

**TOWN OF TWILLINGATE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY – JANUARY 18th, 2021
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 7:05 pm.

1. DELEGATIONS

N/A

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #21-01

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 #21-02

Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Blackler, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on December 14th, 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

Councillor Greenham (Chair) summarized the minutes from the January 15th, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting.

Motion #21-03

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to reduce the burden to homeowners impacted by the South Side Water Line Replacement Project, by discounting the fee to connect within 1.5 metres of homes by 50%. This requires that Council assume the cost for the other 50% which equates to approximately \$18,000. Included in this motion, Council will fund the \$18,000 from the COVID Safe Re-Start Funds received in late 2020.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 1 (Mayor White)

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-04

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to deny a permit application to build a 2400 square foot accessory building as it does not comply with the Town's Development Regulations.

In Favour: 6 Opposing: 1 (Mayor White)

Decision: Motion Carried.

Motion #21-05

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dalley, to rescind the previous motion.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

Minute #21-06

Following some discussion, it was agreed that Council has concerns about the draft regulations concerning the size of accessory buildings. As such, it was agreed that the Town Clerk/Manager would consult our municipal planner to determine how the draft regulations concerning accessory buildings can be revisited prior to the plan being adopted.

Motion #21-07

It was moved by Councillor Greenham, seconded by Councillor Hynes, to purchase a Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Beacon to place on Hugh Lane between the High School and Elementary School at a cost of \$4,295+tax.

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

Minute #21-08

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Meridian Engineering will be providing Council with an assessment of the effort/cost implications to relocate the underground infrastructure at 38 Main Street. Meridian is replacing the main water line that runs alongside this property so they are naturally well-suited to provide this information.

B. Tourism

Mayor White noted that the Town Clerk/Manager is working with TITA to confirm a meeting date. The tentative plan is to meet from 10-12 am on Friday, January 22nd, 2021, at the Fire Hall. The Town Clerk/Manager stated that the purpose of the meeting is to establish a shared understanding of challenges and opportunities and lay the groundwork for a good working relationship moving forward. Mayor White added that all Councillors are welcome to attend the meeting.

C. Finance

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Deputy Mayor Dalley (Chair) summarized a discussion about the existing water and sewer policy for vacant homes.

The current policy requires that vacant homes pay the full \$420/year for water and sewer. This policy was put in place in 2020 due to the fact that the previous policy, which allowed for a 50% adjustment if the home was vacant 365 days/year, relied on the honour system and there was reason to believe that some residents were not honest about their home's vacancy.

Council has been in receipt of a number of complaints about this policy. The Town Clerk/Manager noted that reverting back to the pre-2020 policy would result in a loss of approximately \$6,750 in planned revenue.

Motion #21-09

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Greenham, to revert back to the previous policy on water and sewer fees for homes vacant for 365 days/year, allowing a 50% adjustment to the residential water and sewer fee. Also, in this motion, it is confirmed that this change is not retroactive. Fees paid for water and sewer in 2020 will not be refunded.

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

Motion #21-10

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dalley, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to have the Finance Committee take the lead on tax sales in the community and to prioritize this project.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion Carried.

D. Fire Department

No reports for this meeting.

E. Regional Emergency Management Council Committee

No reports for this meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion#21-11

It was moved by Councillor Blackler, seconded by Councillor Blake, to approve in principle a request from Twillingate Adventure Tours to obtain a liquor license for their yellow building and deck on the wharf at 128 Main Street.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried

7. FINANCES

Motion #21-12

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 #21-13

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Blackler, that the A/R adjustments for November, in the amount of \$6,343.76, be approved.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

8. REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

N/A

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Minute #21-14

The Town Clerk/Manager reminded Council that they have a draft of the newsletter in their inboxes and that any, and all feedback is needed by no later than end of day tomorrow (Tuesday).

Minute #21-15

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that the CEEP Project has been amended to a total project value of \$77,632, which allows for an additional 23 workers. As previously approved, the workers will focus on clearing the alders from near the main water line, some remaining work at Lower Jenkins Cove and Tickle Point slipways, and clearing brush from the new hiking trail from Codjacks Cove to Little Harbour. The work commenced today and will continue for 3-5 weeks.

Minute #21-16

The Town Clerk/Manager advised Council that the tender for the new chiller is out and will close on Feb 8th, 2021. The install will not happen until after the ice comes off at the stadium.

Minute #21-17

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that the 2 lift station retrofits in Durrell (Gillesport and Howlett's Road) will commence on February 27th, 2021.

Motion #21-18

It was moved by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Barnes, to purchase an extended warranty for the new dump truck at a cost of \$9,677+HST.

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 Blackler, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Carried.

Grant White-Mayor

Marie B. Magnin-Town Clerk/Manager