

5. Moved by Clr. Sacrey, seconded by Clr Howell that pending Legion does not have any issues with request Town will support. Suggest 100th year Celebration funding possible.

MOTION CARRIED

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| C. TRIO | RE: PLAN |
| D. DEPT OF MIGA | RE: COST INCREASE APPROVAL |
| E. TOWN CLERK/MANAGER
Deferred | RE: RESPONSE |
| F. RESIDENT
Referred to Planning and Development Committee | RE: USE OF LAND |
| G. DEPT. OF MIGA | RE: CROWN LAND |
| H. CWTA
Town Office to be site. | RE: RECYCLE MY CELL |
| I. SERVICE NL | RE: CBPP |
| J. RESIDENT | RE: LAND ISSUE |
| K. KEVIN POLLARD, MHA
Town to write letter to MHA and Pat Jim. | RE: THANK YOU |

Mayor has invited new MHA Brian Warr to future Council Meeting.

Baie Verte Economic Association has approached new MHA to keep office in Baie Verte.

Staff Reports

A. Town Clerk/Manager

Town Clerk/Manager's report is attached to the minutes.

a. Tax Recovery Plan

6. Moved by Clr. Philpott, seconded by Deputy-Mayor Pope that the Town's objective is to recover at least 95% of the outstanding tax receivable by December 31st each year.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Thank you from Pat Jim

c. MNL/PMA 2016 Membership Fees.

7. Moved by Clr. Sacrey, seconded by Clr. Howell that Town approve membership fees.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Moved by Clr. Philpott, seconded by Clr. Sacrey that Town Clerk/Manager's report be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Superintendent of Works

Superintendent of Works updated Council on the following:

- Pool Heater-3 Engineers from Atlantic visited site today analyze options. Mayor informed Council donation maybe available from Anaconda.
- Engineers also checked out issues at Fire Hall Doors under warranty
- Centennial Field project finishing Dec. 23.
- Filter problem at Treatment Plant, same system as Pasadena and Deer Lake 3 way split on cost to have technician travel.

9. Moved by Deputy-Mayor Pope, seconded by Clr. Sacrey that Town cost-share travel expenses to bring in Technician to check out filter problem.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Moved by Clr. Philpott, seconded by Clr. Bowers that Superintendent of Works report be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports

A. Policy and Finance

Chairperson Deputy-Mayor Pope presented 2016 Budget.

Lengthy Discussion

11. Moved by Deputy-Mayor Pope, seconded by Clr. Philpott that the following 2016 Tax Rates be approved:

2016 TAX RATES FOR THE TOWN OF BAIE VERTE

1. SECTION 112 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "REAL PROPERTY TAX"

Eight and a half mills on the appraised or provisional value of real property
Each piece of property is subject to the minimum charge.

Exemption -5% Discount on residential property tax for seniors 65 & older
Does not apply to minimum properties

2. SECTION 114 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT-MINIMUM TAX

- A. Minimum Sheds, Wharfs and Cabins tax ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)
- B. Minimum Residential Property tax THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)
- C. Minimum Commercial Property tax EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$875.00)

3. SECTION 120 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "BUSINESS TAX"

CLASS ONE - Professional offices, finance companies & communication services
65 MILLS

CLASS TWO - Drug stores, Liquor stores, Take-outs, barber and beauty shops, taxi stands, bus depots, premises used by construction companies and the service traders, jewellery stores, restaurants, warehouses, storage sheds, premises used for the sale of industrial supplies and auto parts, retail outlets, garages, service stations, bakeries, home based businesses and other businesses, drive-ins, RV parks
25 MILLS

CLASS THREE Cafeteria
\$250.00

CLASS FOUR - Hotels, Motels, Bed and Breakfast Establishments
20 MILLS

CLASS FIVE - Senior citizens homes
\$250.00

CLASS SIX - Utility companies and Cable TV Companies - 2.5% of 2015 Gross Revenue

CLASS SEVEN - Oil storage premises & banks
100 Mills

CLASS EIGHT - Mining Properties
100 Mills

Business that have no real property assessment an Annual Tax Rate of \$1,000.00 or 1/4 of 1% Gross Revenue which ever is lesser to a minimum of \$250.00. The tax is to be based on the previous year's gross sales.

Minimum Business Tax TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)

4. SECTION 126-1 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "POLL TAX"

Per annum TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)

5. SECTION 130-1 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "WATER/SEWER TAX"

- A. Residential Water/Sewer Tax \$380.00
- B. Residential Water Rates only \$360.00
- C. Apartments \$380.00 plus \$250.00 for each additional unit occupied
- D. Tax Exempt Properties except 6 mills on assessed value
Exempt properties listed under Section 118(d)
- E. Hotels & Motels, Senior Citizens Homes, Bed and Breakfast \$380.00 plus \$36.00 for each additional washroom
- F. Other Businesses \$425.00 plus \$70.00 for each additional washroom

G. Water connection	\$200.00
H. Sewer Connection	\$200.00
I. Cutting of Pavement	\$500.00
J. Installation of Water & Sewer Connection	\$1,000.00
K. Vacant Property Water/Sewer	\$190.00
L. Vacant Property Water only	\$180.00
M. Vacant Commercial Property	\$212.50

6. SECTION 407 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "PERMITS"

A. Building Permits for renovations	\$25.00
B. Building Permits for new residential dwelling	\$250.00
C. Detached Accessory Building	\$100.00
D. Building Permits for Commercial Renovations	\$100.00
E. Building Permits for Commercial New Building	\$500.00
F. Building Permit for Commercial building in access of \$500,000 - \$.35¢ per thousand	
G. Occupancy Permits	\$200.00* at end of first year of business \$185.00 will be deducted from business tax
H. Water Shut off/Turn on	\$50.00 deadline date Nov.1/16 for Shut Offs
I. Site Preparation Permit	\$20.00
J. Quarry Permits	-non-paying business tax contractors- must pay \$1,000 for Quarry and subordinate permits yearly. -business tax paying local contractors must pay \$250.00 for Quarry permit yearly.

7. SECTION 129 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "DIRECT SELLERS TAX"

A. Per Annum - ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)

8. SECTION 101-1 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "IMPOSITION OF TAXES"

All taxes are due and payable February 28, 2016. 5% Discount on residential property tax if paid in full by Feb. 28/16 excluding residents receiving Senior's Discount. 2% discount Commercial Property and Business Tax if paid in full by February 28/16. Discount does not apply to minimum properties.
2% interest monthly on outstanding balance for Commercial Property and Business Tax.
Failure to pay in full by Aug. 31/16 will result in water & sewer services being disconnected to your property. \$50.00 charge for Water disconnection and \$50.00 for reconnection. Residential Property owners will be able to avail of monthly payment plans by signing contract with Town. If not honoured will not be able to avail of payment plan in future years. Individuals for go any discounts for tax paid in full by February 28/16.

9. SECTION 136 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - "TAX CERTIFICATE"

Tax Certificate	\$50.00
Compliance Letter	\$50.00 each

MOTION CARRIED
Clr. Sacrey Opposed

12. Moved by Deputy-Mayor Pope, seconded by Clr. Philpott that the 2016 Balanced Budget in the amount of \$1,734,783 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

13. Moved by Clr. Philpott, seconded by Clr. Howell that Town communicate 2016 Tax Rates to residents by Flyer drop.

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B. Recreation and Community Services

Chairperson Clr. Sacrey updated Council on recent meeting:

- CSA Helmets recommended sign posted. Insurance states if Town makes mandatory it creates greater liability.
- Schedule for skate sharpening to be implemented.
- Increase rates next season for Recreation Hockey/Minor Hockey
- Pool rates-currently \$60.00-suggest \$75.00/Hr
- Employee

14. Moved by Clr. Sacrey, seconded by Clr. Howell that Town adopt the following rates effective January 1, 2016.

- 1) Upstairs Room Rental from \$25.00 to \$60.00/hr
- 2) Private Ice Rental-\$120.00-1 Hour Ice time and 1 Hour upstairs Room.
- 3) Skate sharpening from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

MOTION CARRIED

-Condition of the Upstairs Rooms

15. Moved by Clr. Sacrey, seconded by Clr. Philpott that the following bills on account in the amount of \$69,899.06 be received and paid:

MOTION CARRIED

Unfinished Business

A. Public Works Sewer Policy

Deferred

Remarks

A. Pope

- Acknowledge contribution of MHA Kevin Pollard and Pat Jim
- Looking forward to working with new MHA Brian Warr.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

B. Philpott

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

C. Howell

-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
-Disappointed missed Christmas dinner

D. Sacrey

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
-Congratulate Brian Warr
-Breakfast with Santa Saturday

E. Bowers

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

F. Mayor

- Merry Christmas to all

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.