

Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, May 09, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Town of Twillingate - Council Chambers

Present:

Justin Blackler	Mayor
Wayne Greenham	Deputy Mayor (Zoom)
Andrew Rowsell	Councillor
Janice Barnes	Councillor
Lloyd Blake	Councillor
Mike Johnson	Councillor
Mitchell Watkins	Councillor
Leanne Hann	CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 6:01 pm.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

A. RCMP

The RCMP provided an update to Council. The main concern presented was that of ATV use and impaired driving. The RCMP noted that the new Off-Road Vehicles Act and Regulations come into effect on May 19, 2022. The RCMP noted they plan to conduct presentations on ATV use in the schools. Recently the RCMP conducted three checkpoints for drinking and driving in Twillingate. RCMP encouraged the Town to notify residents that they will have an increased presence in Town regarding traffic services to help keep the roads safe. RCMP also noted that the fire this weekend in Minty's Farm is being investigated.

B. Age Friendly (Grant White)

The Age Friendly Committee is a Municipally led committee with support from Central Health. An Age Friendly Assessment was conducted previously that identified a need for more outdoor spaces including a rest area in Durrell, lack of cross walks in Town, concerns about winter driving/snow/pot holes, insufficient accessible washrooms, lack of bus stop at the hospital, lack of care-giver support, communication gaps, amongst other items. As the committee is municipally led, Grant requested Council strike an Age Friendly committee. It was noted great opportunities for funding is available. Grant was formerly part of this committee and would like to see it going again. An Expression of Interest for committee members should be put forth.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #22-044: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Rowsell that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on May 09, 2022 be adopted as presented. All in Favor (7/0). Motion carried.

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion #22-045: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on April 11, 2022 be adopted as presented. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Community Services Committee / Receptions Committee

The Community Services report was presented by Councillor Barnes.

The Community Services meeting was held in April 2022. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Barnes.

The following items were discussed:

Fish Fun and Folk Festival

Councillor Barnes expressed concerns that the Fish Fun and Folk (FFF) Festival Committee has not been inviting Town Council to meetings they are having. Mayor Blacker would like to inform the FFF Festival Committee that the Town must be invited in order to be involved in the Festival planning. Mayor Blackler will reach out to the FFF Festival to request that the Town is present at the meetings.

B. Recreation Committee Liaison – N/A

The Recreation Committee meeting minutes were presented by Councillor Barnes.

The Recreation Committee meeting was held on April 27, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Barnes.

C. Rock Cut Trail Liaison Update

Councillor Rowsell provided an update on Rock Cut Trails noting that the funding request has not been granted yet. It was noted that 75% of Tourism coming to Central Newfoundland are coming for trails.

D. Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee report was presented by Mayor Justin Blacker.

The Public Works Committee meeting was held on May 05, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Greenham and was attended by Mayor Blackler, Mike Johnson, Leanne Hann, and Robbie Ings (Public Works Foreman).

The following items were discussed:

Lateral Service Line Policy

Discussion regarding servicing lateral lines in the Town. Currently the lateral line is anything that leaves the main line. Some residents have longer lateral lines than others. The Town services laterals line up to 5 feet from the residence, which is often on private property. The lateral line connection to the main line is where the 65-70% of water line complaints are stemming from. The Town is considering a implementing a lateral line service policy.

8 Farmers Arm Road (Raised Culvert)

Request to replace culvert. The Town will replace the culvert between May – October by schedule only. If culvert is on bedrock, the resident will be responsible to break the rock, and not the Town. CAO will respond to the resident and advise him Public Works will be in contact with him.

Minty's Farm Road (Roadside Ditches)

Request to clean ditches. A Site visit will be completed by Public Works to determine if the ditches should be a priority at this time. CAO will respond to resident advising as above.

Minty's Farm Road (Culvert Removal and Replacement)

Public Works conducted a Site visit and noted that although the culvert is not in great condition, it is deemed suffice for the time. It was noted that the current culvert is likely nestled between the water and sewer. No plans to replace the culvert at this time. CAO will respond to the resident advising as above.

#26 Upper Jenkins Cove Road (Sunken Driveway)

The Town understands the driveway is private property and therefore will not undertake replacement or repair of the driveway. The situation is on their own property and therefore they will have to undertake the repair. CAO will respond to the resident advising as above.

#7 Ochre Pit Road (Snow Clearing)

Complaint regarding lawn damage due to snow clearing. Public works noted this area of Town is difficult to keep clear of snow due to heavy drifting. Town notes that although there is a 25 foot Town easement from the centre line, a Site visit should be conducted for a better assessment of the complaint.

Motion #22-046: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting held on May 05, 2022 be adopted as presented. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

E. Protective Services Committee

Councillor Rowsell noted that the Town should be extra diligent about fires. He also noted the auto pulse was received which is very positive for the community.

F. Planning and Development Committee

The Planning and Development Committee report was presented by Councillor Rowsell.

The Planning and Development Committee meeting was held on May 04, 2022. The meeting was chaired Councillor Rowsell, and was attended by Councillor Blake, Robbie Ings, and Leanne Hann.

The following items were discussed:

Crown Lands Application – Wharf / Boathouse, Howletts Road

Application put forth to develop a wharf and boathouse on a piece of crown land on Howlett's road. If approved this would allow the applicant to occupy a portion of the beach. The area is zoned Marine/Industrial which would allow for this type of development. The Town will confirm with the applicant the layout of wharf/boathouse (whether boathouse is to sit on top or adjacent to wharf). The Town has also requested that a crown lands officer visit the site prior to approval.

Crown Grant – Residential, Back Harbour

Development of crown land in Back Harbour. Zoning does not interfere with this development. May proceed once Crown Lands license is granted. CAO will advise Crown Lands.

Business Application – Nightly Rental, 4 Stockley's Hill

Request submitted to use 4 Stockley's Hill as a nightly rental, area is zoned residential, therefore

vacation home is a discretionary use. The Town will offer public consultation before issuing approval in principle.

Business Applications – Nightly Rental, 202 Bayview Street (The Bells Bayview Retreat)

Request submitted to use 202 Bayview Street as a nightly rental, area is zoned residential, therefore vacation home is a discretionary use. The Town will offer public consultation before issuing approval in principle.

Development Request – Accessory Building (Shed), 63 A&B Main Street

Development request submitted for an accessory building (shed) at 63 (A&B) Main Street. Public works has visited the Site and identified that the development is in proximity to the power lines.

Motion #22-047: Moved by Councillor Rowsell and seconded by Councillor Watkins to approve in principle the request to construct a shed at 63 Main Street subject to all applicable regulations. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Public Advertising

A discussion was held regarding the level of public advertising currently conducted by the Town. Consideration to put policy in place that would require a mail out campaign to all adjoining properties and adjacent properties within a 250 m radius of the applicant when public consultation is required.

G. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Councillor Watkins.

The Finance Committee meeting was held on May 06, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Watkins, and was attended by Councillor Barnes, Kathy Roberts, and Leanne Hann.

The following items were discussed:

Review of 2022 income and expense reports

No major items presented. It was noted that Line 6545 was due to new sewer pump. Concerns as to certain line items from A/P Transaction journal were discussed. Discussion to have committees/people involved on future decisions to the ball field, stadium, and future recreation center to provide a collaborate experience to maximize the potential of future development.

Review of 2022 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Council agreed that the process for arrears to be made yearly as the process usually takes several years.

J.M. Old's Graduation Donation Request

Committee Members suggested to Council that a donation of \$25 per graduate (A total of \$325) to be donated on behalf of the town.

Motion #22-048: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Town of Twillingate to donate a total of \$325.00 to J.M. Old's Collegiate for the purpose supporting the graduates of 2022. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

RNC Donation Request

Council Members addressed the value of the donation request to Town residents and concluded that a monetary donation should not be given at this time.

Town Road Line Painting Project

It was discussed that certain locations around Town are in need of the road lines being repainted (details of particulars were addressed).

Motion #22-049: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve a Town Road Line Painting Project for a value of \$2,950.00 plus HST. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Council also discussed rainbow crosswalks and noted this should be considered moving forward.

11 Gillesport Road

Council acknowledged and reviewed the concerns from a resident regarding payment of taxes at 11 Gillesport Road. Council agreed that due to confidentiality constraints, the legal situation, and usage of the property over the last few years, a refund or tax adjustment will not be provided as requested. CAO to advise resident of Council's decision.

Welcome to Twillingate Sign

The Welcome to Twillingate sign entering Town is in poor condition. The committee presented the need for new signage to Council. Discussion around the type of sign, size, Town logo, and graphics was held. Councillor Watkins will present options and prices to Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Blacker requested that remnants from flags attached to a string that crosses overhead on Toulinquet Road be removed as soon as possible, and replaced with new flags in time for festival.

Water Line Refunds

Council discussed the requirement to refund \$250.00 to approximately six residents as a result of the incomplete work done on the waterline.

Motion #22-050: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Rowsell to approve a \$250.00 refund to five to six residents resulting from the incomplete water line project. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Twillingate/NWI Fish, Fun & Folk Festival Donation

A discussion was held regarding the level of financial donation to provide to the FFF Festival. Concerns were raised by Mayor Blackler and Councillor Rowsell as to why the Town is not already considered the Premier sponsor as the Town invests greatly in the FFF Festival by providing in-kind services, including public work support, free rentals, town employee wages, students, clean-up support, etc. It was noted that in years past donations never exceeded \$2000 and, in most years, were well below this value.

Motion #22-051: Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to donate \$1,500.00 to the Fish, Fun and Folk Festival under the condition the Town is recognized as the premier sponsor for in-kind services already provided to the Festival. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

H. Fisherman's Committee

Fish Plant

Mayor Blackler advised Council that there is another offer in place for the Fish Plant. The Town will be travelling to St. John's to meet with Minister Bragg and MHA Derek Bennett to discuss the likelihood of the Town obtaining a multi-species fish processing license(s).

7. ADMINISTRATION

International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

A proclamation request for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia was tabled for Council to review. Mayor Blackler requested the Town raise the pride flag on May 17, 2002.

Motion #22-052: Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Rowsell to raise the LGBTQ+ flag on May 17th. All in favor (7/0). Motion carried.

Early Childhood Educators Week

Proclaim of Early Childhood Educators Week was read and signed by Mayor Blacker.

Stadium OH&S Inspection

The CAO advised Council that an OH&S Inspection of the Stadium was conducted on April 21, 2022. A total of 19 Orders were issued to the Town for the Stadium. An internal meeting was held with Grant White, Dave Stuckey, Leanne Hann and Kathy Roberts to address the orders. It was also noted the Town does not have an operational OH&S Committee. Councillor Johnson agreed to take the lead on establishing an OH&S Committee with the assistance of the CAO.

Welcome Baskets

Councillor Rowsell updated Council regarding Travel Nurses coming to Town over the summer months. The Town will provide Rock Cut gear to donate to the welcome baskets.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – N/A

9. NEW BUSINESS

ATV Friendly Road Plan

Mayor Blacker will address his plan with Corporal Fudge before presenting to Town Council at the next Council meeting.

Hospital Pond (HP)

Councillor Johnson updated Council on the status of the HP Committee. He noted some members of the Committee would like to step down. Mayor Blackler requested the Town meet with the HP Committee to better understand their next steps and ways the Town can best support moving forward.

Cemetery by Foodland

Councillor Johnson updated Council on the current condition of the small non denominational cemetery by Foodland. Councillor Johnson is doing some research on the cemetery to look for funding as the cemetery is a registered heritage Site. Councillor Johnson will update Council during the next meeting.

Town Hall Meetings

A discussion was held regarding the start time of the monthly Public Council Meetings. It was agreed by Council to move the start time of the monthly Public Council Meetings to 5:30 pm moving forward.

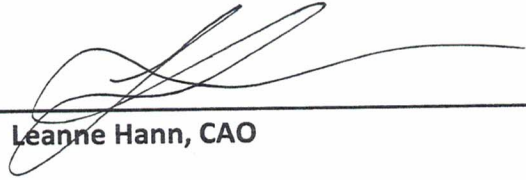
10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22-053: Being there no further business, it was moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favor (7/0). Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



Justin Blackler, Mayor



Leanne Hann, CAO

