



Town of Paradise
Public Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present:	Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson Elizabeth Laurie, Deputy Mayor Patrick Martin, Councillor Kimberley Street, Councillor
Council Absent	Allan English, Councillor Deborah Quilty, Councillor Sterling Willis, Councillor
Staff Present:	Lisa Niblock, CAO Conrad Freake, Director, Recreation & Community Services Alton Glenn, Director, Planning & Protective Services Chris Milley, Director, Infrastructure & Engineering Terrilynn Smith, Director, Corporate Services Angelina Richards, Administrative Assistant
Staff Absent:	Nelson Whalen, Director of Public Works

1. Calling of Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bobbett at 6:00 pm.

2. Safety Moment

Mayor Bobbett brought forward a safety moment for Council and residents.

3. Proclamation

a. Pride Week

Mayor Bobbett read a proclamation proclaiming the week of July 16-25, 2021 as Pride Week in the Town of Paradise.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

a. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. M21-205

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

To adopt the Agenda for the July 6, 2021 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. M21-206

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

To adopt the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Planning and Protective Services Committee

Councillor Willis, Chair; Councillor Martin & Councillor Street

a. Permits

1. 20 Karwood Drive - Development Approval

Resolution No. M21-207

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that Council approve application S2021-015 for a 21-lot residential subdivision at 20 Karwood Drive subject to twenty-five (25) conditions.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. 1959 Topsail Road – Development Approval

Resolution No. M21-208

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that Council approve an application for the service of alcohol with outdoor dining at 1959 Topsail Road subject to no objections in response to the Notice of Discretionary Use and seven (7) conditions.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Memos

1. Accessible Transit Pilot Project – Waiving of Annual Vehicle License Fee

Resolution No. M21-209

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the June 28, 2021 email poll decision to waive the annual Taxicab Vehicle License Fee for each accessible taxi operating in the Town of Paradise.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Corporate Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Laurie, Chair; Councillor Quilty & Councillor Willis

There are no reports for this meeting.

8. Infrastructure and Engineering Committee

Councillor Quilty, Chair; Councillor English & Councillor Willis

a. Lift Station 10 Upgrades

Resolution No. M21-210

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise approve the option to proceed with designing a new lift station to replace Lift Station 10 with an estimated construction cost of \$12.6M.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Paradise Road Upgrading Phase 4 - Expropriation

Resolution No. M21-211

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise expropriate land from 259 Paradise Road, 321 Paradise Road, and 350 Paradise Road as required to facilitate road upgrading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c. Squires Road Retaining Wall – Approval to Award

Resolution No. M21-212

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise award the Squires Road Retaining Wall project to Eric Taylor Limited in the amount of \$37,777.50 including HST.

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Public Works Committee

Councillor English, Chair; Deputy Mayor Laurie & Councillor Quilty

- a. Late Delivery of Recycling Truck Penalty

Resolution No. M21-213

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise accept the offer presented by SHU-PAK in the amount of 1.5% reduction of the bid price along with a 1-year extended warranty period for the late delivery of the new Recycling Truck relating to contract 202-M20-014.

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Recreation and Community Services Committee

Councillor Martin, Chair; Deputy Mayor Laurie & Councillor Street

- a. Contract Extension – Skate Sharpening Services

Resolution No. M21-214

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise approve extending the contract with Custom Edge, Skate Sharpening Services until the end of 2021.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. RFP Award – Adam’s Pond Amenity Consultation (Email Poll Ratification)

Resolution No. M21-215

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Street

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the decision made on June 22, 2021 Via an email poll to award the RFP for Consultation Services for the Adam's Pond Trail Amenities to Mills and Wrights Landscape Architecture in the amount of \$23,810.75 HST Included.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c. Carpenters Millwrights College Agreement (Email Poll Ratification)

Resolution No. M21-216

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the decision made via E-Poll on June 19th, 2021 to approve entering into an agreement with the Carpenters Millwrights College to allow one-way traffic entering the Dianne Whalen Soccer Complex.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- d. RFP Award for Multi-Sport Turf (Email Poll Ratification)

Resolution No. M21-217

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the decision made on June 22, 2021, via an email poll of council, to award the contract to GTR Turf Inc./Shaw Sports for the RFP 21-REC-0008, Dianne Whalen Multi Sport Turf Field at a cost of \$2,517,763.51 HST Included.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- e. Approval of NLESD Agreement – Octagon Pond Elementary Soccer Field (Email Poll Ratification)

Resolution No. M21-218

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Street

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the decision made via E-Poll on June 18th, 2021 to enter into an agreement with the Newfoundland English School District to use the Octagon Pond Elementary Soccer Field.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. New/Unfinished Business

a. Department of Corporate Services

Deputy Mayor Laurie provided an update from the Corporate Services Department.

- This evening I am pleased to announce that our website refresh is complete, and our updated site is now live. The web address remains www.paradise.ca.

The updated site has the latest accessibility features, and it is completely mobile friendly. The search feature is more robust, and it has intuitive navigation which all makes the site easier to use. Based on the user data of our website, we know the platform is a key way that our residents get the information they need on our programs and services, so we're pleased to offer a new, revised site.

We do want to remind residents that if they had any pages on the old site bookmarked for quick reference, they will no longer work. They should visit the updated site and bookmark the information they need.

A website is meant to be constantly updated with current and needed information, and Town staff regularly review the information provided. I encourage residents to have a look around the refreshed site and share their feedback with us. If there is information you are looking for, let us know. You can share your comments to us at info@paradise.ca.

b. Department of Infrastructure and Engineering

Deputy Mayor Laurie provided an update from the Infrastructure and Engineering Department.

- Upgrade of the road to the new intermediate school and the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection with

McNamara Drive is about to begin. This project is being managed by the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, but they are providing the Town with project details and schedule updates so that we can provide information to the public. The Town is also taking the collaborative opportunity to complete some important work at the same time. The Town is extending its storm sewer, sidewalk and multi-use trail on McNamara Drive between Sarah Davis Way and the new roundabout to advance connectivity of the school and improve the infrastructure. It is also constructing a privacy barrier between the new road and the houses on Ravenwood Crescent that back onto the new road. The department took part in the project kick off meeting on June 30 that was hosted by the province. Schedule and project details shared at that meeting will be coming forward in future communications.

- This year's greatly expanded road rehabilitation and maintenance program is well underway. All the stand-alone concrete curb and gutter work is complete and only concrete work associated with road rehabilitation remains. The most detailed rehabilitation on Newcastle Place is nearing completion. Other roads have been milled out and repaved or are getting the asphalt completely removed. The large patch maintenance portion of the project will be last to be completed. Those patches will be in a wide variety of locations.

c. Department of Planning and Protective Services

Councillor Martin provided an update from the Planning and Protective Services Department.

- The Town of Paradise announced the launch of our Accessible Transit Pilot Project through a news release on June 29th.

The Project provides accessible taxi service within the Town for residents who qualify. Body Quest Health and Wellness Centre has been retained to undertake assessments of those making application. To be eligible, residents must have either a physical, cognitive, sensory or visual limitation.

Newfound Cabs will be providing the taxi service.

The pilot program was developed with input from the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities Newfoundland and Labrador, a focus group made up of residents with an interest in the project and

through research into best practices from municipalities across the country.

Information on the Accessible Transit Pilot Project, including application forms, is available at www.paradise.ca/accessibletransit.

d. Department of Public Works

Deputy Mayor Laurie provided an update from the Public Works Department.

- Each year the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities recognize dedicated water operators who continue to provide us with clean and safe drinking water. The department created an operator of the year award. This award is granted to an operator who has demonstrated ingenuity, proficiency, dedication and professionalism in water system operation. The operator participates in education and training opportunities; and show leadership, support to other workers, and goes the extra mile for his/her community. In 2021, the Town nominated - Mr. Wayne Bishop. The nomination detailed that the Town is honored to have such an experienced and professional operator on our team. Paradise has an extensive water distribution and wastewater collection network as well as a recently upgraded treatment facility. All other operators look to Mr. Bishop regularly for advice and support; he is considered to be a dedicated expert in the field.

On June 10, 2021, the following statement was read by the Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change:

"Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity today to announce the 2021 recipient of the Water Operator of the Year Award which recognizes the outstanding dedication of community drinking water system operators.

The Operator of the Year for 2021 is Wayne Bishop with the Town of Paradise. Mr. Bishop has been with the Town for 11 years and is a Class 2 Water Distribution Operator and Class 3 Wastewater Collection Certified Operator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this House of Assembly to join me in extending our appreciation to Mr. Bishop, and the many

system operators who play a central role in the delivery of water services in Newfoundland and Labrador."

As a member of the Public Works Committee, it is my privilege to also recognize Mr. Wayne Bishop. Wayne has provided guidance and expertise to the Town over this last 11 years. Please join me in congratulating Wayne.

e. Department of Recreation and Community Services

Councillor Martin provided an update from the Recreation and Community Services Committee.

- Staff at the Paradise Double Ice Complex have been busy prepping the facility in anticipation for ice rentals. The facility has undergone regular maintenance, painting, and the addition of new furniture in the lobby areas. Rentals resumed on July 5th, from 7am – 10pm Monday to Friday, there are no rentals taking place during the summer on the weekends.

Hours of Operation:

Paradise Double Ice Complex & Rotary Paradise Youth and Community Centre

Monday to Friday 7am-10pm

Fitness Centre

Monday to Friday, 7am-10pm and Saturday and Sunday 7am-2pm

All Public Health Guidelines will continue to be followed.

- Summer camp began on Monday July 5th following all public health guidelines. The program will operate for 8 weeks of the summer creating employment for 30 students during this timeframe.

f. Other

1. Anniversary Committee

Deputy Mayor Laurie provided an update from the Anniversary Committee.

- The subcommittees are still meeting weekly.
- Tickets for the main event went on sale today online. There are 2 time slots that residents can register for. The cost for a bubble of 6 is \$10 and all proceeds are going to the

Paradise/CBS Food Bank. All events have been approved by the province and will follow current public health guidelines.

2. New/Other Business

- Deputy Mayor Laurie informed Council and residents that there are 2 little free pantries located now in the Town. They are in Neil's Pond Plaza and Ashgrove Drive. This is a project where people can donate food and hygiene items to the pantries and people in need can avail of these items. This project was the initiative of the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast and Pathway Community Church. Thank you to Concrete Products for donating concrete for the construction of these pantries and Mr. Clary Murphy donated the space for one of the pantries. Volunteers are needed to monitor the pantries. If you are interested in helping, please follow the Facebook group, Little Free Pantries of Paradise. A shout out to Susanne, Julia, Carla and Mr. Blundon for their involvement in this project. Our Town Employee, Aimee Coles, has been very involved in making this happen and her extra effort is appreciated. Also, thank you to other Town staff for their involvement as well. There is another family that has a pantry built and ready to install somewhere in the Town. The contact information will be forwarded to staff for follow up.
- Deputy Mayor Laurie informed Council and residents that the Accessible Transit Pilot Project was announced last Tuesday. Some people have inquired about why the Town did not choose to go with the GoBus. Deputy Mayor stated that when the project was being reviewed and plans put in place that the GoBus was under review and the Town wanted to proceed with the pilot project that would be specific to the needs of the residents of Paradise. This is a pilot project and will be evaluated and feedback is welcomed from the users as the Town wants to build on this as this is only the beginning of the journey.
- Councillor Street indicated that she visited the Double Ice Complex and noted that the new furniture looks good.
- Councillor Street congratulated Mr. Bishop for receiving the Water Operator of the Year award.

- Councillor Street informed Council and residents that she attended the news release for the Accessible Transit Pilot Project and has received many messages from both residents and people outside the Paradise boundary that are interested in the project.
- Councillor Street informed Council and residents that she attended the Memorial Day Ceremony for the battle at Beaumont Hamel. It was a beautiful ceremony and Councillor Street congratulated Councillor Quilty for doing a great job at emceeing the ceremony.
- Councillor Street brought in some pieces of rocks that were in her garden. These rocks were from the original overpass in Paradise when it was being demolished. She indicated that Council was free to take a piece if they would like.
- Councillor Martin noted that he received a call from a resident on Angela Place about drains and gutters overflowing and the stone on the side of the street also needs to be repaired.
- Councillor Martin had a call from a resident on the Valley Ridge Subdivision regarding bushes that need to be cut back around the walking trail on Burnaby. Mayor Bobbett responded that the trails are maintained throughout the summer, and it should be on a list to be completed.
- Councillor Martin thanked Mayor Bobbett for referring him to sitting on an advisory committee with the Autism society. There are spaces still available on the committee for anyone that would like to participate. Ideally it would be beneficial for it to be a parent or sibling or someone that advocates for persons with Autism. Councillor Martin asked that people reach out to him if they are interested in sitting on this committee and he will put you in contact with the correct person at the Autism Society.
- Councillor Martin informed Council and residents that he will be seeking re-election in the upcoming election.

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. M21-219

Moved by Deputy Mayor Laurie

Seconded by Councillor Martin

To adjourn the meeting at 6:57

Motion Carried Unanimously

Dan Bobbett, Mayor

Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk