



REGULAR MEETING

**February 14th, 2022
7:00pm**

REGULAR MEETING – Town Council
February 14, 2021 – 7:00pm – Council Chambers, Town of Twillingate

Present:

Mayor Justin Blackler
Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham
Councillor Janice Barnes
Councillor Lloyd Blake
Councillor Andrew Rowsell
Councillor Mitchell Watkins
Councillor Mike Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Blackler.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion 22-011: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham, Seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. DELEGATIONS

- a. Mayor Blackler requested the RCMP be invited to the next scheduled Town council public meeting, council was in agreement.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Motion 22-012: It was moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Rowsell, that the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 18th, 2022 & a Privileged Meeting of Council held on January 27th, 2022, be adopted as presented. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Request from resident to name the shoal tickle bridge turn-off towards his business(s) as a Town named road. The turn off is located on the south end of the bridge and turns westerly.
 - i. Council was in agreement to give the turn off a Town name (name to be determined). The newly named Town road will end at the large rock placed by the diving fence (extending approximately 165 m from the edge of the bridge concrete towards the resident business). The Town of Twillingate will only be responsible for the road maintenance from the turn-off extending 165 m west,

and will not be responsible for any sewer-related issues arising from the resident's business and or personal-use sewer line and/or any connections to the Towns underground infrastructure. Turned over to Public Works for further assessment and correspondence with NL Power.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

5A. CORRESPONDENCE

Decision / Direction Notes

- a. Resident request to repair the sewer outfall located near their business.
 - i. A discussion was held to acknowledge that when the tide is low, solid waste and effluent that goes into a toilet connected to the sewer outfall at this location, stays on the beach therefore becoming unsightly to residents and tourists. Council agreed that a Site visit in the spring with the resident and pertinent Town staff and council members will be conducted to address a possible solution to the problem.

- b. Resident request to make bill payments via visa/MC at the office.
 - i. Council agreed that the Town should look into the administrative burden of offering this service and report back at the next public council meeting.

- c. Request from Councillor Rowsell to consider the re-naming of Hospital Lane to Dr. Ravalia Way.
 - i. Council agreed that Town staff should look into the administrative component of this and report back to council at the next public council meeting.

- d. Request from Councillor Rowsell to discuss the lack of availability of long-term housing in the community.
 - i. A discussion was held acknowledging there is a lack of long-term rentals available in the Town of Twillingate. This has become a problem when trying to attract professionals to the hospital and other local businesses as new employees. Council agreed that Councillor Rowsell will investigate potential solutions and report back to council at the next public council meeting.

- e. Resident request to re-consider snow clearing Primmers Lane as it is a named road within the Town of Twillingate.
 - i. A discussion was held to acknowledge that Primmers Lane is a named road within Town. Council agreed that a Site visit with the

resident and pertinent Town staff and council members will be conducted to address the matter.

- f. Resident request, concerns regarding cost for sewage in Bayview.
 - i. A discussion was held to acknowledge resident concerns within Bayview regarding services for sewage. Council agreed that the Town Manager and Public Works Foreman will make contact with the resident to gain some clarity on the matter in efforts to work towards a possible solution.
- g. Request from the Twillingate Women's Institute to waive the water tax bill for the property moving forward.
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the long-term feasibility of the Town assisting the Women's Institute in this regard. Council agreed that Mayor Blackler will call the Secretary of the Women's Institute to discuss the matter in more detail.
- h. Request from Councillor Watkins to discuss the lack of accessible (disability) parking at the stadium.
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the current location of the accessible parking area at the stadium. The current location is not easily usable given its close proximity to a no-parking sign. In addition, two (2) accessible parking stalls should be available.
 - ii. **Motion #22-013:** It was moved by Councillor Watkins, Seconded by Councillor Rowsell, that the Town of Twillingate Public Works department install two (2) new accessible parking stalls on the stadium parking lot. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

5B. OTHER MATTERS

- i. Update on Capital Works Projects
 - i. Main Street Water Line: Town Manager updated the Council on the current status of the Main Street Water Line Project.
 - ii. Asset Management Plan (AMP): Town Manager updated the Council on the current status of the AMP.
 - iii. Sewer Lift Stations: Town Manager updated the Council on the current status of the Sewage Lift Station Retrofit for Mindy's Farm and Durrell Museum locations. Council directed the Town Manager to bring the consultant portion of the project to tender in collaboration with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.
 - iv. Stadium Upgrades: Town Manager updated the Council on the current status of the Stadium Upgrades project. Council directed the Town Manager to bring the consultant portion of the project to

tender in collaboration with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community Services
 - i. No updates at this time.
- b. Recreation Liaison
 - i. A meeting is to take place on February 15, 2022. Meeting minutes will be provided.
- c. Rock Cut Trail Liaison
 - i. No update at this time.
- d. Public Works
 - i. Notification that the “Welcome to Historic Twillingate” near the causeway will be replaced by the owner of the sign.
- e. Protective Services
 - i. No updates at this time.
- f. Planning and Development
 - i. No updates at this time.
- g. Corporate Services
 - i. No updates.
- h. Fisherman’s Committee
 - i. Discussions with a party interested in purchasing the former fish plant in town have taken place with Town staff and select council members. More details will be provided if/when they become public.
- i. Heritage Committee (unfilled)
 - i. No updates at this time.
- j. Community Advisory Committee (unfilled).
 - i. No updates at this time.

7. DEVELOPEMNT / PLANNING / PERMITS

- a. Resident request for approval to rent apartment over 39 Main Street on a nightly basis during tourist season.
 - i. **Motion #22-014:** It was moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham, Seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle a request to operate the apartment over 39 Main Street as a nightly rental subject to all applicable regulations. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.
- b. Resident request for approval of a vacation rental home at 46 Farmers Arm Road (approval in principle granted in 2019).
 - i. **Motion #22-015:** It was moved by Councillor Barnes, Seconded Councillor Johnson to approve in principle a Business Licence to

operate 46 Farmers Arm Road as a vacation home subject to all applicable regulations. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

- c. Resident request to approve a Development Permit to construct a Boat House at Paths End.
 - i. **Motion #22-016:** It was moved by Councillor Rowsell, Seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle a Development Permit to construct a Boat House at Path's End subject to all applicable regulations including environmental approval. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

8. REQUISITIONS, PAYROLLS AND ACCOUNTS

- a. Monthly Adjustment Update presented to council. No concerns raised from council.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION, RESOLUTIONS, QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. No items on the agenda to discuss

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. News Release Presented to Council: Municipal Representatives to Board of Directors Elected by the Municipal Assessment Agency. No comments to address.
- b. News Release Presented to Council: Urban Directors elected to Municipal Assessment Agency's Board of Directors by the Municipal Assessment Agency. No comments to address.
- c. Lighting of the Town building purple and reading of a proclamation in honor of Internal Epilepsy Awareness Day (Purple Day on March 26, 2022) requested by Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - i. Mayor Blackler requested the Town replace the outside bulbs (where practical) with purple bulbs for the week of March 20th and post a proclamation on social media as provided by Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador. Council in agreement.
- d. Letter from TITA seeking approval to operate the Twillingate Visitor Information Centre for the 2022 tourist season.
 - i. **Motion #22-017:** It was moved by Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham, Seconded by Councillor Johnson to approve TITA's request to operate the Twillingate Visitor Information Centre for the 2022 Tourist Season. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

- e. Request for letter of support for funding received from Nina Elliott regarding her artwork display in the Town of Twillingate.
 - i. Council agreed that Councillor Johnson will connect with Nina for clarification on her request, and that a letter of support on behalf of the Town can be provided pending this information.

- f. Future Development of a Town Centre (Idea):
 - i. An ad hoc discussion was led by Mayor Blackler and Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham regarding the development of a Town Centre to help support tourism in the Town of Twillingate. The concept of a future Town Centre was put forward by TITA and a resident via email, to be addressed at the next council meeting. Council agrees the future development of a Town Centre should continue to be considered and discussed.

- g. Zoom Account for Town use.
 - i. Council agreed that a Zoom account for Town business use should be purchased with the understanding that public council meetings may need to be open to the public in the future pending government mandates around Covid 19 restrictions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22-018 There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham, Seconded by Councillor Blake, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 pm. All in favor (7/0). Carried.

Justin Blackler

Justin Blackler
Mayor

Leanne Hann

Leanne Hann
Chief Administrative Officer

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