

**TOWN OF TWILLINGATE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY – FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021
7:00 PM (via ZOOM)**

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 7:01 pm.

1. DELEGATIONS

N/A

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #21-19

Approval of Agenda

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

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #21-20

Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blackler, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on January 18th, 2021 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

Councillor Greenham (Chair) summarized the minutes from the February 9th, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting and based on the Committee's recommendations, the following motions were made:

Motion #21-21

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to advise a property owner on Dock Road that the lane used to access his/her driveway is not considered a managed road by the Town of Twillingate and therefore does not receive snow clearing by the Town. Rather, Council believes this lane to be an old access path that has never been maintained by the Town.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-22

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to approve in principle the Coast Guard's proposal to place a crosswalk on Main Street between the Search and Rescue Station and the wharf, subject to consultation with the Public Works Foreman and approval by Department of Highways.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-23

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to advise NL Power to add a light to an existing pole on Hugh Lane, by the cemetery.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-24

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to notify a resident on Young's Lane that the Town will not repair the damaged water line under his/her shed. The Town will make note of the condition of the water line and if there is an opportunity for cost-shared funding to replace this lateral line, Council will consider applying for it at its earliest opportunity.

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

Motion #21-25

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to send the letter as drafted by the Town Clerk/Manager to all property owners impacted by the new South Side main water line replacement, notifying them of the option to pay \$250 to have lateral lines replaced to within 1.5 metres of their homes and their obligation to assume responsibility for water lines on their property moving forward.

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

Minute #21-26

Regarding a snow clearing damage complaint submitted by a property owner on Main Street, the Town Clerk/Manager advised that an insurance claim has been filed by the property owner so the issue now rests with the insurance companies to complete their investigation.

Minute #21-27

It was agreed that the Town Clerk/Manager and Public Works Foreman would work with the Public Works Committee to further investigate the damage complaint submitted by a property owner on Butt's Lane re: a damaged fence.

Motion #21-28

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to notify the property owner of 38 Main Street that the cost to relocate the sewer outfall infrastructure is \$36,500.

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

Minute #21-29

In response to correspondence received re: excessive water on a property on Young's Lane, it was agreed that the Public Works Foreman would investigate and report back to the Committee.

B. Tourism

Mayor White (Chair) summarized the minutes from the February 15th, 2021 Tourism Committee Meeting. This Committee meeting was held to discuss a proposal made by the Twillingate Islands Tourism Association (TITA) to the Committee requesting up to \$30K in funds from the COVID Re-start Funds. The COVID Re-start Funds were provided to Council by the Federal Government to assist with expenses and lost revenue as a result of COVID-19. TITA is requesting funds from this grant to assist with their operational expenses and towards promoting Twillingate as a staycation destination this year. Following extensive discussion amongst Committee Members, the following recommendations were made:

Motion #21-30

It was moved by Mayor White, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to provide TITA with \$3,350 towards maintenance of visitwillingate.com, to enable the organization to waive membership fees for 2021 and build their membership base. As TITA owes the Town its portion of the Rockcut Twillingate Trails Project costs for 2021 (\$2,632), it was agreed that the Town would cover this cost and pay TITA the difference of \$718.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-31

It was moved by Mayor White, seconded by Councillor Greenham, not to provide TITA with the requested \$5,000 for a social media campaign but rather to allocate \$7,500 from the Town's COVID Re-start Funds towards a social media campaign to be executed by the Rockcut Trails Committee and their agency partner.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-32

It was moved by Mayor White, seconded by Councillor Greenham, not to provide TITA with the requested \$12,800 for a radio campaign.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-33

It was moved by Mayor White, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to utilize up to \$2,500 from the Town's Marketing/Tourism operating budget to print large format trail maps to be displayed at rest stops.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-34

It was moved by Mayor White, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to utilize up to \$1,500 from the Town's Marketing/Tourism operating budget to provide trail maps for distribution through the VIC and by tourism operators.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

C. Finance

No reports for this meeting.

D. Fire Department

No reports for this meeting.

E. Regional Emergency Management Council Committee

No reports for this meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute #21-35

Correspondence from a concerned property owner regarding illegal infilling of the ocean was tabled. Council Members acknowledged the issue and noted that in 2020 a number of approvals in principle for infilling permits and a number of stop work orders for infilling were issued by the Municipality. This demonstrates that progress is being made on this issue. Further to this, the Town's new draft Municipal Plan & Development Regulations are very clear in regards to the requirements related to infilling of the ocean and work within 15 metres of a shoreline. The issue of overall enforcement (i.e., what happens when stop of work orders are ignored or damage is already done) still persists and is a result of a lack of adequate resources at both the Municipal and Provincial levels. It was agreed that the Town Clerk/Manager would send the concerned property owner correspondence outlining the steps the Town has taken on this issue and its plans to gain control over the issue in the future.

Minute #21-36

In response to a request from Art at the Gate, it was agreed that the Tourism Committee of Council would welcome a meeting with the Art at the Gate organizers.

Motion #21-37

It was moved by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Blake, to send a letter of support for the "All Hands on Deck for High-Speed Internet in Newfoundland and Labrador" in support of high-speed internet in rural NL.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #21-38

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blake, to approve in principle a proposal from 618 Entertainment to obtain a recreational liquor license for "The Gate" at 15 Main Street to allow for alcohol to be served at events held by 618 Entertainment at the venue. This approval is subject to the applicant's compliance with all applicable Provincial Regulations and a signed letter from the board responsible for "The Gate" approving for alcohol to be served at the venue.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #21-39

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to provide approval in principle for a home-based animal grooming business to operate from 58 Minty's Farm Road, subject to compliance with all applicable regulations. As a home-based business is considered discretionary in a Residential Zone, this approval in principle is subject to a 1-week public notification period. Should no concerns or objections be raised, this approval in principle will stand.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Minute #21-40

In response to a request of support from the Clean Harbours Initiative, it was agreed to request a meeting with the organization. Council Members recall requesting a meeting prior to the pandemic and would like to see if the organization is willing to meet either virtually or in-person once restrictions are lifted.

Motion #21-41

It was moved by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to approve in principle a request to operate an additional one-bedroom vacation rental at 24 Hugh Lane (Robin's Nest Cottages), subject to a 1-week public notification period and all applicable regulations.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

7. FINANCES**Motion #21-42**

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

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #21-43

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, that the A/R adjustments for January, in the amount of \$979.69, be approved.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

8. REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

N/A

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion #21-44

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to allocate \$7,046.35 of the Town's Gas Tax Funds for upgrades to the Ballfield.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Motion #21-45

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to allocate \$7,323.60 of the Town's Gas Tax Funds for upgrades to the Top of Twillingate hiking trail.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

<Councillor Blackler stated that she felt she is in a conflict of interest for the next agenda item due to the fact that she owns property on Dock Road and could therefore financially benefit from upgrades to the road.>

Motion #21-46

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Blake, to allocate \$158,845.83 of the Town's Gas Tax Funds for upgrades/paving to Dock Road.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 0 *(Councillor Blackler abstained from voting due to conflict of interest)*

Decision: Motion carried.

There being no further business at this time, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Blackler, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. Carried.

Grant White-Mayor

Marie B. Magnin-Town Clerk/Manager