

**Town of Hearts Content Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm**

**Council Members in Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Doug Piercey  
**Deputy Mayor:** Glenda Hiscock  
**Councilor:** Clarence Brown  
**Councilor:** Riley Balsom  
**Councilor:** Tolson Rendell

**Office Staff:** Alice Cumby  
Jennifer Brown

1.0 CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Doug Piercey called the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council to Order at 735PM.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AUGUST 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion 102-23: Moved by Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock, seconded by Councilor Riley Balsom, to adopt the Special meeting minutes of August 24, 2023 as read.

In Favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

Motion 103-23: Moved by Councilor Tolson Rendell, seconded by Councilor Clarence Brown that the Regular Meeting Minutes of Council of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as read.

In Favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 COUNILOR JAMIE LAHEY RESIGNATION

Resignation of council was received though Councilors chat and council has not received an official letter.

Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock brought to attention that the current Nomination Day is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 with the resignation of Councilor Sandra Drover. As there are now two vacant seats she is wondering to be cost affective if we could hold on nomination day. Clerk/Manager will consult with Municipal Affairs regarding nomination day.

3.2 GIL BILLARD- EMAIL ( REQUEST FOR MEETING MINUTES ON TOWN WEBPAGE)

Council received an email from Gil Billard, who runs the Town Webpage requesting agenda and meeting minutes of our website that it would be beneficial for residents to see what is happening within the town and council. Councilor Riley Balsom suggested that he belives it would be transparent for the residents who do not reside in Hearts Content, councilors Tolson Rendell and Clarence Brown agree that it has been mentioned to them before.

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Motion 104-23: Moved by Clarence Brown, seconded by Councilor Riley Balsom to provide the agenda and meeting minutes once passed residents via the town website [www.townofheartscontent.ca](http://www.townofheartscontent.ca)  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

3.3    FIRE COMMISSIONER ROBERT FOWLER

Council Received a memo from Fire Commissioner that was distributed throughout all municipalities regarding Fire Prevention Week.

4.0    BUSINESS

4.1    CROWN LANDS APPLICATION – G.LEGGE

Motion 105-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, Seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendell, that Crown Lands Application #160294 submitted by G Legge be reviewed with a business plan for the development before council approves the land application.  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

4.2    CROWN LANDS APPLICATION- E. PARSONS

Motion 106-23: Moved by Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock, seconded by Councilor Clarence Brown that council approve Crown Lands application # 161678 to approve the construction of a cottage on North Point Road.  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

4.3    J & M PIERCEY- NEW BUILD PROPOSAL – NORTH POINT ROAD

Council received a building proposal to construct a home on 68-70 North Point Road with the approval to build another structure beside it in the future if possible.

Motion 107-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock, to grant permission for home construction on 68-70 North Point Road.  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

5.0    BUSINESS ARISING

5.1    TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM POLICY

At the August meeting of council, Councilor Riley Balsom, request that office staff develop a Travel Expense Policy for Council and Staff.

Motion 108-23: Moved by Councilor Clarence Brown, seconded by Councilor Riley Balsom, that council approve & adopt Travel Expense Policy which was developed by office staff & it be revised bi-annually (two years).  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

## 5.2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – AUDITORS

Motion 109-23: Moved by Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock, Seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendall that The Town of Hearts Content Request for Auditors Proposal for the new fiscal year 2024, with three (3) quotes upon request.

In Favor 5. Opposed 0. Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

## 5.3 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROGRAM WASTE DISPOSAL

The Town of Hearts Content, New Perlican, Winterton & Hants Harbour have all met to discuss community collaboration with the proposed grant that is available to join Garbage Disposal Services as the grant can provide funding at a cheaper cost than Eastern Waste.

The next meeting will be held in Winterton on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with more information to be provided on quotes.

## 5.4 DYNAMIC ENGINEERING- PHASE 2 CAPITAL PROJECT

The Town of Hearts Content has completed and submitted its Capital Works Project Request to extend the 8' Waterline from the SUF Hall to the Booster Pumping Station. Due to project cost escalation, the town has had to develop a new Phase for the project to complete the waterline. All quotes have been provided by Dynamic Engineering.

## 5.5 MAINTENANCE WORKER- CASUAL CALL IN RESUMES

Council received six (6) applications and resumes for the new posted position of Casual Call in Maintenance Person. From the six resumes received council has made a decision of 3 that could best fit the job description and will hold interviews Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 starting at 730PM. All council members will attend the interview process.

## 5.6 QUOTES- RESIDENTIAL CLEAN UP MAIN ROAD

Office Staff have contacted "Around the Bay Residential Cleanup" to provide a quote regarding a residence on the Main Road. Due to pictures not being provided to the company for cost estimate council has to provide pictures of what the cleanup will entail.

## 5.7 GAS TAX – PAVING

Motion 110-23: Moved by Councillor Clarence Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock, that with the Gas Tax Application being accepted that the Town approve to distribute the funding to pave Brook Lane, Lighthouse Road & Martins Lane and to accept the quote from Concord Paving.

In Favor 5 Opposed 0. Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

## 6.0 COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

### 6.1 COUNCILLOR RILEY BALSOM

Riley reported that the shoulder of the road from Legges Restaurant to 128 Main Road is in poor condition and will need to be repaired by The Department of Highways.

## 6.2 COUNCILLOR CLARENCE BROWN

Clarence discussed that he has had a previous conversation that the Western Union Homes on Office Hill are being sold. He has also had conversations with Steve Crocker & Churrance Rogers regarding funding to develop our Industry and Trade, to develop ways in applying for funding to meet the project needs which are underway with a successful UNESCO application & Town development.

Finances: Residential Land/ Property Tax, Garbage Fees and Water & Sewer Tax : The Town is currently owed \$45,697.00 in arrears for the above noted taxes and recommended that we do our own Audit for a better financial picture for the future as we currently are having trouble with some tax payers.

Clarence also mentioned that Ted Rowe, President of the Hearts Content Development Corporation would like to speak with council at the next regular meeting at 7PM regarding cruise ships entering Hearts Content Harbour in the future.

## 6.3 COUNCILOR TOLSON RENDELL

Tolson mentioned that due to the waterline leak next to the Art Gallery on the Main Road, maintenance personnel will have to fill in the pot holes.

## 6.4 DEPUTY MAYOR GLENDA HISCOCK

Halloween Walk 2023- Will be held on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2-4PM with Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> being the alternate date if there is rain.

Also, long time Maintenance Person Noel Antle will retire in November and it would be a great gesture of council to show their appreciation with a retirement dinner for Noel to be held at Legges Restaurant, tentatively October 28<sup>th</sup> during the evening.

Remembrance Day: Veterans Lunch of Soup and Sandwiches will follow after the Remembrance Day Parade.

## 6.5 OFFICE STAFF JENNIFER BROWN

Jennifer has been working on having Hearts Contents First Remembrance Day Parade, to be held November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Planning is still underway and will work closely with Deputy Mayor to make sure all goes smoothly with arranging for the Veterans Dinner. It was also brought forward that Jennifer received a job offer with full time hours from a different organization and has not signed the contract she felt that she should let council know that there was a possibility of her taking the offer.

## 6.7 MAYOR DOUG PIERCEY

Doug brought forward that the purchase of the SUF Lodge has been closed and the Town of Hearts Content are now the legal owners of the building. All documents will be received in the coming weeks from Marc Cooper Law. The steps that had been on the side of the building and had held up the sale are now removed at the request of the residents next door to the Lodge.

Lift Station : We will apply for future funding for the Lift Station and the mayor wondered if there would be any possible emergency funding if it was needed.

UNESCO: Mayor Piercery felt that Councilor Tolson Rendell should be part of the UNESCO committee which has been developed. Tolson accepted the Mayors offer to join in with Deputy Mayor Glenda Hiscock and Councilor Clarence Brown.

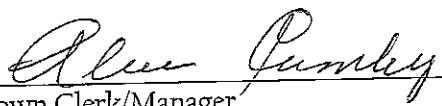
7.0 APPROVAL OF FINANCES/VARIANCE REPORT

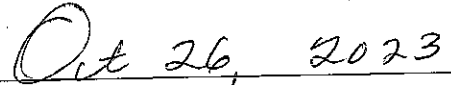
Motion 111-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendell that the finances and variance be approved and bills be paid.  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

8.0 MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion 112-23: Moved by Councilor Riley Balsom, seconded by Councilor Tolson Rendell that the next Meeting of Council be scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 730PM and the meeting adjourn at 9:38PM  
In Favor 5    Opposed 0.    Abstaining 0. Motion Carried.

  
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Mayor Doug Piercey

  
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Town Clerk/Manager

  
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