



Members Present: Mayor Scott Rose
 Deputy Mayor Beverley Wells
 Councilors: Eric Snow
 Dana Taylor

Also Present: Town Clerk: Marjorie Dawson

Call to Order:

Mayor Scott Rose called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Several residents of South River attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the application for a quarry permit on the property located at 148-152 Hodgewater line.

Mayor Rose began by sharing information obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. Including:

- Once a permit is issued, it is harder to revoke. Council would have to identify any issues and the company would be given a chance to address the issue and rectify the problem.
- A permit is for one year from the date of issue, but the Town can register an objection at any time.
- The applicant was notified that, due the amount of mineral working taking place in that area, an Environmental Assessment is required.
- The exact size and location of the proposed quarry is documented and monitored by Natural Resources. If a company goes outside the quarry boundaries, the Department issues a Stop Work Order and an Order to rehabilitate the excess area. Companies are issued fines of up to 10,000.00 for each violation. Companies generally adhere to Stop Work Orders.
- Advise the department of any conditions/limitations the Town has and they will include them if the permit they issue.

Residents raised concerns the following concerns:

- Health: Residents are concerned over dust pollution and its affect on the body, especially the lungs. Dust pollution also negatively impacts the enjoyment of outdoor spaces and activities. The noise created by the quarry activity will also affect the peace and enjoyment of residential property.
- Safety: Increases in traffic volume would increase the danger to children in the neighbor hood. It also causes additional wear and tear on the roads, causing them to deteriorate more quickly.
- Property Value: An active quarry will decrease property values in the area and, as a result, decrease tax revenue. Also, people will not buy or build in the area and development will be stifled.
- Environment: Residents are concerned about the impact on the land, the turmoil over the next 30, 40, or 50 years or more and the possibility that the land will not be rehabilitated in their life time.



The residents also commented that the area has changed over time and grown into a beautiful residential neighborhood. They questioned why the Town would allow a quarry as there is no the benefit to the community.

Motion # 18-073 To respond to the Department of Natural Resources regarding Weirs Construction quarry permit application as follows: Not approved. Significant concerns raised by residents. Council would like to review the results of the environmental assessment before making a final decision.

Moved/Seconded
All in favour

M. Ralph / D. Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

Motion # 18-074 To pay expenses incurred for pest control of \$862.50 and Dewalt drill of \$149.49, for a total of \$1011.99.

Moved/Seconded
All in favour

D. Taylor / M. Ralph

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

These minutes are approved by the South River Town Council at South River Town Hall, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Recorded & Typed by:
Marjorie Dawson
Town Clerk
Town of South River

Approved by Council & Witnessed by:
Scott Rose
Mayor
Town of South River