

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of Council

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

Date: April 9, 2024

Present Mayor Justin Blackler

Deputy Mayor Wayne Greenham

Councillor Lloyd Blake
Councillor Mike Johnson
Councillor Janice Barnes
Councillor Andrew Rowsell

Councillor Danny Andrews (Virtual) (Exited at 17:53)

Regrets None

Staff CAO Jeff Burt

Guests Visitor Deborah Bourden – Chair of Hospitality NL

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Mayor Blackler at 16:04

2. Proclamations/Presentations

Proclamation

HNL - National Tourism Week

Mayor Blackler 24 Declared April 15-19, 2024 as National Tourism Week

Presentation

Deborah Bourden, Director – Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mayor Blackler welcomes Deborah Bourden and gives her the floor for presentation. Deborah Bourden gave excellent presentation on the state of Tourism in Newfoundland and Labrador, highlighting readiness needs in many areas from workforce, diversity, service needs, travel needs (transportation needs specifically) etc. Additionally, highlighting economic and financial realities faced by operators, debt (CEBA), cash flows, labor, jobs, skills and immigration. Additionally, Regulatory considerations of the Tourism Industry, Tourism Accommodation Act for example, Towns and Local Service District Act, Service NL, Short-Term Rental and Employment Insurance. While very appreciative of the tremendous efforts made by all, there are concerns over consistency and uniformity of interpretation and application of the legislation and regulations.

Deborah Bourden concludes, thanking council for the time and opportunity to present on behalf of HNL and tourism operators throughout the province.

3. Approval of Agenda

24-041 That the agenda be adopted as presented

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

4. Minutes/Motions for Approval

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

24-042 Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting

Moved by Councillor Johnson Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

6. Reports – Standing Committees

- a) Recreation Committee Liaison
 - i. None
- b) Finance Committee
 - i. Mortgage due to be renewed, can be paid in full without penalty. Proposal to pay the mortgage.
 - ii. Doubtful Accounts various ranges in dollar amounts owed, is there a net gain in attempts to collect given that previous efforts have not been successful. Potential to decide at this meeting whether or not to approve these adjustments for doubtful accounts. Question asked as to what other measures could be used to collect the outstanding amounts other than sending letters. CAO to look into options for collection services.
 - iii. Two accounts billed interest in error, finance committee supporting these adjustments
 - iv. Two items purchased, one by Public Works, one by Public Works and Fire Department (shared equipment).
 - v. Expansion of payment options for residents and businesses
- c) Community Services
 - i. None
- d) Rockcut Trail Liaison
 - i. None
- e) Protective Services
 - i. Met with RCMP in March, various stakeholders in attendance to express concerns with mental health and addictions crisis. NL Health continued efforts with government regarding a mobile crisis response team and those efforts have been successful.
- f) Fisherman's Committee
 - i. Fishplant is this an interest for the municipality?

- ii. Much discussion around whether or not it is possible for the municipality to own a fishing license and whether there is benefit should it be a possibility.
- iii. More information needed. CAO instructed to reach out to other municipalities that own a fishing license.
- g) Tourism Committee
 - i. None
- h) Age Friendly Committee
 - i. None
- i) Public Works Committee
 - i. None
- j) Planning and Development Committee
 - i. Project 17-CCR-22-00001 (Stadium Renovations) work has begun

7. Administration/New Business

Recommendation for Approval, Payment of Bills

24-043 Motion to approve as presented

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by

Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor

Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Recommendation for Approval, Adjustments

24-044 Motion for approval of adjustments

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Deputy

Vote 6/0

Deputy Mayor Greenham

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Recommendation for Approval, Donations

Recommendation for – RNCA
24-045 Motion to donate \$265
Moved by Mayor Blackler
Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 0/6 In Favor

Opposed Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Motion Defeated

Recommendation for – Janeway 24-046 Motion to donate \$200

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Recommendation for – Terry Fox Run

24-047 Motion to postpone to August meeting

Moved by Mayor Blackler

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Recommendation for Approval in Principle

Development Application – 178 Durrell Street

24-048 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Development Application – 130 Main Street

24-049 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Motion Carried

Development Application – Amendment - 34 Ocher Pit Road

24-050 Motion to approve amendment as presented

Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Development Application – 16 A Greenham's Point

24-051 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Development Application – 2 Old House Cove Road

24-052 Motion to approve in principle
Moved by Councillor Rowsell
Seconded by Councillor Barnes

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Business Occupancy – 178 Durrell Street 24-053 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Business Occupancy – 120 Main Street 24-054 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell Seconded by Councillor Barnes

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Business Occupancy – 49 Gillesporte Road 24-055 Motion to approve in principle Moved by Councillor Rowsell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Recommendation for Spring Clean Up Start Date

24-056 Motion to begin Spring Clean Up on April 29, 2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greemham

Seconded by Councillor Barnes

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Motion Carried

Recommendation for three Firefighters to Attend training in May 2024

24-057 Motion to send 3 firefighter for training

Moved by Councillor Barnes
Seconded by Councillor Rowsell

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Andrews

Opposed

Correspondence

46 Main Street – CAO to respond

Durrell & French Beach – CAO to respond

Bayview Pit – Garbage – Has been reported, now cleaned up

Heritage Committee

Heritage committee, there will be an effort to correspond with a group to explore costs associated with restoration of headstones in Twillingate. Necessary to take swift action on some of these as the window for restoration is closing.

8. Regulations

None

9. Adjournment

24-058 "To adjourn the meeting"

Moved by Mayor Blackler

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Vote 6/0

In Favor Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Barnes, Rowsell

Meeting adjourned at 18:30

Signature of Mayor