



**Town of Paradise**  
**Public Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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| Council Present: | Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson<br>Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor<br>Glen Carew, Councillor<br>Elizabeth Laurie, Councillor<br>Larry Vaters, Councillor   |
| Council Absent   | Patrick Martin, Councillor<br>Deborah Quilty, Councillor  |
| Staff Present:   | Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director, Recreation and Community Services<br>Alton Glenn, Director, Planning and Protective Services<br>Chris Milley, Director, Infrastructure & Engineering<br>Terrilynn Smith, Director, Corporate Services<br>Nelson Whalen, Director of Public Works<br>Angelina Richards, Administrative Assistant |
| Staff Absent:    | Lisa Niblock, CAO   |

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**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. Adoption of Agenda**

- a. Adoption of Agenda

**Resolution No. M22-370**

**Moved by** Councillor Vaters

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Street

**To adopt the Agenda for the November 15, 2022 Public Meeting.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**4. Proclamation**

- a. Pulmonary Hypertension Month

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed November 2022 as Pulmonary Hypertension Month in the Town of Paradise.

- b. National Child Day

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed November 20, 2022 as National Child Day in the Town of Paradise.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

- a. Adoption of Minutes

**Resolution No. M22-371**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Vaters

**To adopt the Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Public Meeting.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Vaters provided updates to Council regarding the roundabout feature.

**7. Planning and Protective Services Committee**

Deputy Mayor Street, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Quilty

- a. Permits

***There were no permits for this meeting.***

- b. Orders

***There were no orders for this meeting.***

- c. Memos

***There were no reports for this meeting.***

- d. Committee Report

Deputy Mayor Street brought forward a report from the Planning and Protective Services committee.

The Planning and Protective Services Committee met on November 7, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Department submissions for the upcoming 2023 municipal budget.

The Committee reviewed Departmental activities and accomplishments for 2022 and looked at any initiatives that will be carried forward to the coming year.

The merits of potential new projects and their associated costs were discussed. Also, operational items, staffing and capital budget items were brought forward.

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 17.

**Resolution No. M22-372**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Planning and Protective Services committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**8. Administration and Corporate Services Committee**

Councillor Laurie, Chair; Councillor Martin & Councillor Vaters

- a. Memos

***There were no reports for this meeting.***

- b. Committee Report

Councillor Laurie brought forward a report from the Administration and Corporate Services committee.

The Administration and Corporate Services Committee met on Wednesday November 9.

Staff presented the 2023 draft budget submission for the Department of Corporate Services. The presentation also included an overview of the department's 2022 achievements, and planned initiatives for 2023.

Over the past couple of weeks, all committees of Council held budget meetings to discuss and review initial departmental submissions for the 2023 Budget that was developed by staff based on the strategic priorities and objectives of Council. Also, this past Saturday, all of Council met as a Committee of the Whole with staff to review and prioritize all capital projects, significant operating projects, and additional staffing requirements identified to work towards a comprehensive balanced budget. Council and staff will continue to deliberate on Budget 2023 over the next few weeks with a plan to adopt a balanced budget by December 1.

**Resolution No. M22-373**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Administration and Corporate Services committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**9. Infrastructure and Engineering Committee**

Councillor Quilty, Chair; Councillor Martin & Councillor Vaters

a. Memos

1. Cleaning Contract Extension

**Resolution No. M22-374**

**Moved by** Councillor Vaters

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise extend the current cleaning contract with Kelloway Construction for 3 months in the amount of \$118,680 HST included.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Top Pond Trail Upgrades Phase 1 - Email Poll of Council

**Resolution No. M22-375**

**Moved by** Councillor Vaters

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise award Phase 1 of the Elizabeth Park Top Pond trail Project, construction of 300 meters of granular trail, to the Grand Concourse Authority in the amount of \$78,130.13 under the terms of membership.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Committee Report

Councillor Vaters brought forward a report from the Infrastructure and Engineering committee.

The Infrastructure & Engineering Committee met on November 8, 2022.

The Director of Infrastructure and Engineering presented an overview of Capital Projects (new and 2022 carryover projects), facilities maintenance and repair projects, operational and staffing needs, complete with estimates for Council to consider as part of the ongoing budget discussions.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendation from staff to extend the Town Cleaning Contract by three (3) months to Kelloway Construction Ltd. The recommendation to extend was forwarded to Council for approval.

The Committee discussed the driveway at 25 Ashgrove Drive and requested that staff provide more information and to bring back to committee for further discussion.

The Capital Project Status report and Pond Level reports were provided for information but not discussed in the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2022.

**Resolution No. M22-376**

**Moved by** Councillor Vaters

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Infrastructure and Engineering committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**10. Public Works Committee**

Councillor Martin, Chair; Councillor Laurie & Deputy Mayor Street

a. Memos

1. Light Duty Vehicle Replacement

**Resolution No. M22-377**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Seconded by** Councillor Laurie

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise proceed with the purchasing of four (4) light duty vehicles. Two (2) from Hickman Auto Group at a total cost of \$81,651.15 HST included and two (2) from Terra Nova Motors at a cost of \$103,164.20 HST included.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Committee Report

Deputy Mayor Street brought forward a report from the Public Works committee.

The Public Works committee met on November 2, 2022.

The committee discussed the following:

- Budget 2023 from the department was presented to the committee for discussion and recommendations. Some of the most notable items included in the presentation were:

- Additional capital purchases.
- Increased operating cost.
- Additional staffing requirements.
- Benchmarking Report.
- LEAN 2023.
- Goals 2023 in accordance with our Strategic Plan.
- One-way street restrictions.
- Additional light duty vehicle purchases as discussed tonight.

The next scheduled Public Works Committee meeting will be November 16, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

**Resolution No. M22-378**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Seconded by** Councillor Laurie

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Public Works committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**11. Recreation and Community Services Committee**

Councillor Laurie, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Vaters

a. Memos

***There were no reports for this meeting.***

b. Committee Report

Councillor Laurie brought forward a report from the Recreation and Community Services committee.

The following items were discussed at the November 7 meeting.

1. LW Consulting presented their report on the Review of Recreation Programs. The report focused on three objectives.
  - Assess the expenditure by the Town in the operation of its recreation facilities and delivery of recreation programs.

- To compare the rates and fees charged by the Town for its facility rentals and program registration with other comparable municipalities.
  - To develop policies and procedures to be used to effectively operate its facilities and deliver its recreation and community-oriented programs
2. Staff presented the preliminary budget for the 2023 Recreation and Community Services Department for review and discussion. Discussions included Operating Expenses and Capital Projects in order of suggested priority.

The next Recreation and Community Services Meeting will be held on November 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

**Resolution No. M22-379**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the report from the Recreation and Community Services committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. New/Unfinished Business**

- Mayor Bobbett congratulated Councillor Laurie for receiving the Inspiration Award at the recent MNL Conference. She was nominated by Councillor Quilty and Serena Barefoot provided a letter of support. This award is presented to an individual who has long time dedication to local government, has benefitted the people of their community and has inspired others. Mayor Bobbett noted that it was well deserved, and that Councillor Laurie is the epitome of what the award recognizes. Councillor Laurie responded that she was honored to receive this recognition and that it was not one that she earned on her own but through the work with various Councils and it speaks well for the work we all do everyday. Councillor Carew responded that even through her personal struggles, Councillor Laurie attended all the meetings, and it was remarkable and the recognition is well deserved.



- Deputy Mayor Street asked for an update on 6 Elgin Street. Councillor Vaters responded that a letter has been drafted and will be reviewed at the next Infrastructure and Engineering Committee Meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Street thanked the Town and the committee for hosting a beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11. It was a lovely turnout. It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Leslie Mercer, a Korean War Vet and to hear Councillor Vaters daughter sing.
- Deputy Mayor Street attended the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Business Mixer at Tiny's Restaurant. She encouraged business owners in Paradise to reach out to her for more information on getting involved.
- Deputy Mayor Street informed residents that the 905 Air Cadets is a free program that is open to youth ages 12-18. They meet on Wednesday evenings at the Paradise Rotary Youth and Community Centre. For more information residents can email 905air@cadets.ca.gc.
- Deputy Mayor Street informed residents that the Towns 2022 Christmas Card Contest has started, and she encouraged children between ages Kindergarten to Grade 6 to submit their drawings. The deadline for submission is November 28.
- Councillor Laurie attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony and commented that it was very community oriented. She noted that she is thankful for the contributions that the committee has made. Councillor Laurie also noted that during the reception a presentation was made to Council from Sharon Wall. Ms. Wall's sister, Maureen English donated one of her paintings to the Town. Councillor Laurie thanked the artist for the beautiful piece of art.
- Councillor Laurie attended the MNL conference with Councillor Carew, Councillor Quilty and Mayor Bobbett. There was a lot of information sessions and engaging with colleagues. It was a great conference.
- Councillor Laurie reminded residents of the Holidaze Market at the Paradise Double Ice Complex this weekend and about the Tree Lighting and Raffle that is taking place on December 1.
- Councillor Vaters attended the Remembrance Day Event. It was great to see so many in attendance honoring those who have served and given so much for our country. Councillor Vaters thanked staff and those on the organizing committee

- Councillor Vaters thanked the students and staff for the invitation to attend the Elizabeth Park Elementary Remembrance Day Assembly. The students did a fabulous job paying tribute to peacekeepers both past and present.
- Councillor Vaters informed Council and residents that Mount Pearl Senior High and Mount Pearl Intermediate are continuing their Stuff the Bus campaign from December 6-9. Councillor Vaters encouraged residents to consider giving a donation of non-perishable food, gift cards or cash. All donations will be used to support those in the school community and local food banks.
- Councillor Vaters informed Council and residents that on November 8, the provincial government announced the Premier's Award for teaching innovation and the Minister's Award for Compassion in Teaching. Councillor Vaters congratulated 3 teachers who have taught many students from Paradise, and they would be Jeffrey Locke from Holy Spirit High and Jim Locke from Mount Pearl Senior High who were the recipients of the Premier's Award for Teaching Innovation and Donna Howse Windsor from Elizabeth Park Elementary who received the Minister's Award for Compassion in Teaching.
- Councillor Vaters also recognized the province's top young athletes from Paradise that were the recipients of the Premier's Athletic Award. Congratulations were offered to Marissa Huxter (Artistic Swimming), Levi Moulton (Athletics), Kyle Greene (Ball Hockey), Amy Harris (Bowling), Nathan Young (Curling), Gleb Evstigneev (Gymnastics), Katie Slaney (Skating) and Jaxson Row (Swimming).
- Councillor Vaters informed Council that on November 3, the provincial government announced the recipients of the Provincial Scholarship Program and there were a number from Paradise that he wanted to congratulate. The Constable W.C. Moss Scholarship was awarded to Abby Goose from Mount Pearl Senior High. The Electoral District scholarships were awarded to Eric Goulding (Mount Pearl Senior High), Claire Dinn (Mount Pearl Senior High), and Lauren Button (Mount Pearl Senior High). The Centenary for Responsible Government Scholarships were awarded to Claire Murphy (Mount Pearl Senior High), Keira Gullage (Mount Pearl Senior High), Matthew Earle (Mount Pearl Senior High) and Gracie Whalen (Holy Spirit High).
- Councillor Vaters stated that today the Provincial Government invited youth to apply for a seat on the Premier's Youth Council. The Council is

comprised of 25 youth between the ages of 16-24 and they provide a valuable perspective of youth to the Premier, Minister's and Senior Government Officials on programs and services. Youth that are interested in applying for the Council can apply through the Independent Appointments Commission by December 2. Councillor Vaters encouraged Paradise residents to apply for this valuable opportunity.

- Councillor Vaters encouraged residents to provide their feedback on the community garden by emailing [engagement@paradise.ca](mailto:engagement@paradise.ca).
- Councillor Vaters informed Council and residents that there is a national test of the alert ready tomorrow at 10:55 am.
- Councillor Carew informed residents that Council and staff have been working exceptionally hard on the budget in preparation.
- Councillor Laurie advised that the hope is that the Budget will be adopted by December 1 and that this will require a special meeting of Council. A public notice will go out once the date and time have been confirmed. Also, Councillor Laurie noted that the "What We Heard" document is available on the website.

### **13. Adjournment**

#### **Resolution No. M22-380**

**Moved by** Councillor Vaters

**Seconded by** Councillor Laurie

To adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Dan Bobbett, Mayor

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Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk