

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
March 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Town of Twillingate - Council Chambers

Present:

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
Robert Ings	Public Works Foreman (Arrived at 8:15 pm, departed at 9:20 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 6:58 pm.

Mayor Blackler and Council welcomed Councillor Andrew Rowsell back to Council duties.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Gander District Commander Sergeant Larry Turner provided an update on police services and coverage in Twillingate and Lewisporte region.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #23-036: Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Watkins that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on March 13, 2023, be adopted as presented. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

4. MINUTES/MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion #23-037: Be it resolved that the Town of Twillingate submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Pump House Upgrades – Assessment and Long-Term Planning for Replacement/Refurbishment/Redesign of the pumping systems and other associated work, Twillingate, NL project. Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Rowsell. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Motion #23-038: Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve the Age-Friendly Communities Grant (Recreation Centre Parking Lot Upgrades) presented by Recreation Director Grant White for a total project cost of \$8,510.00 with approved projects funded at 90/10. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Blackler advised that Dr. Andrew Hunt has requested a meeting with Town Council. Mayor Blackler to facilitate these arrangements.

Deputy Mayor Greenham provided an update on the Emergency Response Committee – he is working towards securing members on the committee.

Councillor Johnson advised Council that he has been contacted by a winter cruise ship company requesting information about docking in Twillingate. He is providing photos and information to them as requested.

Leanne Hann reminded Council of mandatory training by Municipal Affairs, Modules 1-5. Council confirmed they are registered for the training, and some have already completed the training.

Deputy Mayor Greenham requested the Town sign at the Bayview entrance been completed with the lower placard. Leanne Hann to arrange.

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Councillor Watkins. The Finance Committee meeting was held on March 13, 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 March 13, 2023. The following items were discussed:

Change Order: 17-GI-00222

Motion #23-039: Be it resolved to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,185.00 for MI Project 17-GI-22-00022 SLS Retrofits Phase 2 – Twillingate, to add a combined cover frame and safety grating top unit for both Minty's Farm and Durrell Marine Centre Lift Stations. Moved by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Barnes. All in Favor (7/0).

February Income and Expenses Report

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

Motion #23-040: Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve the February 2023 Income and Expenses Report as presented. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Town Bills

Motion #23-041: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve payment of Town bills (unpaid) as presented during the committee meeting on March 13, 2023. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

179 Durrell Street

Motion #23-042: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to waive the \$290 vacant land tax fee at 179 Durrell Street in 2023. To be assessed on a yearly basis. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Donation Request - Wooden Boat Museum Membership

Motion #23-043: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to purchase a membership to the wooden boat museum for \$30.00 for 2023. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Donation Request – Island Blades

Motion #23-044: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to donate \$50.00 for a full-page add in the ice show booklet. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Motion #23-045: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to donate free ice time for the Island Blades 2023 Ice Show. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Recreation Funding

Councillor Watkins presented recreation funding received in 2022, including unused funds totalling \$4,847.71. Council agreed to allow the recreation department to avail of unused funding in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase recreation equipment and/or complete repairs on the sound system in the arena.

B. Community Services Committee – N/A

C. Recreation Committee

Councillor Barnes provided an update on recreation funding that has been awarded, including:

- New Horizons for Seniors Program - \$15,667.00
- Active Healthy Living Initiative – Summer Recreation Program 2023 - \$6,830.00
- Participation Community Challenge Grant - \$5000.00 – June Ball Hockey Program

Applications have also been submitted for the following:

- Age-Friendly Communities Grant - \$8,510.00 – Recreation Centre Parking Lot Upgrades
- Canada Post Community Foundation - \$20,806.12 – Recreation Centre Upgrades (heaters/fans/materials/labour)
- Celebrate Canada - \$5000.00 (Canada Day Celebrations)

D. Rock Cut Trail Liaison Update

Leanne Hann provided an update including the following:

- All payments pertaining to claims from ACOA have been received.
- Total amount remaining in the Rockcut bank account is \$20,255.72.
- Town is awaiting final payment from the Province, holdback of 10% of project costs (provincial portion of funding).

- Additional application for funding should be completed by the end of March, 2023.

E. Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee report was presented by Deputy Mayor Greenham. The Public Works Committee meeting was held on March 09, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Greenham and was attended by Councillor Johnson and Jeff Burt.

The following items were discussed:

Main Street

Concerns regarding the condition of Main Street near 128 Main Street were presented to Council. It was noted that the road in the area has been attended to by public works, and appropriate signage has been placed. Paving is planned during the next paving season.

Pump House

Leanne Hann provided an update on the pump house, recent site reconnaissance by CBCL, status of funding requests, and next steps. Robbie Ings provided a verbal report on the current condition of the pump house.

Water System

A discussion regarding the water system was held. Council was advised that a Master Water Plan should be implemented for the Town of Twillingate.

F. Protective Services Committee

Delegation from RCMP as noted above.

G. Fisherman's Committee – N/A

H. 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 March 08, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Rowsell and was attended by Councillor Johnson, Councillor Blake, and Jeff Burt.

The following items were discussed:

Development Application – 16 Back Harbour Road

Motion #23-046: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve in principle the request to construct a new residential dwelling and detached garage at 16 Back Harbour Road, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Business Application – 37A Dock Road (Short Term Rental)

Motion #23-047: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle a short-term rental at 37A Dock Road, subject to all applicable regulations and conditions. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Crown Lands Application (160884)

Motion #23-048: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle Crown Land application 160884 as presented. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Crown Lands Applications (159083)

Motion #23-049: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle Crown Land application 159083 as presented. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Fire Hall

Councillor Rowsell presented anticipated costs for renovation of the existing Fire Hall, and the potential cost of constructing a new Fire Hall building. Robbie Ings noted concerns regarding the re-location of fire services during the renovation. Mayor Blackler requested administration continue to work with the PD Committee and circle back with more information on the Fire Hall renovation in the coming weeks. Robbie Ings indicated that he has been working with the Lion's Club on fundraising, and that the Lion's Club is awaiting the go-ahead to start fund-raising for the Fire Hall project.

Stadium

Councillor Rowsell advised Council the stadium renovations are anticipated to commence in August 2023, and will last for a duration of approximately six weeks. Councillor Watkins expressed concerns with the overall condition of the stadium and the long-term costs associated with on-going stadium renovations. Leanne Hann advised Council that only code related items will be addressed during the current renovations. Councillor Rowsell advised that fund-raising will be required for the stadium moving forward.

Speeding

Councillor Rowsell expressed the committees concerns with speeding in Town and advised Council that speeding in Town should be addressed on a more formal basis. Leanne Hann advised Council that a meeting with the RCMP, Corporal Fudge, is scheduled for next week, with speeding on the agenda to be discussed.

Short-Term Rentals

Councillor Rowsell led a discussion on the impacts of short-term rentals in Twillingate, and advised Council that policy on short-term rentals should be implemented. The committee recommends to temporarily pause reviewing short-term rental applications while Council prepares a policy on short-term rentals.

Deputy Mayor Greenham left Council Chambers due to conflict of interest.

Motion #23-050: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to temporarily suspend the review of all business permit applications for short-term rentals.

In Favor: Councillor Rowsell, Councillor Johnson, Mayor Blackler

Opposed: Councillor Barnes, Councillor Watkins, Councillor Blake

Motion Defeated (3/3)

Motion #23-051: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to place a six month pause on the review of all business permit applications for short-term rentals to allow Council time to develop a short-term rental policy.

In Favor: Councillor Rowsell, Councillor Johnson, Mayor Blackler, Councillor Barnes, Councillor Blake

Opposed: Councillor Watkins

Motion Carried (5/1)

Deputy Mayor Greenham returned to Council chambers.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Island Blades

Council was presented a letter from Island Blades. Leanne Hann advised Council that the stadium sounds system was assessed internally, and new knobs have been ordered. Grant White to provide an update on the status of the speakers to Council.

18 Dock Road

Council was presented a letter regarding vacant land tax at 18 Dock Road. Council consensus was a discount will not be granted. Leanne Hann to advise resident accordingly.

49 Upper Jenkins Cove

Council was presented an email regarding vacant land tax at 49 Upper Jenkins Cove. Council consensus was a discount will not be granted. Leanne Hann to advise resident accordingly.

Hospital Pond

Councillor Johnson provided an update on the Hospital Pond Committee. Councillor Greenham questioned if Hospital Pond walking trail can be amalgamated with Rockcut Trails. Leanne Hann to advise Council accordingly.

Heritage Committee

Councillor Johnson provided an update on the Cemetery Committee. Councillor Johnson struck a Heritage Committee as an arm of Council, that will replace the Cemetery Committee moving forward.

Art at the Gate

Council was presented a letter from Art at the Gate. The Art at the Gate committee has been

disbanded. The Town Council extends their gratitude to Art at the Gate for past accomplishments and endeavours in Twillingate.

Assessment Review Commissioner

Council consensus was to appoint Hardy Sparks as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of Twillingate.

Legges Hill North

Email correspondence requesting paving on Legges Hill North was presented to Council. Council request's Public Works conduct a site reconnaissance to assess further and respond to resident accordingly.

Durrell Museum

Council discussed an ownership proposal letter submitted by the Durrell Museum. Consensus of Council was to agree with the terms presented by the Durrell Museum. Leanne Hann to follow-up with DM and move forward with transfer or ownership.

Harassment Prevention Plan

Tabled until the next Public Meeting of Council.

8. REGULATIONS – N/A

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-052: Being there no further business, it was moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



Justin Blackler, Mayor

Leanne Hann
Leanne Hann, CAO