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Town of Salmon Cove
Public meeting March 1, 2022

Members Present:	Mayor	Cavell Reynolds
	Deputy Mayor	Allan Oates
	Councillors	Ryan Burton
		Roydon Case
		MaryLynn Layman (Via Zoom)
		Diane Peach (Via Zoom)
		Jonathan Whiteway (via Zoom)
Also, Present:	Acting Town Clark	Cynthia Case
	Maintenance	Melvin Swain

Mayor Reynolds called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Start with the motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion 022-042 **R. Burton/R. Case**

Motion to adopt the agenda.

In favor: C. Reynolds; A. Oates; R. Burton; R. Case; M. Layman; D. Peach; J. Whiteway
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried.

Motion 022-043 **R. Burton/R. Case**

Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Meeting held on February 15, 2022, with no errors or omissions.

In favor: C. Reynolds; A. Oates; R. Burton; R. Case; M. Layman; D. Peach; J. Whiteway
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried.

<u>Old Business Arising from Minutes</u>

A) Mike and Amy Slade have submitted their business plan for Northwest Brook Cottages.

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B) Community Centre Rental Rates will be brought forward to a meeting in the fall of 2022. The town clerk will work with the financial committee to see if the Recreation Centre is making any money for the town at the current rates.

Deputy Mayor A. Oates, Councillor R. Burton and Councillor M. Layman declared conflict and left chambers at 7:12 P.M.

C) Salmon Cove Future Development Association – Mayor Reynolds informed the rest of council that new information has been brought forward to us by Municipal Affairs and unfortunately, we cannot make a decision tonight. We have to investigate further and get more information before we can go ahead with SCFDA. Mr. Christopher Stamp our Eastern District Manager informed us in Section 201.3 of the Municipalities Act we have to post publicly for 2 weeks of our intentions with SCFDA or anyone else that would be interested in running the sands.

Deputy Mayor A. Oates, Councillor R. Burton and Councillor M. Layman returned to chambers at 7:18 P.M.

D) Mayor Cavell Reynolds read and signed the Proclamation for Epilepsy Day which is held on March 26, 2022. Council and staff will be lighting the town hall in purple, and we ask that our residents do the same.

Councillor Case Councillor Layman declared conflict and left chambers at 7:22 P.M.

E & F) Mayor Reynolds requested that all letters from residents, realtors and the signed petition be submitted together as one. She said, "we have a had a lot of letters sent in by residents and council will read them all thoroughly and this will be brought forward to the next meeting in two weeks." Mayor Reynolds asked if anyone wanted to add anything? Councillor J. Whiteway responded with, "So going forward, for just a peace of mind for everybody. Whenever there is a proposed commercial rezoning in the town, there is going to be as part of procedure a public inquiry, that's all public information you can find that yourselves, so its not something that is going to happen overnight, and we're going to be hearing everyone's opinions, good, bad and ugly."

Delegations/Correspondence

Nathan Graham – Commercial Sawmill Proposal

"I just want to start off by asking who is responsible in the town for any incoming email communications?"

Mayor Reynolds, "Our town clerk."

Mr. Graham, "Okay, so, it's no secret that the residents have circulated a petition against my business proposal, and you sent me a letter stating that my proposal was adopted by previous council so its public knowledge and that anyone can request it. So, how did my government stamped architect drawings and government stamped applications that are not adopted yet, get sent from the town of salmon cove email address and a pdf. document along with my business

plan to a resident; that was sent to another resident and forward back to me as evidence. Government stamped documents serve as a sector and are not public knowledge and are not private document containing personal information and, are private documents containing personal information. Distribution by anyone other that the person owning them is against the Privacy Act. It states, the act requires the local government institutions to protect the privacy of the individual's personal information existing in government records. There are other peoples' names on these documents and personal information as well. My documents are in at least three other residents' possession, not including members of council. Due to it being sent out by the towns email address. I've been in contact with the Privacy Commissioners Office and due to my personal information being as a breach of information. The documents that were released had phone numbers, address along with two others names as well, one being from a government engineering firm and another one being from an architecture firm. I would like to know how this would and could of happened, and also I do have the proof here to show I can back up what I'm talking about".

Deputy Mayor Oates, "What we need is the information that you have brought forward to council and then we can determine how. My understanding. And I did see a copy of your business plan."

Mr. Graham, "I'm not even talking, even talking about the business plan now cause we've already determined through the letter that, okay, I accepted the fact that it was passed in 2021.

Mayor Reynolds, "It was tabled in 2021",

Mr. Graham, "However, in my documentation, the drawings and things like that were only passed in last meeting. No minutes have been adopted,"

Councillor Whiteway, "I suggest Nathan, that you just submit your evidence that supports your accusation, and we'll investigate it."

Mayor Reynolds, "That's what has to be done now."

Mr. Graham, "Who do I give that to."

Mayor Reynolds, "The town office."

Mr. Graham, "Okay. So, I'll start off again. While out in my driveway one day a resident stopped me, this was on February 23rd, and said, you know there is a petition going around about your business proposal. I said no. The resident said, the petitioner stated there will be heavy traffic and a mess left around. The last time I checked within my proposal, there is nothing inside stating this. I felt the need at that time to go door to door and explain to the people the truth of my plan, even though she had people sign a petition based on mis-information. Most signed mine after they found out the truth. I'm pretty sure it's against the law to ask people to sign any document under false pretenses. I'm going to look into that. I had another resident state that the petitioner said there would be tractor trailers coming back and forth all day long everyday. Also, not factual. Another said there would be sawdust everywhere. The statements are simply not true, and are unfair to a person trying to start up a business in any town. I had a gentleman tell me that he was told by the petitioner my business was going to be the same size as a sawmill business not far from here. Also, not true. Nowhere in my plan does it say large commercial sawmill business. Another one was the property value will drop. Well, I have a letter here from a professional realtor stating different. I also have a letter from a business next door who runs an AirBnB adjacent to my property in complete support. I didn't know we were collecting letters by the way, I just want to put that out there, if I did, I could've had a lot more.

Mayor Reynolds, "Not to debate or anything, cause I'm certainly not going to debate, but I did ask you to bring in your supporting letters."

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Mr. Graham, "Never heard that. The only thing that I heard was that we were going back to the town planner to see if it was necessary to put my business proposal out into the public eye, and if not they my business was to go ahead. And, when I was talking to the town planner it wasn't necessary to have it put in the paper, it was up to councils' discretion, was the answer I got."
Mayor Reynolds, "For the paper?"
Mr. Graham, "Yes. So, there was a motion made and carried last council meeting if it wasn't necessary that my business could proceed."
Mayor Reynolds, "I also asked you to bring in supporting letters."
Mr. Graham, "I didn't hear that, sorry."
Mayor Reynolds, "After the motion was made, I asked you again to bring in your supporting letters, but that's fine, you've got them now. You can pass them into the town clerk."
Mr. Graham, "I never heard that, but anyways, when I went door to door, I carried a photo of my sawmill for people to see and some commented we were led to believe from the petitioner that it was a big industrial machine, far from it. I didn't think this was necessary going door to door because from day one, I started off the right way. By going through the proper government departments and meeting with the old council and the current and everything I was directed to do and done yet here. I'm after doing almost two years and still no farther ahead. I have over 160 names of residents from our town supporting my business venture and only getting started. Last meeting there was a motion made and I just went through that so, I don't know where we lie with that.
Mayor Reynolds, "We also had information come back from our town planner that we also got to review. He gave us more that what he actually told your. That's in our documents to review as well."
Councillor Whiteway, "yeah, that's information that can also be validated there also."
Mr. Graham, "So, basically what it comes down to, I mean, I've already gone through this with you guys before, so I mean, I knows some of the people here tonight probably never heard it, but, I'm not out to hurt anybody in this business venture, I'm trying to do here. It's pretty simple, it's not any industrialized system I'm trying to put in place. There will be no heavy traffic, if there is a problem, I can use my own personal driveway if it affects someone else's road and that's a problem. I mean, as I stated in the last meeting, as I went through all this before. You can't stockpile sawdust, forestry will shut you down, you can't stockpile any amount of slabs. My intentions in my business plan as most of the town has it anyways, states that I will be selling them as you get them. The farmers are looking for sawdust; there will be no need for me to keep anything on hand.
Mayor Reynolds, "You have some supporting documents there, do you want to pass in. You can give them to Cynthia there. Do you want to pass them in"?
Mr. Graham, "Well."
Mayor Reynolds, "it's up to you or you can drop them off."
Mr. Graham, "I'll decide before the meeting out, I guess."
Mayor Reynolds, "Is there anything else you want to bring forward to us Nathan"?
Mr. Graham, "I don't know where people are coming from in regards to, it's not people as such, it's a small group and I can understand, yup, if they compare me to a neighboring sawmill there; it's much bigger that what this area can handle, I would admit that. That's not my intentions at all."
Mayor Reynolds, "Well, like I say, we have to acknowledge everything and I'm sure that you understand that. Everything that's coming into us now we have to acknowledge it and we have to

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sit down as a council and review all documentation supporting and non-supporting. We as a council then will retable; it's going to be for the next two weeks.."
Mr. Graham, "Well, I'd like to have the opportunity to get more letters if that's possible."
Councillor Whiteway, "This is where I'd like to chime in here. In regards to the letters; you made a comment about the letters. I'm assuming you mean, did we seek residents to submit their opinion"?
Mr. Graham, "Obviously, it seems that way. I've been doing this, for."
Mayor Reynolds, "We didn't seek them."
Councillor Whiteway, "We never formally"
Mayor Reynolds, "We never seeked it."
Councillor Whiteway, "We never formally seeked any of the publics opinions right now. I just want to clarify that right now. There is nowhere on like any of our like Facebook pages where we've asked for an opinion on this sawmill. Just to give you a little peace of mind. You shouldn't feel compelled you're rushed to go get signatures."
Mr. Graham, "I just find it strange that after a year and a half of going through councils with this business venture that all of a sudden it's becoming like snowflakes".
Mayor Reynolds, "Yes, you started this last January, and it was all publicized, but you know what, it's still out of our control what happened with the residents. What's going on with the residents right now is not with us, but we have to acknowledge what they're bringing into us. Supporting and un-supporting."
Mr. Graham, "The residents should know I had a letter of support from the last council, and I was told to proceed to the next level, which was government. I've got those documentations done and sent back. So, I've been following their procedures that was outlined from the provincial government as well as council. So, I don't see what else I could've done. I mean, who other than you guys can tell me the regulations.
Councillor Whiteway, "Right now, this is where I'd like to chime in again. We've been advised by Reg Garland, our planner, I'll call it, that we should. It's ultimately at our discretion, but based on what's in the Act it could be a rezoning issue. When we're facing rezoning to a commercial area this comes with its own pallet of stuff that has to be done. It's not as open and shut as everyone is assuming it to be right now.
Mayor Reynolds, "If it becomes a commercial area like Councillor Whiteway is saying. There will be rezoning that will have to be done and that rezoning cost will be on you,"
Mr. Graham, "That's fine."
Councillor Whiteway, "Not necessarily Cavell. That's not exactly what I'm saying. I just mean there are stipulations with rezoning. That's the biggest hold up for us right now. We've been advised not to say go ahead. This could be something that requires rezoning."
Mayor Reynolds, "Yes, and Jonathan it do state that the expense will be on the owner of the business.
Mr. Graham, "My understanding is that it don't have to be. It's at councils discretion".
Deputy Mayor Oates, "You still want additional time to gather letter of support"?
Mr. Graham, "Yes, I would appreciate that."
Deputy Mayor Oates, "We can give you another week."
Mr. Graham, "I don't know if I need as such, there are 160 people saying that they're in favor and every one of them says you can call them if you want. I guess you're not allowed to use them now, but there was some phone numbers there".

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Mayor Reynolds, "That's up to you now, what you want to do on that part. We can't tell you what to do on that part. You can submit that, or you can wait and submit more letters. That's totally up to you."
Deputy Mayor Oates, "We will give you the opportunity to get more letters if you want, but do it within the next week so that we have a week before our meeting to review.
Mr. Graham, "In regards to the information breach I have been sent some documentation to sign and send back to the Privacy Commissioner. I'll see how, uh, how that goes, I'm not sure right now how I want to handle that, but, I'm just putting that out there to everyone so that it's not a surprise.
Mayor Reynolds, "I can comment to you Nathan, that we done our due diligence too. We reached out to Municipal Affairs and discussed what happened and how it happened. He has deemed that there was no wrong doing done. When it come to personal information it has to be void cheques, S.I.N., bank accounts and financial information. Which on your Business Plan, there is none of that. That is how we reached our decision on the letter that you got.
Mr. Graham, "That's not what I'm talking about tonight. I'm talking about the drawings that came in after. I only got them this year, it has nothing to do with last year, and was already adopted. I hope that reflects in the minutes."
Mayor Reynolds, "Which we are going to look into.
Mr. Graham, "Nothing was adopted of what I'm talking about here."
Mayor Reynolds, "Your Business Plan was adopted."
Mr. Graham, "It was, but nothing else was."
Mayor Reynolds, "Alright, fair enough. We are going to acknowledge that you are going to submit some documents. Do we need a motion that we are going to retable it in two weeks, and we're going to give Nathan ample enough time to do his due diligence as well"?
Councillor Whiteway, "In regards of him doing his due diligence as stated already. We're going to have potentially a public inquiry if this does get rezoned. I do think we should be re-tabling this until we get enough sufficient information.
Mayor Reynolds, "I'll agree with you on that Councillor Whiteway. I'm allegedly thinking we'll have it done in two weeks, but we do have to gather all our information, so depends on how quickly we can get that in as well."
Councillor Whiteway, "Exactly, exactly. Let's run a hypothetical where they come back and say its mandatory rezoning. Then we proceed on that. Right now, we aren't sure of what's mandatory and what's not."
Mayor Reynolds, "We just want to do all parties involved due diligence."
Councillor Whiteway, "Fairness for all."
Mr. Graham, "Can I just have one last say here? It's nothing against the town clerk, but when I asked the question who was able, who was basically in charge of the towns emails. If I'm filing some information here, that could pertain to the clerk, is it right for me to pass it to the clerk"?
Mayor Reynolds, "Our town clerk is sworn as a town clerk and she has to bring all documents to us. She do not show favoritism on either side and I mean if that, and I don't think will ever happen, but if it did, then we will take and do what we'll have to do and do it. So yes, she's our town clerk and that's who it has to go to."
Mr. Graham, "Okay."
Mayor Reynolds, "You attends our meetings, so you will know if its forward or not. I don't think it's an issue there at all. I back our town clerk on that and I give her credit to make sure its all done.

Mr. Graham, "I'm not saying nothing like that. I'm just saying is it going to put her in a compromising position."
Councillor Whiteway, "Cavell, can I make a proposition that we allow him to submit it to any other Councillor for the time being. I mean he has stated a potential privacy issue. So, I mean, just throwing it out there.
Mayor Reynolds, I'm sorry guys, no. I'm not in favor of that. We have a town clerk here that we put in place and I don't discriminate against her in any way, shape or form.
Mr. Graham, "I'm not discriminating against her."
Mayor Reynolds, "I shouldn't have said the word discriminating. I have no distrust in our town clerk or I'm sure you don't either. She is sworn in as a town clerk. Me, personally, we can vote on it, my trust is in our town clerk to make sure things are done right. Anyone else want to jump in on that.
Deputy Mayor Oates, "I think we take the necessary channels. I have the confidence in the town clerk to make sure the documents get where they need to be. The allegations that may come due to that we will have to deal with it."
Mayor Reynolds, "Yes, we will deal with it."
Councillor Whiteway, "I'm going to throw a motion out there. Feel free to shoot it down."

Motion 022-044 **J. Whiteway/R. Burton**

Motion that when a complaint is supplied to us that involves the clerk, we should be given the option to supply any other additional information to a Councillor of their choosing.

In Favor: R. Burton; D. Peach; J. Whiteway
Opposed: C. Reynolds; A. Oates

Motion Carried.

Councillor Peach, "I just think it puts Cynthia in a situation that would be uncomfortable to her. Not that there is any mistrust or anything. If it were me, I'd feel a little uncomfortable handling something that is against me as such.
Mayor Reynolds, "I just want to ask the town clerk how she feels"?
Mrs. Case, "I just know how its supposed to be done. It's up to council whether you want it going through me, but I believe according to Municipal Affairs, the proper channels are to come through the office."
Councillor Whiteway, "With the motion carried, we can have a discussion later with Nathan. He can choose a Councillor to supply his supporting documents."
Mr. Graham, "I would just like to say, it's not my first rodeo here either. I'd be satisfied if the mayor would accept this please, because you're representing the town at the highest level and not to put pressure on you either. Rather than choose a Councillor, I mean if you're alright with that."
Councillor Whiteway, "She is sworn under oath also by default right."
Mayor Reynolds, "Cynthia, you're talking about Cynthia, right"?
Councillor Whiteway, "No, I mean you."
Mayor Reynolds, "We are all sworn to safe guard, including our town clerk".
Councillor Whiteway, "You're a commissioner, so it's technically safer with you than anyone."

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Mayor Reynolds, "With the motion carried that Jonathan has done with Cynthia, I will accept it Nathan, due to the motion being approved. So, I'll accept your paperwork."
Mr. Graham, "Okay."

Patricia and Eric Hickey

Mrs. Hickey, "I'm here tonight to voice some concerns about having a commercial sawmill in the center of our beautiful town of Salmon Cove. I want to read this insert from the 2020-2030 Municipal Plan.
It says, "*It is the policy of council to not issue a permit where it is of the opinion that the proposal will have an adverse or detrimental effect on adjacent property.*" That is in the Town Plan. We have received a letter from a real estate firm and you have a copy of that letter. It states, that if there is a mill put in the proposed site, our property value will decrease by thirty to fifty thousand dollars. I mean that's a lot of money. Somebody is going to have to come up with those funds if the sawmill goes through. That's only our property, there are many more around. Having a commercial sawmill in the center of our beautiful town is going to take away from the picturesque town we all grew up in. Everybody knows; I'm not against a sawmill, but not in the middle of our town. How's it going to look when people from away come here and drive through town a see a sawmill right in the middle of it. My guess is they're going to keep on driving or find another place to go. So, we can forget our tourism effort's. It's always windy around; and everyone knows sawdust goes everywhere no matter what you try to do to try to stop it. Also, I have a question. Is this sawmill going to be an additional fire hazard causing our insurance premiums to increase? There was a sawmill fire on the island, and it took 90 days to get it out. I don't think our towns infrastructure is built to handle transport trucks. How's a transport truck going to come down Slade's Avenue and turn into the entrance of the proposed site? There's just not enough room. What if we need an ambulance, and there's a transport truck in the lane? Everybody knows every second counts in an emergency. I've mentioned the decrease in property values; that will mean lower assessments, which in turn means less taxes that the town will collect. I believe that the environment will suffer as well, this is very close to our salmon river and the Salmon Cove sands. It's going to have an effect. We have such a beautiful town, the sands, the trails, the boardwalk, even the rocks and trees are beautiful around here. Tourism and recreation is where we should be headed. We don't know how the water is going to be affected. All the runoff from Dry Hill down through Mom and Dads property to Harry's Pond its all collected through the proposed site. There have been floods there with ice that blocked the drains before, and everything flooded. So I am wondering if the sawdust will have the same effect. I also want to point out our community vision which is also in our town plan, it says, *'we are committed as a council and as individuals to developing a cleaner and greener community",* again that is just part of what the vision says. I am not opposed to anyone trying to get ahead, but a commercial sawmill has no place in the center of any town. The 20,000 board feet of wood that is proposed to be going through this mill, according to the Newfoundland Government log table, it is two transport trucks full of logs. The proposed plan says there will only be one truck load. In conclusion, I'd like to ask that all the letters and the petition that have been submitted be read into the record. If there are any names on the petition that you cannot figure out, I'd be happy to help you out with that. It is very important that you as Councillors read each and every letter as they are from the neighbors who surround the proposed commercial sawmill location. Please consider our beautiful town when making your decision. Thank you all for your time."

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Mayor Reynolds, "Thank you Patricia, once again I'll thank both you and Nathan for coming in tonight and we were more than happy to listen to your views. I'll state to everyone again that we will do our due diligence to everyone, we will look at those support and those who are not supporting, and our council will meet and we will certainly discuss it, but like I said, we need ample enough time. We need to go through everything, we may have to reach out to our lawyer. We will take everything that both parties have brought to us tonight and we will certainly do justice where we see justice to be done."
Deputy Mayor Oates, "Just adding in the interest of time, request to read them. They be tabled at the meeting and copies of those made available to anyone who wants to see them through the Access to Information they can come into the office and ask for copy of them, all in the interest of time. I mean if we have to go through however many letters there are, council meeting would go on for a long time."
Mr. Hickey, "Are they going to be read?
Deputy Mayor Oates, "Anyone who wants to. Council members have all got their copies and have read them, but anybody outside who would like to see them can do so after the minutes of the meeting are adopted."
Mr. Hickey, "I just wanted to touch on the 20,000 board feet for the first year with the possibility of it expanding. That would add more traffic to the infrastructure. I just want to say that. It's not a small operation and if it gets the go ahead, we're talking multiple. With the inclusion that apparently there was more to do; probably hiring additional workers. That is not a small mill. I spoke with a gentleman today who has the ability to cut up to 200,000 board feet. That is multiple, multiple transport truck loads. Please. If you want that information, I can get that for you."
Mayor Reynolds, "Well, we certainly thank you again for coming in with your concerns and like I said we will be looking at it all. That I can certainly guarantee that to everyone.

Councillor Case and Councillor Layman returned to chambers at 7:52 P.M.

Committee Report

Fire Department – No Report Submitted

Maintenance Report – Report submitted. Lift Station on Pond View has seal leak. Black Diamond has spent several days up there in the last few weeks, trying to repair the seal leak. That lift station is still not commissioned to the town until it is completely repaired. Capital came out and put a new seal in the chamber and its still leaking. Black Diamond was contacted and, they had Capital come out again. There was that much water force at the back of the chamber that they couldn't even do a proper repair. They met this morning to try and come up with another solution. Looks like they might have to dig the ditch at the back of the chamber to relieve some of the pressure from the ground water. Once it is repaired and not leaking anymore, it will be commissioned to the town. Melvin was advised not to allow it to be commissioned until it is repaired properly.

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Finance – No Report Submitted. Deputy Mayor Oates stated that all tax bills have been sent out along with a statement and newsletter. A 5% discount will be issued on all taxes paid by June 30, 2022.

Recreation/Tourism Committee – Awaiting response from Participaction Grant, should hear back by mid-March. Discussion on exemption for recreation committee applicants. Council discussed and will not waive the Code of Conduct and the Vulnerable Sector Check.

Motion 022-045 **J. Whiteway**

Motion that we provide exemptions by a case-by-case basis in regard to supplementary paperwork.

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Motion defeated

HR/Policy – No Report Submitted.

Public Works – No Report Submitted. Councillor Case and our maintenance man did get together and discussed doing up new applications for residents to hook up water and sewer to their properties. Will bring application proposal forward at next meeting.

New Business

A. Garage at 77-85 Main Highway – This resident was given a residential garage permit only back in 2016. We have seen evidence that this garage is operating as a commercial garage. We have pictures of him advertising on Facebook. A tow truck was seen dropping a vehicle off by a Councillor.

Motion 022-046 **R. Burton/R. Case**

Motion that we issue a stop work order on the garage at 77-85 Main Highway effective March 2, 2022.

In Favor: C. Reynolds, A. Oates, M. Layman, D. Peach, R. Burton, R. Case
Opposed: J. Whiteway

Motion Carried.

B. Delinquent Taxpayers – We have sent out a letter to our residents. It's our second reminder to all residents to bring their accounts into good standing. As Finance Chair I recommend that any delinquent taxpayers (by that I mean 2020 and prior) and are on a serviced lot will be having their water shut off effective March 31, 2022, or which date the Deputy Mayor deems proper notice and a reconnection fee will also apply. If anybody is on an un-serviced lot, we take those names now and take them to collections.

If any resident wants to come into the office and pay their account, we will give them until December 31, 2022, to pay account in full.

Motion 022-047 **A. Oates/R. Burton**

Motion that anybody who is in arrears are served with a letter stating that their account must be brought into good standing, or an arrangement made with the office to be paid in full by the end of December 31, 2022. This arrangement must be made by March 31, 2022.

In Favor: C. Reynolds, A. Oates, M. Layman, D. Peach, R. Burton, R. Case
Opposed: J. Whiteway

Motion Carried.

C. Part-time worker – Councillor Layman requested an HR Privileged meeting to be held right after our Public Meeting is concluded to go over resumes.

Councillor Whiteway declared conflict and left discussion at 8:24 P.M.

D. 52-56 Main Street East is a piece of land that is deemed Public Use only, therefore council will remove vacant land water tax from 2020 onward.

Motion 022-048 **A. Oates/R. Burton**

Motion that 52-56 Main Street does not get charged vacant land water and sewer tax due to the land being made Public Use and any charges from 2020 onward be removed from their tax bill.

In Favor: C. Reynolds, A. Oates, M. Layman, D. Peach, R. Burton, R. Case
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried.

Councillor Whiteway returned to discussion at 8:28 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Oates advised Melvin to check out the addresses mentioned and let the town clerk know whether there is water going by there.

Motion 022-049 **R. Burton/A. Oates**

Motion to pay payables in the amount of $28,450.55

In Favor: C. Reynolds; A. Oates; R. Case; M. Layman; D. Peach; J. Whiteway
Opposed: Nil Noted

Motion Carried.

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Councillor Layman would like to say one thing in response to Jonathan's comment. "I want it made very clear. The difference between me attending Zoom and you attending Zoom that day, was when I leave the province and make the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors well aware that I will be away, and that I will have Zoom set up. The difference when you did it, was that you did it an hour before our meeting when you committed the night before. That's all I wanted to say."
Councillor Whiteway, "my response to that would be. Emergencies happen and I don't know if you're aware of that. So, I just want to throw that out there."
Mayor Reynolds said, "that's good, now you both got your say."

Motion 022-050 **R. Burton/A. Oates**

Motion to adjourn meeting.

In Favor: C. Reynolds; A. Oates; R. Case; M. Layman; D. Peach; J. Whiteway
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next Public Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.