

Town of Hearts Content Special Meeting

Minutes October 17th, 2023

In Attendance: Mayor Dough Piercey, Councilors: Riley Balsom, Clarence Brown, Tolson Rendell & Valerie Whelan.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock

Topic: Community Collaboration Grant Program

A Special Meeting of Council was held on October 17th, 2023, at 4 PM

Recently the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs did a press release for municipalities across the province with a \$100,000 Community Collaboration Grant Program with a 90/10 Cost Sharing basis. Three (3

Municipalities submit the application with long-term collaboration highlighting their service gaps.

Hearts Content was approached by the Town of Winterton, to collaborate with them, as well as the Town of New Perlican & Hants Harbour to apply for the grant and collaborate with Waste Disposal Services.

The Town of Winterton would submit the application after two meetings with council members in all 3 municipalities, including the Town of Hearts Desire.

For all communities to collaborate with municipalities, all would have savings at years end, compared to the current contract with Eastern Regional Service Board.

Currently the Town of Hearts Content is paying \$47,600 yearly to ERSB and if the application is to be accepted by Municipal Affairs, the Town would have a projected annual savings of \$20,391.00 yearly.

The idea for the collaboration is as follows: Various Waste Disposal options for our area, possibly Hearts Desire to Hants Harbour. Total household pickup of 1023 residences. All towns are under a contract that expires March 31, 2023,

and exploring the possibility of an onsite Compactor in Winterton to be connected to 3 Phase Power.

With Multiple quotes from multiple waste disposal businesses, Premium Waste Services were cheapest.

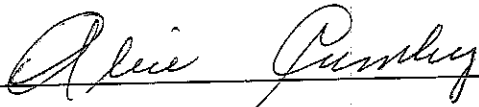
Mayor Doug Piercey asked council members if we could be willing to participate in this program and opened it for discussion. Councilor Riley Balsom and Mayor Doug Piercey voiced that the Town would most definitely have a cost savings In the long run compared to what we pay annually now. Councilor Tolson Rendell believes that it could be a better service to our residents and both Riley and Clarence both brought forward that it is a more feasible option for the town and our Maintenance staff workers. Councilor Valerie Whelan spoke on the savings of the town and the actual service being provided could be a better option.

Motion 118-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendell that the town of Hearts Content proceed with the Community Collaboration Program Grant Application with the Town of Winterton, New Perlican & Hants Harbour to better our Waste Disposal Services if the application is accepted. **V-6 AG-0 AB-0 Motion Carried**

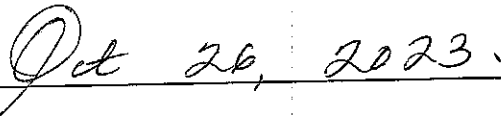
Motion 119-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, Seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendell to adjourn the special meeting. **V-6 AG 0 AV 0 Motion Carried**



Mayor



Town Clerk/Manager



Date