

**TOWN OF TWILLINGATE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY – DECEMBER 14th, 2020
7:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson	Mayor Grant White
Deputy Mayor	Cyril Dalley
Councillor	Janice Barnes
Councillor	Lloyd Blake
Councillor	Wayne Greenham
Councillor	Melissa Blackler
Councillor	Oliver Hynes
Town Clerk/Manager	Marie Magnin

REGRETS: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor White at 7:09 pm.

1. DELEGATIONS

N/A

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #20-289

Approval of Agenda

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

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #20-290

Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Barnes, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on November 9th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

5. REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Public Works

No reports for this meeting.

B. Tourism

No reports for this meeting.

C. Finance

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Deputy Mayor Dalley (Chair) summarized a discussion regarding a property on Smith's Lane.

- A property owner/resident of 10 Smith's Lane claims that his/her property was skipped over for the water & sewer installation in the 90s.
 - o This issue has been brought to Council two times in the past. In both cases, Council confirmed that 10 Smith's Lane was not skipped over in error.
 - The home was built with the intention of being a summer home only. Provincial Regulations did not require that such homes be serviced with water & sewer when these services were installed.
 - Attempts to contact the property owner were unsuccessful.
 - It was only in 2011 that the property owner acquired permission to cross the neighbouring property to install water and sewer services. Smith's Lane was serviced in 1999.
- The same property owner would like to know why a building permit was granted to a neighbouring property owner when the land ownership is contested.
 - It is incumbent on the property owner/permit applicant to confirm land ownership. The Town Office does not verify land ownership. In this case, the applicant stated that they own the land and provided adequate supportive documentation for the file. Property disputes are considered a civil matter.

Following an extensive review and discussion of the draft Budget for 2021, Deputy Mayor Dalley stated the following:

- There will be no change in the mill rates

- Some key highlights from the Budget include:
 - o An 8% increase in assessment values
 - o Reduction in projected recreation-related revenue due to COVID-19
 - o A re-organization including changing the current role of the Town Clerk/Manager into two distinct roles: Town Clerk and Town Manager. Marie Magnin will move into the Town Manager role and the Town Clerk role will be posted in 2021.
 - o Increased resources into economic development initiatives
 - o The purchase of a new cube van to replace the water & sewer van
 - o Debt payments associated with: the South Side Waterline Replacement, purchase of a new back hoe and a new fire hall.
 - o The Town's portion of two new lift stations
 - o The Town's portion of upgrades to the stadium
 - o The Town's portion of upgrades to Rockcut Trails

Deputy Mayor Dalley welcomed members of the public to review the detailed Budget.

Motion #20-291

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to have the Town Clerk/Manager advise the property owner that 10 Smith's Lane was not skipped over in error.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #20-292

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to have the Town Clerk/Manager advise the property owner that property disputes are civil matters and the municipality will not get involved.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #20-293

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to adopt the 2021 Budget of \$2,695,322.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #20-294

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to refund tickets for the NHL Legends Game originally planned for March 2020.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #20-295

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to provide staff and Councillors with gift certificates to R&J Family Restaurant in lieu of an in-person Christmas Party this year.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

D. Fire Department

No reports for this meeting.

- Councillor Greenham (Chair) asked that the Town Clerk/Manager schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief to discuss how the Town Office can support their upcoming fundraising campaign.

E. Regional Emergency Management Council Committee

No reports for this meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute #20-296

The Town Clerk/Manager shared a letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure notifying Council that the Department will allow for connections to within 1.5 metres of residences impacted by the South Side Waterline Replacement. This approval is for this project only and future projects will be conducted in conformance with the existing policy (i.e., laterals will be funded to the property line). Connections within 1.5 metres of residences will need to be done in accordance with the Department's *Guidelines for Servicing to within 1.5 Metres of a House*; including each impacted homeowner having to agree (in writing) to pay a fee of not less than \$500 as a cost recovery to help offset the cost of the lateral.

Motion#20-297

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to approve in principle a request from Pier 39 to sell convenience items including cases of beer from a sectioned off area in the restaurant. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk/ Manager would research what Provincial permits are required in order to issue a new occupancy permit (i.e., NLC Distributors License, Service NL, etc.).

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-298

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to have the Town Clerk/Manager request quotes from engineering firms to provide an opinion as to whether or

not, and at what cost, the Town's infrastructure at 38 Main Street could be moved to an alternate location.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-299

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to contact the property owner of 12 Stockley's Hill regarding the mess and associated hazards on his/her property, and advise him/her to clean up the property and eliminate any hazards by a certain date.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-300

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to lobby the Provincial Government of NL to request that the Highway Traffic Act and/or associated regulations be enforced to ensure prohibition of modifications to exhaust systems that increase noise and to ensure enforcement with fines and ticketing. Further, that the Town of Twillingate lobby the Provincial Government of NL to ensure adequate resources (technology and staffing) are funded to allow enforcement agencies to effectively apply the legislation and regulations prohibiting excessively loud vehicles.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-301

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to approve in principle a request to operate a vacation rental at 2 Main Street, subject to the applicant's compliance with all applicable regulations, including a public notification period.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-302

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to adjust the full amount of 2020 business tax and water & sewer to the minimum for Twillingate Century House as they did not operate at all in 2020.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0
Decision: Motion carried.

Minute #20-303

In regards to a property owner's request for a variance to the Development Regulations, it was agreed that the discussion would be deferred to the Public Works Committee and that the

Town Clerk/Manager would provide Council with all previous variances granted for the size of accessory buildings.

Motion #20-304

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to donate \$100 to the Twillingate/New World Island Community Friends Group for their 2021 Easter party.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-305

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Hynes, not to donate to the Citizen's Crime Prevention Association because it is not a local organization.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-306

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to approve in principle the Salvation Army's request to remove the existing cross on Smith's Lookout and replace it with a new aluminum cross in an effort to eliminate any safety hazards, subject to a meeting with Council to discuss the plan for maintenance and upkeep prior to any work commencing.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

7. FINANCES

Motion #20-307

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

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #20-308

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Blackler, that the A/R adjustments for November, in the amount of \$6,391.89, be approved.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

8. REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

N/A

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion #20-309

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to approve the Annual Borrowing Resolution with Scotiabank for \$200,000 for 20/21.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Minute #20-310

It was discussed that there remains a need for traffic calming between the schools. It was agreed that the Town Clerk/Manager would look at suitable options and bring to the Public Works Committee of Council for further discussion.

Minute #20-311

In response to concerns voiced by Councillors and members of the public, Council clarified the following with respect to the Bayview Sports and Wharf Committee (BS&WC):

- BS&WC is not affiliated with the Town of Twillingate
- Councillor Hynes' position as Chair of the BS&WC is completely separate from his role as Councillor.
- BS&WC, or any organization for that matter, is not permitted to apply to conduct work on hiking trails (existing or future) or community wharves without expressed permission from the Town of Twillingate.

Minute #20-312

The Town Clerk/Manager advised Council that we will be receiving additional CEEP funds early in 2021 and would be advised shortly how many hours will be allotted to the Town.

Motion #20-313

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to donate \$200 to JMOC Scholarships (2 awards of \$100 each).

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

There being no further business at this time, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. Carried.

Grant White-Mayor

Marie B. Magnin-Town Clerk/Manager