stapleton

Council received the following bids for the 2 year snow clearing contract for the Municipal parking lot as well as the fire hall parking lot:

CASA - \$16,500 +HST (no additional charge after season)

Hooper's - \$18,000 +HST (\$400 +HST per clearing after season)

Troy's Trucking - \$30,400 +HST (\$325 +HST per cleaning after season)

Council awarded to snow clearing contract to CASA Construction Inc.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Trail Parking Lot

Council requested quotes of interest for snow clearing for the Eco Trail parking lot as well before making a decision on whether to clear the parking lot or not.

Quotes came in as follows:

CASA - \$3,500 +HST per year

Hooper's - \$3,500 +HST per year

Troy's Trucking - \$6,850 +HST per year

Council has decided against snow clearing the Eco Trail parking lot.

Responses

Discussion was had concerning correspondence between council meetings and the importance of responding to questions/issues in a timely fashion. All council members were encouraged to respond to the towns email.

- Signage Schedule** **Motion 2022-117** Cribb/Dodge
Council discussed the scheduling for the signage on the municipal grounds so the maintenance person will know when to change out the signs going forward.
Council has also agreed to order and purchase the town logo signage as a generic sign to be placed in between seasons.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- Honored Members** The fire department is looking into having plaques made for retired members as well as members who have served 25 plus years with the department. They asked council for assistance. Council will look at what needs to be done and make a decision at a later date.
- Water Testing** Council responded to a recent article posted concerning arsenic found in well water in NL. According to the findings posted on the government site, Winterland has no arsenic in its water as it's tested annually for this as well as tested monthly for E-coli. Council will have these findings posted on the webpage, FB page as well as sent to the residents email list.
- Donations** **Motion 2022-118** Kenway/Cribb
Council agreed to make the following donations:
\$100 to Sacred Heart Food Bank
\$100 St. Patrick's Food Bank
All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- Leave Request** **Motion 2022-119** Kenway/Cribb
Council approved the leave request for Ginger for December 14.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- New Business** Council discussed ownership of land that is currently being developed in the area. Council will check with Crown Lands and Agriculture to see what the status is on this.
Council will work on getting the number of residents on Kimberley Farm Dr. to pass along to MHA Paul Pike for the benefit of helping to get the speed limit reduced.

New Business Con't Ches gave council an overview of meetings he attended at the MNL convention.
New disclosure statements for councilors are available and have to be signed by March 1 of each year.
Council suggested the link for the Town Plan be added to the website.
Discussion was had concerning getting a reel engineered to pull up the water line when needed. Council will gather more detailed information on this and make a decision at a later date.
Discussion was had on what to do about repairing/replacing the pavement in the tennis court. Council will work on getting quotes and defer any decisions for now.

Adjournment **Motion 2022-120** Cribb/Kenway
Council adjourned the meeting @ 10pm with the next scheduled meeting to take place Tuesday, January 17 @ 7pm.
All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk/Manager _____