

**Town of Terra Nova
Special Council Meeting
November 9, 2023**

Minutes of the special council meeting of The Town of Terra Nova, held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 9:30AM.

Members Present

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor

Andrea Granberg
Julie Pike
Roger Baird
Geoff Moore

Also, Present

Via phone:

Account Manager/Town Clerk
Councillor

Angela Penney-Tucker
Linda Hillier-Smith

Absent:

Adoption of Agenda

No. 23-135

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Baird to adopt the agenda as presented, with the one item being the re-issue of the revised snow clearing tender of town buildings for the 2023-24 winter season.

In favour: All

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Pike spoke:

We are here this morning to make a motion to reissue the scope of work for the snow clearing for the town buildings for the 2023/2024 winter season. Council has already put out an open tender for this scope of work and did receive 2 bids on this. Unfortunately, these bids are out of budget for the town and with preparations for the 2024 budget council has to try to find a way to reduce this expenditure. Over the last couple of years there has been a significant jump in the cost of the snow clearing for the town buildings. Upon consultation with the Public Procurement Agency and other municipalities in the area, council has revised the scope of work and will put that out in hopes of getting more cost-effective bids. If this expenditure doesn't come in closer to what is budgeted there will be no choice for council in coming years but to increase tax rates for all taxpayers. We don't want that to happen, I can speak for all of council in saying that. When residents and taxpayers look around at the work that has been completed in the town this year, please don't think that's why council is looking to reduce the cost of town building snow

clearing. The majority of the cost for the projects done in the town this year have been completed through grants received or gas tax money. The swimming pond work included a \$50,000 grant, the new playground equipment waiting to be installed was a \$58,000 grant with the remainder having been budgeted in 2023 budget. The installation of the sewage holding tank at the Ralph Calloway Memorial Park and the moving of the cookhouse was allocated gas tax money. Paving of sections of town roads and the municipal building parking lot was budgeted in 2022 and 2023 budgets. The windbreak and new wheelchair accessible ramp were mostly funds from a grant as well. The boxes to start the community garden was 100% grant money. Council has completed or almost completed many big projects this year through that were primarily grants and not taxpayers' dollars. We are all very proud to see these projects done but want residents and taxpayers to know that council will continue to work hard for the betterment of the town. That includes saving money when and where we can such as snow clearing costs. Council wanted everyone to know that we are being as open and transparent as can be.

No. 23-136

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pike, seconded by Councillor Baird to make a motion that the snow clearing of town buildings revised scope of work be issued to be put out today November 9th and close on November 14th at 12 noon.

**In favour: All
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried**

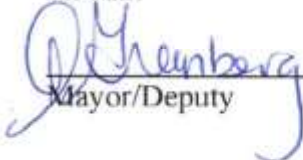
No. 23-137

Motion made by Councillor Moore to adjourn the meeting at 9:35am. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pike.

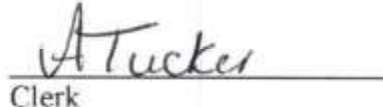
**In favour: All
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

9:35am



Mayor/Deputy



Clerk