

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
June 12, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Town of Twillingate - Council Chambers

Present:

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| Justin Blackler | Mayor |
| Wayne Greenham | Deputy Mayor |
| Janice Barnes | Councillor |
| Mike Johnson | Councillor |
| Mitchell Watkins | Councillor |
| Lloyd Blake | Councillor |
| Andrew Rowsell | Councillor |
| Leanne Hann | CAO |
| Jeff Burt | Director Public Works, EDO |

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 7:00 pm.

Council recognized the passing of former Councillor Cyril Dalley.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

An advocacy group from the community presented to Council a request for an outdoor pool in the community. Data was presented to Council highlighting an expected rough cost of installation and operation of an outdoor pool. Mayor Blackler expressed his appreciation towards the group for the research completed and information provided. Leanne Hann to be in touch with the pool advisory group regarding next steps.

YOLO Nomad presented virtually to Council on the services they provide to municipalities regarding remote worker relocation. Cost for services was presented to Council. CAO requested references from other municipalities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #23-077: Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 12, 2023, be adopted as presented. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

4. MINUTES/MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion #23-078: BE IT RESOLVED to apply for cost-shared funding through Municipal Capital Works with the Municipal Infrastructure Division of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, in the amount of \$636,813.00 for the purpose of a Pump House Retrofit. Town of Twillingate agrees to provide its share of the cost-shared funding \$63,681.30 for this project should it be selected for funding, and acknowledges that project costs above the approved project total cost will be the sole responsibility of Town of Twillingate. Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Rowsell. All in favour (7/0). Motion carried.

Councillor Johnson left Council chambers.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion #23-079: Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Rowsell that the meeting minutes from May 08, 2023, be adopted as presented. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Recreation Committee

The Recreation update was provided by Councillor Barnes and included the following:

- A coordinator for the Summer Day Camp has been hired, in addition to another student to assist with the Summer Day Camp. Current registration is over \$16,000. Camp begins July 3, 2023.
- Kidkicks program begins on July 3, 2023. Grant White is working towards hiring another student to assist with Kidkicks.
- Naming of the ball field was discussed. Councillor Watkins advised that the Recreation Centre and the ball field both have been discussed for naming.

Motion #23-080: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes that we move forward with naming the ball field as Ryan Jenkins Memorial Softball Field. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

- Naming of the Recreation Centre will be discussed at the next Recreation Committee meeting.
- Rental rates for the area were presented and discussed.

Motion #23-081: Moved by Mayor Blackler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham to set an hourly dry floor rate for the arena at \$65.00 / hour.

In Favour: Mayor Blackler, Deputy Mayor Greenham, Councillor Blake, Councillor Watkins,

Councillor Rowsell.

Not in Favor: Councillor Barnes

Motion carried.

- June is Recreation Month and as such many events have been posted online by the Recreation Committee.
- Run for Robbie registration has been opened.

B. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Councillor Watkins. The Finance Committee meeting was held on June 12, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Watkins and was attended by Councillor Barnes, Kathy Roberts and Leanne Hann.

The bank reconciliation was signed and approved by the Committee on June 12, 2023.

The following items were discussed:

May Income and Expense Report

Councillor Watkins advised that no major concerns were identified with the June 2023 Income and Expense Report, or the June Adjustments/Accounts Payable Reports, as presented.

Motion #23-082: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Rowsell to approve the June 2023 Income and Expense Report as presented. All in favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Town Bills

Motion #23-083: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve payment of Town bills (unpaid) as presented during the Committee meeting on June 12, 2023. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Motion #23-084: BE IT RESOLVED that the following ten (10) real properties be sold at public auction on July 19, 2023, at 7 pm for unpaid taxes:

- 61 Back Harbour Road
- 11 Dock Road
- 3 Newman's Hill
- 25 Bayview Street
- 89 Bayview Street
- 97 Bayview Street
- 104-110 Bayview Street
- 28 Durrell Street
- 147 Durrell Street
- 168 Durrell Street

Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Rowsell. All in favour (6/0). Motion carried.

Gander SPCA – Donation Request

Motion #23-085: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to donate \$50.00 to the Gander and Area SPCA. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Make-A-Wish Canada – Donation Request

Motion #23-086: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to donate \$100.00 to Make-A-Wish Canada. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Fish Fun and Folk Festival – Donation Request

Motion #23-087: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham to donate \$1000.00 in conjunction with the other support that the Town offers including the arena and staff to the Fish Fun and Folk Festival. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Mayor Blackler noted that the Town should be recognized as the premier sponsor of the event regardless of the amount donated.

Councillor Johnson returned to Council chambers.

C. Community Services Committee - No updates

D. Rock Cut Trail Liaison Update – No updates

E. Protective Services Committee

Council noted that RCMP coverage in the community appears to be positive.

F. Fisherman's Committee

Councillor Blake requested the Town apply for a JCP project. The project is to replace/repair two wharves. Leanne Hann to follow-up with Councillor Blake.

G. Tourism Committee

The Tourism Committee report was presented by Mayor Blackler. The Tourism Committee meeting was held on June 05, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Blackler and was attended by Deputy Mayor Greenham, Councillor Blake, Jeff Burt and Grant White.

Mayor Blackler reminded Council that the chairperson of each committee should be providing the committee minutes to Leanne Hann on a regular basis.

Spring Clean-Up

Discussion regarding the timing of spring clean-up was presented. It was advised that the Town make changes next year regarding the timing as it is in line with the start of tourist season.

Tourism and Marketing Budget

The Tourism and Marketing line item in the Municipal Budget requires more definition. Discussion regarding marketing costs for maps and if the Town should go to digital mapping.

Downhome Tourism Guide

Motion #23-088: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Town pays the full cost of the advertisement space in the Downhome Tourism Guide. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

H. Heritage Committee

Councillor Johnson provided an update on the Heritage Committee including the following:

The Committee requested funding in the amount of \$3,400 from MHA Derek Bennett for fencing for gravesites. The request was denied. Mayor Blackler suggested the Committee approach the community for funding and noted the value in getting the work done as soon as possible.

I. Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee report was presented by Deputy Mayor Greenham. The Public Works Committee meeting was held on June 08, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Blackler and was attended by Deputy Mayor Greenham, Robbie Ings and Jeff Burt.

The following items were discussed:

44 Main Street

A letter expressing concerns with the visual appeal of a fence on the neighboring property was presented to Council. Council consensus was the issue is a civil matter. No further action to be taken on behalf of the Town Council.

2 Shore Road

A letter was presented to Council regarding the condition of the resident's driveway due to continuous water line repairs. Council was advised that rerouting of the water line to avoid this would cost in excess of \$100,000. Council consensus was not to move forward with rerouting the line.

Water/Curb Stop Turn Offs

Water/curb stop turn offs will be conducted seasonally between May 1 to October 31 moving forward. Staff are only to respond to the water turn offs during this time. After this the response will be on an emergency basis only.

Water System

Planned inspections and work on the water system is ongoing. Stantec completed Task 1 of the water feasibility study. A report is expected to follow.

Pumphouse

Pilot valve kits have been replaced as per recommendations by CBCL.

Equipment and Vehicle Use Policy

A draft Equipment and Vehicle Use Policy is to be reviewed by the Committee and presented to Council for approval at the next meeting of Council.

Line Flushing

Line flushing is currently being completed. Flushing lines may cause discoloration of the water.

J. Planning and Development Committee

The Planning and Development Committee meeting minutes were presented by Councillor Rowsell. The Planning and Development Committee meeting was held on June 7, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Rowsell and was attended by Councillor Blake, Jeff Burt and Leanne Hann.

The following items were discussed:

Development Application – 17 Long Lane

Council was presented a development application for a new shed at 17 Long Lane, Twillingate. As the proposed development would require a variance from the Development Regulations, Council suggested the applicant requests letters of approval for the variance from neighbouring property owners. Council consensus was to make an exception to the development regulations regarding shed size pending neighbouring consultation.

Development Application – 2 Durrell Street

Council was presented a development application for a new shed at 2 Durrell Street, Twillingate. As the proposed development would require a variance from the Development Regulations, Council suggested the applicant requests letters of approval for the variance from neighbouring property owners. Council consensus was to make an exception to the development regulations regarding shed size pending neighbouring consultation.

Business Application – 302B Bayview Street (STR)

Motion #23-089: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Blake to approve in principle the operation of two new 2-bedroom cabins as short-term rental units at 302B Bayview Street, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Business Application – 320 Bayview Street (STR)

Motion #23-090: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve in principle a short-term rental at 320 Bayview Street, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Business Application – 11 Gillesport Road (STR)

Motion #23-091: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle a short-term rental at 11 Gillesport Road, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Business Application – 90 Main Street (STR)

Motion #23-092: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle a short-term rental at 90 Main Street, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

The Committee reminded Council to review and respond to the Town office on the draft Short-Term Rental Policy as presented via email from Jeff Burt.

Business Application - 114 Main Street

Council was presented a business application for “Olde House Shows” located at 114 Main Street, Twillingate. As the requested use is discretionary, public advertising was conducted. No concerns were raised in response to the advertising.

Motion #23-093: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle the business application for “Old House Show” at 114 Main Street, Twillingate, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

44 Main Street

A letter presenting concerns with the visual appeal of a fence on the neighboring property was presented to Council. Council consensus was the issue was a civil matter. No further action to be taken on behalf of the Town Council.

Firehall

An update on the Fire Hall was presented to Council. Interior abatement has been completed as per the requirements of OHS. Asbestos samples were collected from the roof and submitted for analysis. The electrical components of the former Town Hall portion will require isolation and removal. Roof leaks are still expected. Council to meet next week to discuss the next steps.

Stadium

Renovations are expected to commence in August 2023 for an approximate duration of six weeks.

Pumphouse

Pilot valve kits have been replaced as per recommendations by CBCL.

Farmers Market

The Twillingate Farmer’s Market presented to the Committee on June 07, 2023. The market is expected to take place at the Performing Arts centre on Saturdays commencing July 01, 2023. The market focus is on fresh produce, with other partnerships in place.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Correspondence – NL Health Services

A letter update regarding the new logo and collaborative services of NL Health Services was presented to Council.

Dementia Friendly

Mayor Blackler provided an update on recent activities of the Dementia Friendly Committee (DFC). The DFC is exploring ways to make Twillingate more friendly for people with dementia. An action plan was completed that included a DFC survey in 2022. Based on the results of the survey, the DFC recommends the Town Council and staff complete four training modules. Mayor Blackler to facilitate the training modules. The DFC requested the Town office work with Candi Card for social media posts.

Pride Month Proclamation

Mayor Blackler presented and signed the June is Pride Month Proclamation.

Motion #23-094: Moved by Mayor Blackler and seconded by Councillor Watkins to raise the Pride flag for the rest of June. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.


Councillor Rowsell questioned Council's position on raising of flags for other special interest groups. Mayor Blackler noted that if there are other groups that require the same level of support than Council should raise their flags as well. Deputy Mayor Greenham requested that Council table other interest groups also.

8. REGULATIONS – N/A

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-095: There being no further business, it was moved by Mayor Blackler and seconded by Councillor Rowsell that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Justin Blackler, Mayor



Leanne Hann, CAO