

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
November 7, 2023 @ 4:30 PM
Town of Twillingate - Council Chambers

Present:

Justin Blackler	Mayor
Wayne Greenham	Deputy Mayor
Mike Johnson	Councillor
Lloyd Blake	Councillor
Andrew Rowsell	Councillor
Danny Andrews	Councillor
Janice Barnes	Councillor
Jeff Burt	CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 4:30 pm.

2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #23-156: To adopt Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on November 7, 2023, as presented.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Greenham

Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 7/0.

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

4. MINUTES/MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion #23-157: To adopt the minutes of the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council as presented.

Moved By Councillor Johnson

Seconded By Councillor Andrews

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

Motion #23-158: “The Town of Twillingate hereby requests additional funding to the original Project # 17-CCR-22-00001- Stadium Upgrades in the amount of \$402,780.49. This will amend our original funding letter dated Aug 20, 2021 from \$1,265,000 to \$1,667,780 with a new municipal share totaling \$483,366. The Town of Twillingate will fund the additional \$116,736 as cash. This additional money is being requested to assist the town of Twillingate with awarding a recent tender close for the Stadium Upgrade Project.”

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Discussion on motion – Discussion had regarding the original amount of funding and what the original commitment value was.

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Recreation Committee

- Nil

B. Finance Committee

Presented by Councillor Barnes.

Motion #23-159: To accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented to Council.

Moved By Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

Motion #23-160: To accept payment of bills and adjustments as presented.

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

Make-a-Wish – Donation Request

Motion #23-161: To deny request.

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Discussion on motion – discussion had regarding remaining value in budget to be allocated for donations. More discussion had regarding number of donations still to come from local organizations.

Vote 6/1

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Andrews, Barnes

Against Rowsell

Motion carried.

Miss Newfoundland and Labrador – Donation Request

Motion #23-161: To deny request.

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

C. Community Services

- **Dementia Friendly** – Councillor Barnes encouraged councillors to complete the dementia friendly training. A link to training will be provided to councillors. Welcoming new Primary Care Coordinator, Dale Pope.

D. Rockcut Trail Liaison Update

- NIL

E. Protective Services Committee - N/A

- Mayor Blackler expressed thanks and appreciation to all who attended the Fireman's Appreciation Dinner.

F. Fisherman's Committee

- Request approval to seek meeting with Hon. Elvis Loveless, Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and MHA Derek Bennett, week of January 15-18, 2024. Deputy Mayor Greenham to discuss purpose.
 - Deputy Mayor Greenham spoke to provide context around the previous meetings between some members of the community and the desire to potentially seek a processing license on behalf of the Town of Twillingate. Would require an agreement with a processor to operate but any awarded license would remain with the Town.

Motion #23-163: To seek meeting as presented.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

G. Tourism Committee

Nil.

H. Age Friendly Committee

Nil.

I. Public Works Committee

Presented by Deputy Mayor Greenham, general update from committee meeting held on November 2, 2023.

- **Service Requests**
 - Road maintenance – grading
 - Road maintenance – grading/ditching
 - Discussion had regarding the historical practice of clearing laneways/private driveways. Also regarding the maintenance of these in the same. Summary of the emails presented to council provided. Discussion around whether these lanes are owned by the town or if they are privately owned.
 - Committee recommendation was to continue the clearing of the snow in the same manner as previous and the town will take the necessary measures to determine whether these lanes are privately or publicly owned.

Motion #23-164: To continue snow clearing as per the way it has been done in the past and the Town will take the necessary measures to determine if these lanes are privately or publicly owned.

Moved by Depuy Mayor Greenham

Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Discussion on motion - some discussion regarding future operating costs challenges. Discussion also had regarding costs that have been incurred as a result of snow clearing laneways that are not publicly owned and the damages that have occurred. Discussion regarding the lack of investment in a data base of land ownership within the municipality. Question regarding the possibility of receiving a quote for these types of services. Jeff Burt will correspond with organizations offering these services. Discussion that in some laneways it takes several days for PW to clear some during periods of heavy snowfall.

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

J. Planning and Development Committee

Presented by Councillor Rowsell, general update from committee meeting held on November 1, 2023.

Development Application – 413-423 Main Street

Motion #23-165: To approve in principle as submitted pending public advertisement and subject to conditions.

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

Business Occupancy – 120 Main Street

Motion #23-166: To approve in principle as presented with approval of any variance, etc. that is required, subject to conditions.

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Vote 5/2

For Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Rowsell

Against Barnes, Andrews

Motion carried.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Event Notice

- November 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- December 4 – Tree Lighting Ceremony

Correspondence

- Resident Concern – garbage collection for vacant or sometimes vacant homes.
 - Discussion had regarding how the town is billed for garbage collection.
 - Correspondence to be sent regarding collection fees.
- Letter read from Scotia Bank regarding upcoming closure of local branch in Twillingate.

8. REGULATIONS – N/A

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #23-167: To adjourn meeting.

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 7/0

For Blackler, Greenham, Johnson, Blake, Rowsell, Andrews, Barnes

Against

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Justin Blackler, Mayor



Jeff Burt, CAO