



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

**March 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

Council Present:      Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson  
                                 Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor (via Telephone)  
                                 Glen Carew, Councillor  
                                 Elizabeth Laurie, Councillor  
                                 Patrick Martin, Councillor  
                                 Deborah Quilty, Councillor  
                                 Larry Vaters, Councillor

Staff Present:          Lisa Niblock, CAO  
                                 Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community  
                                 Services  
                                 Alton Glenn, Director, Planning & Protective Services  
                                 Chris Milley, Director, Infrastructure & Engineering  
                                 Terrilynn Smith, Director, Corporate Services  
                                 Nelson Whalen, Director of Public Works  
                                 Angelina Richards, Administrative Assistant

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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. M23-073**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie  
**Seconded by** Councillor Vaters

**To adopt the Agenda for the March 7, 2023 Public Meeting.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**4. Proclamation**

a. Easter Seals Month

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed March 2023 as Easter Seals Month in the Town of Paradise.

b. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Paradise.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

a. Adoption of Minutes

**Resolution No. M23-074**

**Moved by** Councillor Martin  
**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**To adopt the Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Public Meeting.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Street provided updates on 24-40 McNamara Drive.

**7. Planning and Protective Services Committee**

Deputy Mayor Street, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Quilty

a. Permits

1. 96 Topsail Pond Road – Home Based Business

**Resolution No. M23-075**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street  
**Seconded by** Councillor Quilty

**Be it resolved that Council approve the application for the home-based dog grooming business at 96 Topsail Pond Road subject to no objections in response to the Notice of Discretionary Use and ten (10) conditions.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Orders

There are no orders for this meeting.

c. Memos

1. Aerial Imagery Purchase

**Resolution No. M23-076**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise purchase aerial imagery from Pictometry Canada Corp. at a cost of \$22,153.60 (HST included) subject to review by staff for proposal compliance.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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 February 23, 2023.

Matters discussed at the meeting included:

- The review of a home-based business application for a dog grooming service on Topsail Pond Road.
- A listing of the Building Permits issued by the Town between February 7 and 20.
- The purchase of updated aerial imagery of the Town for use by Town staff and consultants.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 9.

**Resolution No. M23-077**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Street

**Seconded by** Councillor Quilty

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the March 7, 2023 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

1. Covid-19 Policy and Covid-19 Vaccination Policy

**Resolution No. M23-078**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Vaters

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise rescind the Covid-19 Policy # CS-034 and the Covid-19 Vaccination policy # CS-038.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Committee Report

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

The administration and Corporate Services Committee met on March 1, 2023. The following was on the agenda for discussion and or review.

1. Minutes from the Strategic Plan Development check in meeting as well as the weekly update was circulated for review.
2. Minutes from the Northeast Avalon Joint Council meeting held on February 15, 2023, were circulated for review.
3. Correspondence received regarding antisemitism was reviewed.
4. The Committee had further discussion on "City Status."
5. The Covid-19 Policy and Covid-19 Vaccination policy were reviewed, and recommendation was for them to be rescinded.

6. The Committee reviewed the 2023 legal rates proposal for the Town's legal counsel.
7. The Committee discussed the importance of promoting the good work being done by the Town.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 5:00 pm.

**Resolution No. M23-079**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Quilty

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the March 7, 2023 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. NL Power Pole Relocation - Ratification of Email Poll

**Resolution No. M23-080**

**Moved by** Councillor Quilty

**Seconded by** Councillor Martin

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise ratify the e-poll decision to accept the NL Power quote of \$32,543.87 including HST subject to final review by the staff of the Technical Work Request form for the relocation of an overhead guy pole.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Committee Report

Councillor Quilty brought forward a report from the Infrastructure and Engineering Committee.

The Infrastructure & Engineering Committee met on February 28, 2023.

In business arising from past committee meetings an update on three traffic initiatives was provided. Those updates included:

- The Carlisle Drive Intersection with Topsail Road was fully inspected for any pedestrian crossing operational issues. None were found; however, the inspection revealed some maintenance items that can use attention. Those maintenance tasks are being scheduled.
- Town staff have been investigating the possibility of adding a turning lane to a section of Topsail Road without widening the roadway. A report and recommendation is expected shortly and will be brought to a future meeting.
- Several meetings have taken place on moving forward with a strategy to meet Council's wish to have another highway access. Staff are expecting a proposal to come forward that will layout a plan and generate the information needed to support the initiative.

In new business, a pavement marking and signage improvement plan for the Topsail Road/McNamara Drive roundabout was shared with the committee. The changes outlined the plan does not change the permitted traffic movements but are intended to better convey to drivers what those permitted movements are. These changes will take place in the spring.

A NL Power quote to have a pole and associated equipment moved in support of the new lift station #10 project was discussed with a recommendation to accept the quote. The committee also agreed to send the recommendation to Council via an email poll for decision to schedule the work as soon as possible.

Various reports including the capital project status report were made available for the committee's review.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023.

#### **Resolution No. M23-081**

**Moved by** Councillor Quilty

**Seconded by** Councillor Vaters

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the March 7, 2023 report from the Infrastructure and Engineering Committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 10. Public Works Committee

Councillor Martin, Chair; Councillor Laurie & Deputy Mayor Street

### a. Memos

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

### b. Committee Report

Councillor Martin brought forward a report from the Public Works Committee.

The Public Works committee met on February 22, 2023.

The committee discussed the following:

- The purchasing of park, trail, and field amenities as per our recreation master plan recommendations. Further review of the quotes was required, and the item will be brought back to the next committee.
- Capabilities of our current Plow Tracker App.
- Current procedure for Communication to residents.

### **Resolution No. M23-082**

**Moved by** Councillor Martin

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the March 7, 2023 report from the Public Works Committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 11. Recreation and Community Services Committee

Councillor Laurie, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Vaters

### a. Memos

1. Building Age-Friendly Communities Application

### **Resolution No. M23-083**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Vaters

**Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise support submission of Building Age- Friendly Community Application that involves the construction of an accessible classroom/seating area and provide further opportunity for expansion of programs for the senior demographic.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Committee Report

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

The Recreation and Community Services Committee was held on February 27, 2023 and the following items were discussed:

- Staff from the Recreation and Community Services Department and the Infrastructure & Engineering Department provided committee with three concept floor plan designs for the new Community Boathouse. A detailed description was provided on each plan. Committee reviewed and discussed the plans and agreed of Concept Plan A-2 for the community boathouse. Staff will now schedule a meeting with Avalon Dragons to review plans.
- The Canada Volunteer Awards program was reviewed, and it was agreed for staff to forward information on these awards to community groups.
- Staff provided an overview on SunSplash noting the potential opportunity for Rib Fest to be incorporated into this year's festivities.
- FoodFirstNL is holding a Community Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise Double Ice Complex, members of Council along with staff from the Recreation and Community Services Department and the Planning and Protective Services Department will be in attendance.
- The Kickoff Meeting for the Paradise Park Master Plan took place with consultants from Mills and Wright on February 22.
- A funding opportunity for the Building Age Friendly Grant was discussed and an application was submitted and motioned this evening.



- An update was provided on a few upcoming programs including the St. Patrick's Day Event, Municipal Awards, Easter Week Activities and Municipal Awareness Day.
- Snow and Ice has now concluded. Thank you to our sponsors and to all those who took the time to participate in programs and events.

The next Recreation and Community Services meeting will be held on March 13.

**Resolution No. M23-084**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

**Be it resolved that Council adopt the March 7, 2023 report from the Recreation and Community Services Committee.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. New/Unfinished Business**

- Mayor Bobbett congratulated Team Blandford who won the U16 Girls Curling Championship in Gander in February. He made special mention of Megan Blandford and Hannah Connolly who are residents of Paradise.
- Councillor Laurie attended the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Best in Business Awards last Thursday evening with most of Council. Councillor Laurie said how proud she is of all the nominees from the Town and especially those businesses who won in their categories.
- Councillor Laurie attended and brought greetings at the grand opening of Kingsway Living with Councillor Vaters.
- Councillor Laurie attended the Food First NL meeting along with other members of Council and staff.
- Councillor Laurie informed Council that she will be attending the CBA Chamber International Women's Day Event and honouring a special volunteer within the Town.
- Deputy Mayor Street congratulated the nominees and winners of the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Best in Business Awards.

- Deputy Mayor Street informed residents that currently there is benchmarking taking place for each snow fall and this information will be reviewed when the updates are being made to the Snow Clearing Policy. Deputy Mayor Street thanked the residents for their input, and she wants to ensure that they know they have been heard.
- Deputy Mayor Street recognized tomorrow as International Women's Day. This day is a reminder that all women from all ages and walks of life have a place in every aspect of Canadian society.
- Councillor Vaters attended the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Best in Business Awards and recognized all businesses that were nominated and congratulated the businesses from Paradise who won in their respective category.
- Councillor Vaters attended the Food First NL meeting at the Paradise Double Ice Complex last night. Councillor Vaters noted that some important statistics were provided about the current situation in Newfoundland and this organization has developed a program that partners with local retailers and communities to assist those in need. The first retailer selected for this project on the Northeast Avalon is Rays K & D Grocery that is located on Paradise Road. Their innovative vision is to focus on an outdoor green space and create a community garden. Councillor Vaters also informed Council and residents that Food First NL are looking for individuals to serve on their advisory groups.
- Councillor Vaters stated that in recent days there has been a significant amount of resident engagement regarding trail grooming. He informed residents that there are two policies in place that include trail grooming and both policies are being reviewed by the Public Works committee. Councillor Vaters stated that once these policies are reviewed, they will be brought to Council for discussion and adoption and will cover every aspect of snow clearing within the Town. Mayor Bobbett responded that there has been a culture created in the Town for continuous quality improvement and staff are always looking for ways to make improvements.
- Councillor Quilty congratulated all the nominees and winners of the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Best in Business awards.
- Councillor Quilty informed Council that she will be attending the CBA Chamber International Women's Day Event tomorrow.

- Councillor Quilty looks forward to the Public Works committee bringing forward revised policies for snow clearing within the Town and this includes fire hydrants and trails as well as roads.
- Councillor Carew attended the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber Best in Business awards on Thursday evening. He thanked staff for their work in putting this together.
- Councillor Carew thanked residents for reaching out to him with their concerns regarding the snow management policies within the Town. He let the residents know that they have been heard and the policies will be reviewed by all Council in the coming months.
- Councillor Laurie reminded residents that all decisions for policies and priorities are made by the members of Council. She noted that there was a lot of negativity directed towards the Town Staff but noted that they are only doing what they were instructed to do.
- Councillor Martin informed Council and residents that the committee is doing a full review of the Snow Clearing Policies and once completed they will be brought to Council. The committee are also putting together a three-year bench marking plan to improve snow clearing within the Town, but this is dependent on budget and support of Council.

### **13. Adjournment**

#### **Resolution No. M23-085**

**Moved by** Councillor Laurie

**Seconded by** Councillor Carew

To adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Dan Bobbett, Mayor

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Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk