



Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of Council

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

Date: August 13, 2024

Present	Mayor	Justin Blackler
	Deputy Mayor	Wayne Greenham (Arrived 16:18)
	Councillor	Lloyd Blake
	Councillor	Mike Johnson
	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 19:04

2. Proclamations/Presentations

None

3. Approval of Agenda

24-122 “To approve the agenda as presented”

Moved by Councilor Rowsell

Seconded by Councilor Andrews

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

4. Minutes/Motions for Approval

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6. Reports – Standing Committees

Recreation Committee Liaison (Councilor Barnes)

None

Finance Committee (Councilor Barnes)

24-123 “To approve the payment of bills”

Move by Councilor Barnes

Seconded by Councilor Rowsell

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

24-124 “To approve the adjustments as presented”

Move by Councilor Barnes
Seconded by Councilor Rowsell

Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

24-125 “To donate \$250 to Remembering Robbie”

Move by Councilor Barnes
Seconded by Councilor Johnson



Vote 6/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

Community Services (Councilor Barnes)

None

Rock Cut Trail Liaison (Councilor Rowsell)

None

Protective Services (Councilor Rowsell)

Presented that conversations are being had with Bell Canada regarding the dependability and quality of cell service in the municipality and the impact it is having on protective/emergency services.

Fisherman’s Committee (Councilor Blake)

None

Tourism Committee (Mayor Blackler)

None

Age Friendly Committee (Mayor Blackler)

None

Public Work Committee (Mayor Greenham/Councilor Rowsell)

24-126 “To accept the quote from Feltham’s Construction for paving services at a cost of \$30,875.00 plus HST”

Moved by Councilor Rowsell
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greenham

Discussion on motion

Question from councilor Andrews regarding the location of the paving as there are many areas within the municipality that are in need of repair. It was noted that the repair locations are as listed on the quote.

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

Planning and Development (Councilor Rowsell)

24-127 “To approve in principle the application for a home-based, child care, at 1 White’s Hill”

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

24-128 “To approve in principle the application for a home-based business, financial/professional services, at 185 main street.”

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

24-129 “To approve in principle, the development application for 3A Wood’s Street, construction of new home”

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

7. Administration/New Business

Correspondence file 20240813-08 – Regarding 1 Simm’s Lane

Letter submitted to council read aloud during meeting, resident requesting refund for work done at their expense, claim is an error by public works. Council requesting CAO to gather further information regarding this from public work.

Correspondence file 20240813-09 – Regarding 168 Durrell Street

Letter submitted to council read aloud during meeting, purchaser of property through tax sale requesting refund due to, inability to establish ownership of the property, despite their efforts.

24-130 “To refund the amount of \$4000.00 for the tax sale purchase of 168 Durrell Street due to inability of purchaser to establish ownership”

Moved by Mayor Blackler
Seconded by Councilor Johnson

Discussion had regarding what was originally advertised, how well prepared council was for the auctions, how aware council may have been regarding the difficulties of establishing ownership and how the onus, as was clearly stated, is on the buyer to conduct all research prior to participation in the auction.

Vote 1/6
For Blackler
Against Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Andrews, Barnes, Rowsell
Motion defeated

Correspondence File 20240813-10 – Regarding renting of private property for camping

Correspondence submitted to council read aloud, regarding the renting of private property within the municipality for the purposes of camping (RV, Tent, etc.) without establishing a business. CAO notified council that there are ongoing discussions with Service NL regarding this. No contact was able to be established with the specific example referenced in the correspondence.

Correspondence File 20240813-11 – Bayview Sports and Wharff Committee
 Request read aloud, Bayview Sports and Wharff Committee requesting the assistance of Public works crew and equipment for the spreading of gravel.

24-131 “To utilize public resources to assist the Bayview Sports and Wharff Committee with the spreading of gravel”

Moved by Mayor Blackler
 Seconded by Council Rowsell

Vote 7/0
 For Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Andrews, Barnes, Rowsell
 Opposed
 Motion Carried

Correspondence File 20240813-12 – Recreation Centre

Letter submitted to council read aloud during meeting. Discussion had by council, they agree that having the recreation centre operational would be ideal but many steps need to be taken prior to re-opening the building to the public. Council asks CAO to prepare a response to the writer of the letter.

Correspondence File 20240813-13 – Request for council to consider “noise by-law”

Letter submitted to council read aloud during the meeting. Writer requesting that council consider the introduction of a noise by-law for the municipality. Council will ask the governance committee to oversee this request.

Correspondence File 20240813-14 – Regarding damp crawl space in short-term rental

Correspondence submitted to council read aloud during meeting. Writer expressing concern regarding the dampness in the crawl space of their short-term rental located on main street. They believe this is due to a water main break that occurred in the general area of their short-term rental this summer. Council requesting more information.

Correspondence File 20240813-15 – Regarding request to pay business tax via trade

Correspondence submitted to council read aloud during meeting. Request from business owner to pay taxes via trade of art/music.

24-132 “To pay taxes via trade of art or music.”

Moved by Mayor Blackler
 Seconded by Councilor Rowsell

Vote 0/7
 For
 Opposed Blackler, Greenham, Blake, Johnson, Andrews, Barnes, Rowsell
 Motion defeated

Correspondence File 2024081316 – Request to dig a ditch in front of home

Correspondence submitted to council read aloud during meeting. Writer requesting council dig a ditch in front of a home owned by a relative. Council discussed that this has been requested in the past, council requesting public works investigate as to if this is a request that should be fulfilled.

8. Regulations

None

9. Adjournment

24-133 “To adjourn the meeting”

Moved by Councilor Rowsell

Seconded by Councilor Barnes

Vote 7/0

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

Opposed

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 17:54

MAYOR

CAO

