

West Pubnico Sewer Committee Meeting
Red Cap Restaurant, Middle West Pubnico
1:00 p.m. May 6, 2008
Minutes

Present: Calvin d'Entremont, Chair
Alain Muise, CAO
Maurice d'Eon
Floyd d'Entremont
Greg Foster
Harold d'Entremont
Gus d'Eon
Lorelei Doucette

Meeting called to order at 1:12 p.m.

Agenda

It is moved by Maurice d'Eon and seconded by Harold d'Entremont to accept the agenda as circulated.
Motion Carried

Minutes

It is moved by Floyd d'Entremont, seconded by Gus d'Eon to accept the minutes of March 5, 2008 as presented.
Motion Carried

Sewer Upgrade Project - Update

Mike Topley emailed an updated and reported that design / tendering documents are near completion. We were on-site Wed 23 Apr 2008, to review siting constraints for the new pre-cast concrete monuments (with Gordon). We need to get Flygt to sit down with us before finalizing. The document should be ready for review in 2 weeks.

Budget

CAO Alain Muise presented two budget proposals for the committee's consideration.

Budget Proposal #1 the rate stays the same with the anticipation that there will be a revenue in excess of expenses of \$33,664.00. Alain reminded the committee that the STP will require an upgrade at some point in time. This could come in the form as an order from Nova Scotia Environment or as a system failure at the Treatment Plant. The committee recognizes the age of the system being 30 years old and that in the 1997 Horner Report it was identified there were deficiencies which will, in time, be required to be upgraded.

Budget Proposal #2 increases the rate by \$10 per year per equivalent unit and will increase the revenue in excess of expenses to \$39,604.00 which will help in building up the reserves for future upgrades. It is hoped that the budget will continue to generate in the vicinity of \$30,000 - \$40,000 a year that can be allocated to reserves.

Mr. Muise advised the committee that this year that an anticipated expense will be the building at plant as it requires repairs. This has been allowed for in both proposed budgets. Additionally, potential increases in NSP has been included.

Harold suggested that the Municipality look do a cost comparison between purchasing a baby barn to place on the foundation verses repairing the existing building and repairs of the building at the STP. Staff will look into the size of the building, current foundation, etc. The committee will be kept informed.

Councillor Foster questioned the requirement of PCO (Pest Control) at the Treatment Plant, whether or not there is a rat problem. The committee members that have been on the committee for a number of years expressed how they remember there being rats there in the past and feel that because PCO is there monthly the rat problem is no longer an issue.

Alain Muise reviewed correspondence from Horner Associates dated 2001 where an assessment was done by Horner to upgrade the STP based on the 1997 study that Horner conducted. At that time in 1997 two options were presented to upgrade the treatment plant. The cost at that time was estimated at 1.2 million for option 1, that being to convert the existing plant to an extended aeration plant. The 2001 correspondence expressed that Option 1 was agreed to by Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour and the Municipal CAO at that time.

It is moved by Maurice d'Eon, seconded by Gus d'Eon to accept the proposed 2008-09 Budget option 2 as presented, increasing the levy from \$201 to \$211 per equivalent unit.

Motion Carried

There being no further business, Maurice d'Eon moved the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m., seconded by Harold d'Entremont.

Lorelei Doucette, Recorder

Approved:

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN