

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

Present:

Justin Blackler	Mayor
Janice Barnes	Councillor
Mike Johnson	Councillor
Lloyd Blake	Councillor
Andrew Rowsell	Councillor
Danny Andrews	Councillor
Jeff Burt	Town of Twillingate, Interim CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 7:02 pm. Welcome to visitors and newest council member, Danny Andrews.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations were made.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #23-124: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on September 12th, 2023, be adopted as presented. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

4. MINUTES/MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion #23-125: Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Rowsell that the meeting minutes from August 14th, 2023, Council meeting be adopted as presented. All in favour (6/0). Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nothing to report.

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Councillor Barnes. The Finance Committee meeting was held on September 12th, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Blackler and was

attended by Councillor Barnes, Kathy Roberts and Jeff Burt.

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

The following items were discussed:

May Income and Expense Report

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

Motion #23-126: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Rowsell to approve the August 2023 Income and Expense Report as presented. All in favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Town Bills

Motion #23-127: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Rowsell to approve payment of Town bills as presented during the Committee meeting on September 12, 2023. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

Tax Structure 2024/Budget 2024

Council was notified that these two items will be a major administrative item for the remaining months of 2023.

Sponsorship/Donation Requests

Discussion was held regarding the necessity of being fair, reasonable, and consistent when considering these requests.

Wheels for Melissa

Motion #23-128: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Johnson to donate \$100.00 to Wheels for Melissa.

All in Favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

DME Central East

Motion #23-129: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Andrews to sponsor event in the amount of \$100.00.

All in Favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

Rock Cut Ultra

Motion #23-130: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Johnson to sponsor event in the amount of \$250.00.

Mayor Blackler vacates chair (7:28PM) to take part in discussion of motion, Councillor Rowsell is appointed Chair for this discussion.

Discussion had regarding what donation would be used for, potential for economic benefits, industry benefits, referencing number of visitors.

For: 3. Councillors Barnes, Andrews, Johnson
Blake, Rowsell.

Against:3. Mayor Blackler, Councillors

Motion defeated.

7:33 PM Mayor Blacker resumes chair.

Rock Cut Ultra

Motion # 23-131: Moved by Mayor Blackler and seconded by Councillor Blake to sponsor event in the amount of \$500.00.

For: 5 Mayor Blackler, Councillors Andrews, Rowsell, Blake, Johnson Against: 1 Councillor Barnes

Motion Carried.

B. Recreation Committee

The Recreation update was provided by Councillor Barnes.

The following items were discussed:

- Request from Twillingate-NWI Minor Hockey Association & Island Blades Figure Skating Club to install ice and begin programs earlier than normal. Discussion took place and it was decided to respond back to this group requesting more information regarding this option and suggest a new target date, mid-October.

C. Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee report was presented by Interim CAO, Jeff Burt. The Public Works Committee meeting was held on September 7th, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Greenham and was attended by Jeff Burt, Robbie Ings and Mayor Blackler.

General Updates – Information

- Issues with motor and pump at booster station. Technicians involved to identify and complete repairs. Initial motor replacement, quote needed for additional motor and pump replacement.
- Water leak repaired in area of Main Street, near Outport Realty.
- Work on lift station retrofits has commenced, estimated completion date of September 22, 2023.
- Backhoe repairs required and completed.
- Committee suggested contacting Provincial representatives regarding Dept. of Transportation roads.
- Request from Public Works to review PPE policy.
- Service Request Tracking tool presented to committee to compile complaints/service requests for Public Works crews. Committee recommends using now and re-evaluate this tool again in the new year.
- Committee made request to plan a full review of the asphalt equipment being used for road repairs. Review to happen prior to 2024 season.
- OH&S Committee performed review of Public Woks Depot, follow up review scheduled for September 15, 2023.

P/W Complaints/Service Request

- Road washouts, general concern. Presented to Public Works for inclusion in service schedule.
- Ditch filled in Durrell. Presented to Public Works for inclusion in service schedule.

D. 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 September 6th, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Rowsell and was attended by Councillor Blake and Jeff Burt.

The following items were discussed:

Development Application – Tickle Point – Discussion was had, unable to consider, in breach of Section 4.17.1. (c)

Development Application – Ocher Pit Road – New Build

Motion # 23-132: It was moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve application as presented subject to all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal requirements/regulations. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

Business Occupancy Application – 8 Path End – Short Term Rental

Motion # 23-133: It was moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve in principle the application as presented, subject to all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal requirements/regulations. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

Business Occupancy Application – 31 Back Harbour – Short Term Rental

Motion # 23-134: It was moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve in principle the application as presented, subject to all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal requirements/regulations. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

Business Occupancy/Development Application – 20 Young’s Lane – Short Term Rental

Motion # 23-135: It was moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve in principle the application as presented, subject to all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal requirements/regulations. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

E. Rockcut Trail Liaison Update

Update provided by Councillor Rowsell

- Funding approved for three-year project on Rock Cut Trails.
- Trail work starting this week.

F. Protective Services Committee - N/A

NIL

G. Fisherman’s Committee

NIL

Councillor Barnes had to exit meeting due to emergency at 8:17 PM.

Councillor Barnes returned to meeting at 8:52 PM.

H. Tourism Committee

The Planning and Development Committee meetings were presented by Mayor Blackler. The tourism committee meeting was held on September 5th, 2023, and attended by Mayor Blackler, Deputy Mayor Greenham, Councillor Blake, Grant White, and Jeff Burt.

The committee had discussion around the following items.

- Seasonal and summer business community, suggestion to post something online to show our appreciation for this business community and their efforts for the busy tourist season.
- More clearly defined expectations surrounding budget for 2024.
 - Possibility of an industry appreciation event
 - Look into potential ways of staffing the visitor information centre for longer than it is currently staffed.
 - Signage for trails
 - Cruise NL
 - Marketing (Magazines, Expos, etc.)
- Harbor Authority reviewing viability of using facilities as OUMF.
- Contact made with Small Craft Harbors, inquiring about the installation of mooring balls in the harbor.
- Discussion around tourism and two items that will require communication with the Town of Crow Head. Sleepy Cove and Lighthouse, utilization, and maintenance.
- Discussion regarding land at the main intersection in town. Correspondence has been exchanged between the landowner and the town, more updates to follow when available.

I. Heritage Committee

Update provided by Councillor Johnson.

- Correspondence was had with Senator Ravalia around the topic of available funding.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Nil


8. REGULATIONS

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-136: There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Barnes that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Justin Blackler, Mayor



Jeff Burt, Interim CAO