

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of Council

Council Chambers, Town Hall, 25 Toulinquet Street, Twillingate NL, A0G 4M0

Date: March 12, 2024

Present Mayor Justin Blackler

Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham

Councillor Lloyd Blake

Councillor Mike Johnson (Virtual)

Councillor Danny Andrews
Councillor Janice Barnes
Councillor Andrew Rowsell

Regrets None

Staff CAO Jeff Burt

Guests None

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Mayor Blackler at 16:08

2. Visitors/Presentations

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion 24-023

"Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented."

Moved by Counillor Greenham

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Andrews, Barnes, Rowsell.

Motion Carried.

4. Minutes/Motions for Approval

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes Motion 24-024

"To donate \$300 towards the MUN Resident Retreat" Moved by Councillor Blackler Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Discussion on motion included clarification from Councillor Rowsell on what exactly MUN was asking for, the understanding being that this is a resident retreat from MUN School of Medicine. Further discussion had on whether this was a wise investment, with various members of council falling on either side of this discussion.

Councillor Blake exited meeting at 16:21

Vote 2/3

For Blackler, Barnes

Opposed Andrews, Greenham, Rowsell

Motion defeated

Motion 24-025

"To donate \$450 towards the MUN Resident Retreat" Moved by Councillor Rowsell Seconded By Councillor Greenham Discussion on motion was regarding the amount, some councillors felt that a financial contribution of \$300 was not enough and that an amount of \$450 was needed and a wise investment.

Vote 3/2

For Andrews, Greenham, Rowsell

Opposed Blackler, Barnes

Motion Carried.

Councillor Blake returned to meeting at 16:27

Motion 24-026

"Contribute \$250 to the TITA/Visit Twillingate annual budget" Moved by Councillor Blackler Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Councillor Johnson joined meeting at 16:35

Discussion on motion included clarification on the exact dollar amounts and budget line items that TITA/Visit Twillingate was asking to be included in consideration for financial support. Mayor Blackler contributed regarding the intention of the municipality to invest a significant dollar amount into extending the operating season of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC), coupled with the generous lease agreement for use of the VIC, that this equaled a significant investment into the Tourism industry in the Town. As such, an additional amount of \$250 was suggested to contribute to TITA/Visit Twillingate for use as it sees fit.

Vote 6/1

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

Opposed Johnson

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-027

"To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting"

Moved by Councillor Greenham Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-028

"Move regular public meetings for remainder of 2024 to the second Tuesday of each month at 16:00"

Moved by Councillor Blackler

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 6/1

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

Opposed Rowsell Motion Carried

6. Reports - Standing Committees

a) Recreation Committee

Councillor Barnes presented that SpringFest is happening from March 15-22, 2024. A week full of events for all ages. Please see facebook for a schedule of events and details regarding each event. In addition, planning is well underway for the Fish Fun and Folk Festival, more details to follow later.

b) Finance Committee

Councillor Barnes presented a general update on the committee meeting held on March 11, 2024.

Motion 24-029

"to donate \$50 to the Island Figure Skating Committee"

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-030

"to donate \$200 to library board"

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Councillor Andrews exited meeting at 17:19

Motion 24-031

"To approve \$2000 for marketing for Rockcut Trails"

Moved by Councillor Greenham

Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion 24-032

"Pay bills as presented"

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed Motion Carried

Motion 24-033

"Approve Adjustments as presented"

Moved by Councillor Barnes Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

Councillor Andrews returned to meeting at 17:23

c) Community Services – nothing to report

d) Rock Cut Trail Liasion - nothing to report

e) Protective Services

Councillor Rowsell provided update of upcoming meeting with RCMP to discuss and review services for the municipality.

Also informed us that mental health first aid was being arranged for our first responders.

f) Fisherman's Committee – nothing to report

g) Tourism Committee

Mayor Blackler reported that the committee was having discussions on staffing the VIC for a portion of the 2024 tourism season with the intent being to participate in extending the Tourism season here in Twillingate. While the committee had no recommendations to bring to council at this time, it will have recommendations coming, from ongoing discussions, in the very near future.

Councillor Andrews volunteered to be a liaison for the municipality with TITA/Visit Twillingate.

h) Age Friendly - nothing to report

Councillor Johnson exited meeting at 17:34

i) Public Works Committee -

Deputy Mayor Greenham gave brief update on some concerns that have been raised regarding snow clearing, water/snow build up and operation of publicly owned vehicles. Councillor Rowsell also noted that he has received a significant amount of feedback regarding snow clearing and roads. While there are no recommendations from the committee for this meeting, these concerns and all similar concerns will be looked into and recommendations will be forthcoming.

Planning and Development

Motion 24-034

"To approve in principle the business occupancy application for 13A Hugh Lane" Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-035

"To approve in principle the business occupancy application for 197 Main Street" Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Blake

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-036

"To approve in principle the business occupancy application for 36 Howlett Road."

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-037

"To approve in principle the business occupancy application for 403 Main Street."

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-038

"No objection to Crown Lands Referral 80609"

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

Motion 24-039

"To deny request for municipal installed signage for private driveway"

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried.

7. Administration/New Business

Councillor Barnes made inquiry as to whether the municipality was following the collection policy for the collection of tax arrears. Suggestion was made by the CAO for council to fully review and understand the current arrears prior to beginning any procedures related to the collection of tax arrears in 2024.

8. Regulations

Nil

9. Adjournment

Motion 24-040

"To adjourn the meeting"

Moved by Councillor Blackler

Seconded by Councillor Greenham

Vote 6/0

For Balckler, Greenham, Blake, Andrews, Barnes, Rowsell.

Opposed

Motion Carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 17:55

Signature of CAO

Signature of Mayor