

**TOWN OF TWILLINGATE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2019
TOWN HALL, TWILLINGATE
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Mayor Grant White
Deputy Mayor Cyril Dalley
Councillor Janice Barnes
Councillor Lloyd Blake
Councillor Melissa Blackler
Councillor Wayne Greenham
Town Clerk/Manager Marie Magnin
Recreation Director Jeff Blackler <Joined at 7:16 pm, departed at 7:38 pm.>

REGRETS: Councillor Oliver Hynes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor White at 7:16 pm.

2. DELEGATIONS

Jeff Blackler, Regional Recreation Director, provided Council with an overview and status of the projects he has taken on since joining the Town. Some examples of projects ongoing include: Trails application to ACOA/TCII, OH&S arena upgrades, upgrades to softball field, Come Home Year 2020, and NHL Hockey Legends, to mention a few.

Jeff presented an opportunity and supporting business case for the Town of Twillingate to host a Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni Hockey Game in 2020. The event would come at a cost of \$22,000+HST but has the potential to generate up to \$30,000 in revenue. Jeff shared with Council examples of other communities in NL that have hosted events and have turned a profit. Given the hockey-appreciating nature of Twillingate and the surrounding area, the management (i.e. Jeff and Recreation Committee) we have in place to plan and run the event, and the potential economic impact in a non-tourist month, it's an exciting opportunity for the Town. Jeff is proposing a late March event but this will be confirmed with the NHL Legends staff if Council wants to proceed. Prior to signing any contract, we would also be made aware of the headlining players.

The Councillors thanked Jeff for his hard work and expressed appreciation for all the great work underway.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion #19-202
Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Barnes, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #19-203

Regular Meeting for Approval

The Town Clerk/Manager noted that there is an error in the drafted minutes where it is stated that Councillor Hynes was absent from the August 14th meeting. Councillor Hynes was in fact present for the duration of the August 14th Council Meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Greenham, that the Minutes, inclusive of the above-mentioned edit, from the Regular Meeting of Council on August 14th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Barnes provided an update on Minute #19-187 regarding a resident's request to re-route an ATV path in the area of Dock Road. She confirmed that she and Councillor Blake, along with the Public Works Foreman, visited the resident and confirmed that the issue is actually between property owners, and therefore there is nothing further for Council to address at this time.

6. REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Public Works

No reports for this meeting.

The Town Clerk/Manager confirmed that the MCW-Funded Paving Project (applied for in 2017), including sections of Cooper's Lane, Randell's Lane, White's Hill, Newman's Hill, Blandford's Lane and Main Street (by Yates' Hill), has commenced. The project expenses will be monitored daily. The project is expected to be complete within 10 days. Exploits Paving, the contractor, will also pave the cuts in Town.

Motion #19-204

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to apply to the Gas Tax Secretariat to use \$15,000+HST of our Gas Tax Funds to address the safety concerns on Robin's Cove Road.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

B. Tourism

No reports for this meeting.

Mayor White reminded everyone that the Digital Arts Festival is this week and encouraged everyone to get out and participate in this great event.

C. Finance

Deputy Mayor Dalley, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the Minutes from the September 12th Finance Committee Meeting. As an outcome of that meeting, the Finance Committee made the following recommendation to Council:

<Councillor Blackler declared a conflict of interest because she lives on Dock Road. She left the room at 8:03 pm.>

The Finance Committee recommends that Council apply for MCW Funding for the following projects, in order of priority:

1. Gillesport Lift Station – This project was submitted in the last round of applications for MCW Funding but was not approved. This lift station is on borrowed time and fixing it will not be a choice. As such, this is their #1 priority. The estimated cost of this project is \$145,000 and Council's portion is \$14,500. We would fund this amount with our operating budget.
2. Chiller – As communicated by Service NL, we must have a plan in place to replace our chiller prior to the 2019 season or run the risk of having to close our stadium. The estimated cost of a new chiller is \$84,000 and Council's portion is \$33,600. We will apply to the Gas Tax Secretariat to use Gas Tax Funds for this expenditure.
3. Bayview Water/Sewer Upgrades/Extension – This project was submitted in the last round of applications for MCW but funding was not approved. This section of the community has either inadequate or no water/sewer service. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,195,607 and Council's portion is \$195,607. We would have to borrow these funds.
4. Dock Road – The condition of Dock Road has been a concern for some time and Council agrees that something must be done to improve the condition of the road in order to ensure the safety of citizens and their property. As the funding ratio for water and sewer projects is far more favourable than for pavement, it's actually less expensive to apply for water and sewer than it is to put down pavement. As such, Council's fourth priority is to apply for water & sewer (inclusive of ditching & pavement) on Dock Road. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,299,000 and Council's portion is \$129,900. We would have to borrow these funds.

Motion #19-205

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to apply for Municipal Capital Works (MCW) and/or Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Funding, in the following priority:

1. Re-apply for MCW Funding to complete the **Gillesport Sewage Lift Station Retrofit (AP-MCW-19156)** at an estimated cost of \$145,000, with Council's portion being \$14,500.
2. Apply for MCW Funding for a new **chiller** for the stadium at an estimated cost of \$84,000, with Council's portion being \$33,600.
3. Re-apply for MCW Funding for **Bayview Water and Sewer Upgrades (AP-MCW-19413)** at an estimated cost of \$1,195,607, with Council's portion being \$195,607.
4. Apply for MCW Funding to put in **Water and Sewer on Dock Road** at an estimated cost of \$1,299,000, with Council's portion being \$129,900.

In Favour: 5 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

<At 8:10 pm, Councillor Blackler returned.>

Motion #19-206

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blake, to apply to the Gas Tax Secretariat to use Gas Tax for our portion of the new chiller for the stadium. If approved, this project would be funded at a ratio of 60/40. Our portion (40%) would be \$33,600.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

D. Fisheries

No reports for this meeting.

E. Planning and Development

No reports for this meeting.

F. Fire Department

No reports for this meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion #19-207

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to donate \$250 to Twillingate Island Elementary school trip to Green Valley Farm.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #19-208

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to have the Town Clerk/Manager consult with the Town's lawyers regarding the process for expropriating property with dilapidated structures.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Minute #19-209

In regards to a request from Twillingate Realty Inc. for the Town to assume ultimate responsibility for water and sewer infrastructure and snow clearing at Paradise Estates and responsibility for water and sewer infrastructure servicing 3 new residential lots, the Town Clerk/Manager told Council that she has requested additional information about this request in order for Council to make an informed decision. As such, it was agreed that the issue would be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

Motion #19-210

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blake, to grant a resident's request to be reimbursed for 50% of water/sewer and garbage fees for 2014 – 2018, in accordance with the Vacant

Land Policy which stipulates that if a residence is vacant for 365 days a year, the property is eligible for a 50% reduction in water/sewer and garbage fees.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

8. FINANCES

Minute #19-211

The Town Clerk/Manager referred to the Budget Report and highlighted some areas in which we are tracking over. Specifically, she called attention to the cost of the OH&S and electrical inspections at the stadium, insurance premiums for the stadium, and sewer pumps. She noted that we have applied for Emergency Funding where possible but, if it doesn't come through, we will be overspending in these categories this year.

Motion #19-212

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Greenham, that the attached accounts be passed for payment.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #19-213

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, that the A/R adjustments for August, in the amount of \$24,741.62, be approved.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

9. REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

N/A

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Minute #19-214

The Town Clerk/Manager shared MNL's 2019 Federal Election Key Messages regarding the Federal Wastewater Regulations with Council. It was agreed that the Town Clerk/Manager would send a letter on Council's behalf to the leaders of the Federal parties requesting their support to re-open the window for transitional authorization applications and a permanent doubling of annual Gas Tax Funding so that we can comply with the upcoming WSER Requirements.

Minute #19-215

The Town Clerk/Manager told Council that the 1974 930 CAT Loader will be advertised to be sold with a minimum bid of \$3,500. The tender will remain open for 1-week and will be advertised on Facebook and posted in the Town Hall.

Minute #19-216

The Town Clerk/Manager told Council of upcoming training opportunities including: the PMA Fall Forum and the PMA Core School. She is planning to attend the Core School which is planned for the last week in October. The details of the training will be released shortly and will be shared with Council.

Minute #19-217

The Town Clerk/Manager provided an update on the Twillingate Regional Emergency Plan. The committee met recently to discuss any suggested amendments to the draft plan. These edits are being made and a meeting has been scheduled with Derek Tilley, Regional Emergency Management Planning Officer for Emergency Services for the Central Region, for this coming Thursday.

Councillor Greenham expressed interest in joining the Emergency Planning Committee as he has extensive experience in emergency planning and response. It was agreed that he would be added to the committee.

It was further agreed that the draft Emergency Plan would be sent to all Councillors for their review and safe-keeping.

Motion #19-218

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to host an NHL Hockey Legends (Toronto Maple Leafs) game in Twillingate in March 2020. The total cost to Council is \$22,000+HST but all proceeds from the event (i.e. ticket sales, drink sales, etc.) are for the Town to keep.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Minute #19-219

The issue of a messy property in Bayview was raised again as the complainant is not satisfied with the lack of action to-date. It was agreed that Mayor White would respond to the complainant directly on the issue.

There being no further business at this time, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm. Carried.

Grant White-Mayor

Marie B. Magnin-Town Clerk/Manager