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Special Public Meeting  
October 28, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Trevor Croft, Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard, Councillor Alex Troake, Councillor Ralph Carey, Councillor Gerard Dunne

Staff: Geraldine Caul, Town Manager (Acting)

Regrets: Councillor Jacob Hayden, Councillor Nancy Burke

1. Mayor Trevor Croft called the Special Public meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. Motion to appoint a Clerk for the Special Public Meeting

**2022-320** Councillor Dunne/Councillor Carey  
Moved to appoint Geraldine Caul as Clerk for the Special Public Meeting  
Motion carried.

3. Adoption of the Agenda of October 28, 2022

**2022-321** Councillor Dunne/Deputy Mayor Yard  
Moved to adopt the Agenda of October 28, 2022.  
Motion carried.

4. Repairs to the driveway entrance to the Municipal Garage

Councillor Dunne declared a conflict of interest because the company he works for will be bidding on this work. Councillor Dunne left the meeting Chambers at 7:13 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Yard declared a conflict of interest because her brother works for the company that will be bidding on this work. Deputy Mayor Yard left the meeting Chambers at 7:13 p.m.

The absence of Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard resulted in a loss of quorum, therefore this item will be brought back to the next public meeting of Council.

Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard returned to the meeting Chambers at 7:14 p.m.

5. Repairs to the fire department pumper
 

**2022-322** Deputy Mayor Yard/Councillor Troake  
 Moved to proceed with repairs of the pumper.  
 Discussion: Deputy Mayor Yard reported there is a serious issue with the pumping mechanism which must be addressed. She noted that if there is a fire, the fire department would have to use portable pumps, and in the event of a large fire, they would have to call St. John's Regional Fire Department.  
 Motion carried.
6. Disposal of fire department equipment
 

**2022-323** Deputy Mayor Yard/Councillor Troake  
 Moved to dispose of the fire equipment.  
 Discussion: Deputy Mayor Yard reported that this is surplus equipment, some of which are 10 years old, and are no longer in use. These items will be sold off with the proceeds going back into the fire department.  
 Motion carried.
7. Awarding of tender for Potholes, Road Repairs, Ditching and Other Work
 

Councillor Dunne declared a conflict of interest because the company he works for will be bidding on this work. Councillor Dunne left the meeting Chambers at 7:17 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Yard declared a conflict of interest because her brother works for the company that will be bidding on this work. Deputy Mayor Yard left the meeting Chambers at 7:17 p.m.

The absence of Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard resulted in a loss of quorum, therefore this item will be brought back to the next public meeting of Council.

Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard returned to the meeting Chambers at 7:17 p.m.
8. Pad for ballfield bleachers
 

Councillor Dunne declared a conflict of interest because the company he works for will be bidding on this work. Councillor Dunne left the meeting Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Yard declared a conflict of interest because her brother works for the company that will be bidding on this work. Deputy Mayor Yard left the meeting Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

The absence of Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard resulted in a loss of quorum, therefore this item will be brought back to the next public meeting of Council.

Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard returned to the meeting Chambers at 7:18 p.m.
9. Wire for Christmas Tree on Upper Pond

Councillor Dunne declared a conflict of interest because the company he works for will be bidding on this work. Councillor Dunne left the meeting Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Yard declared a conflict of interest because her brother works for the company that will be bidding on this work. Deputy Mayor Yard left the meeting Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

The absence of Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard resulted in a loss of quorum, therefore, this item will be brought back to the next public meeting of Council.

Councillor Dunne and Deputy Mayor Yard returned to the meeting Chambers at 7:19 p.m.

#### 10. Adjournment

**2022-324 Councillor Dunne/Councillor Troake**

Moved to adjourn the Special Public Meeting at 7:19 p.m.  
Motion Carried.