

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**January 09, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Town of Twillingate - Council Chambers**

**Present:**

<b>Justin Blackler</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Wayne Greenham</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>
<b>Janice Barnes</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Mike Johnson</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Mitchell Watkins</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Lloyd Blake</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Leanne Hann</b>	<b>CAO</b>
<b>Jeff Burt</b>	<b>Director PW/EDO</b>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackler at 7:00 pm.

**2. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS – N/A**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion #23-001:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Watkins that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council on January 09, 2023, be adopted as presented. All in Favor (6/0). Motion carried.

**4. MINUTES/MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**Motion #23-002:** Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Watkins that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on December 12, 2022, be adopted as presented. All in favor (6/0). Motion carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mayor Blackler advised that the Physician Retention and Recruitment Committee is arranging a time to meet again in the new year (2023).

Council noted the new Zamboni sponsorship by Notre Dame Agencies looks very nice.

Leanne Hann advised Council the Top of Twillingate Trail will be not be connected to the Rock Cut Trail System but it is still a designated Rock Cut Trail.

Twillingate Christmas Tree Lighting: Several complaints received from residents regarding the lack of Christmas Tree Lighting festivity in December. Mayor Blackler advised that a resident has

offered support next year if needed to assist with the tree lighting festivities.

Leanne Hann advised Council she has spoken to Courtney Bulgin regarding scheduling a meeting with the Durrell Museum Corporation (DMC). Courtney will provide Leanne a date that the DMC is available to meet. Leanne also spoke with Derek Bennett regarding the DMC, an update was provided on this conversation.

## 6. REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

### A. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Councillor Watkins.

The Finance Committee meeting was held on January 09, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Watkins and was attended by Councillor Barnes, Kathy Roberts and Leanne Hann.

The Bank Reconciliation was signed and approved by the committee on January 09, 2023.

The following items were discussed:

#### **December Income and Expenses Report**

Councillor Watkins noted the Town was at 100.8% of budget, and \$32,000 over budget, in 2022.

**Motion #23-003:** Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve the December 2022 Income and Expenses Report as presented. All in favor (6/0). Motion carried.

#### **Town Bills**

**Motion #23-004:** Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Barnes to approve payment of Town bills as presented during the committee meeting on January 09, 2023\$. All in Favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

#### **Donation Requests:**

#### **Friends Group**

A donation request from the Twillingate-New World Island Friends Group was presented to Council.

**Motion #23-005:** Moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Watkins to donate \$200.00 to the Friends Group. All in Favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

Zamboni: Councillor Watkins inquired if the Town should expect to receive a donation for the Zamboni, as was previously suggested. Leanne Hann to follow-up with Grant White and report

back to Council.

NHL Game: Town office should continue to advertise for the Wendal Clarke and Friends NHL Game. Council was advised that accommodation costs for the visiting team is the responsibility of the Town. Grant White is working with local accommodations for donations.

Special Assistance Grant: The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs has approved the Town's application for funding under the Special Assistance Program for \$9,811.22 (60/40 split) to assist with the cost of mould remediation at the George Hawkins Arena.

Dental Benefits: Councillor Watkins presented a Dental Policy from Trio Benefits to provide Dental benefits to Town employees.

**Motion #23-006:** Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Blake to proceed with the Option 1 of the Trio Benefits Dental Plan. The program will be provided at a 50/50 cost share between the Town of Twillingate and the employee.

Motion Carried: (4/6)

Opposed: Councillor Watkins, Councillor Barnes

**B. Community Services Committee - N/A**

**C. Recreation Committee – N/A**

**D. Rock Cut Trail Liaison Update – N/A**

**E. Public Works Committee – N/A**

**F. Protective Services Committee – N/A**

**G. Fisherman's Committee**

Councillor Blake advised Council that CEEP workers are waiting on supplies to finish the wharf in Lower Jenkins cove. They have been having difficulties sourcing supplies to complete the wharf projects.

**H. Planning and Development Committee**

The Planning and Development agenda was presented by Councillor Johnson.

The Planning and Development Committee meeting was held on January 05, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Johnson and was attended by Councillor Blake, Jeff Burt and Leanne Hann.

Councillor Johnson and Jeff Burt presented and led a discussion on new planning and development permit applications to be implemented in 2023.

**Motion #23-007:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Greenham and seconded by Councillor Johnson to accept the new planning and development permit applications as presented, pending minor modifications as discussed. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION

### Conservation Land, Amendments to Development Regulations

Jeff Burt presented to Council an email received from Stewart McKelvey presenting legal consultation regarding potential changes to the 2021 Development Regulations and Municipal Plan. Jeff confirmed the process of making changes will be lengthy, but the Town should follow the legal advice as obtained. Mayor Blacker agreed the Town should move forward with making changes to the Development Regulations asap.

**Motion #23-008:** Moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham to move forward with amendments to the 2021 Development Regulations and Municipal Plan. All in favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

### Employment Policy

Leanne Hann advised Council she is reviewing the Employment Policy and will provide a revised draft to Council for consideration prior to the next public meeting of Council.

### Collections Policy

Mayor Blackler noted that Council will send information to Leanne Hann regarding the Collections Policy.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion #23-009:** Being there no further business, it was moved by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favor (6/0). Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Justin Blackler, Mayor

*Leanne Hann*  
Leanne Hann, CAO