



Town of Paradise
Public Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present: Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson
Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor
Patrick Martin, Councillor
Deborah Quilty, Councillor
Larry Vaters, Councillor

Council Absent Glen Carew, Councillor
Elizabeth Laurie, 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
Nelson Whalen, Director of Public Works
Angelina Richards, Administrative Assistant
Diane Keough, Manager, Communications
Tara O'Brien, Manager of Human Resources

Staff Absent: Terrilynn Smith, Director of Corporate Services

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. M24-042

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Councillor Quilty

To adopt the Agenda for the February 6, 2024 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Proclamations

a. National 211 Day

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed February 11 as National 211 Day in the Town of Paradise. Kimberly Leonard, 211 Director-Newfoundland and Labrador, was in attendance for this proclamation.

b. Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Mayor Bobbett proclaimed February 1-7, 2024 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week in the Town of Paradise.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. M24-043

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Street

To adopt the Minutes of the January 23, 2024 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Deputy Mayor Street provided an update regarding the Greenhouse Amendment in response to questions that were asked in the January 23, 2024, Public Council meeting. She noted that the amendment was registered on February 1, 2024, a notice of registration will be posted in the Gazette. A notice will be posted in the Shoreline by February 16 for residents.

7. Planning and Protective Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Street, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Quilty

a. Permits

1. 14 Stonewall Drive - Development Approval

Resolution No. M24-044

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street

Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that the application for the construction of two (2) basement apartments in an existing single-family dwelling located at 14 Stonewall Drive be approved subject to no objections being received to the Notice of Discretionary Use and 11 conditions.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. 278 St. Thomas Line – Development Approval

Resolution No. M24-045

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the application to divide the land at 278 St. Thomas Line creating a separate lot with the existing dwelling and a remainder undeveloped parcel be approved.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

b. Orders

1. 1552 Topsail Road (Order to be Confirmed)

Resolution No. M24-046

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street

Seconded by Councillor Vaters

Be it resolved that an Order issued for the removal of miscellaneous debris and the repair or demolition of a

dilapidated building located at 1552 Topsail Road be confirmed by Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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 January 25, 2024. Matters discussed at that meeting included the following:

- Development applications for properties on St. Thomas Line.
- Updates on Amendments to the Paradise Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.
- Correspondence from the Town of Torbay regarding a proposed Regional Plan amendment.
- A report from the Town's Manager of Economic Development proposing a new partnership funding model with the local Chambers of Commerce.
- An application for a multi-unit building on Stonewall Drive.
- Correspondence from a Paradise Road property owner.
- The list of Building Permits issued by the Town between January 9 and 22.
- Discussion related to the province's ride sharing licensing initiative.
- Discussion on available funding for the development of secondary suites in residential properties.
- A Crown Land referral application.
- Correspondence from a resident concerning the Town's Accessible Taxi program.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8.

Resolution No. M24-047

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street

Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that Council approve the February 6, 2024 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. Email Poll of Council – Residential Property Tax Assistance Policy

Resolution No. M24-048

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that Council that Council adopt the Residential Property Tax Assistance Policy CS-041.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Violence Prevention Policy

Resolution No. M24-049

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Street

Be it resolved that Council adopt policy #CS-018 Violence Prevention Policy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Committee Report

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

The Administration and Corporate Services met on January 31, 2024. The only item discussed was the Violence Prevention Policy that was just presented.

A couple additional items to note:

Residents should be receiving their property tax bills in the mail this week. The taxes are due on February 29, 2024. There are a few options available to make payment including:

1. An interest free monthly payment plan though pre-authorized debit.
2. On-line banking though your financial institution.
3. On-line through the Town's secure third-party provider PaySimply using credit card, etransfer and PayPal.
4. In person at the Town Hall via cheque, cash or debit.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb 14.

Resolution No. M24-050

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that Council adopt the February 6, 2024 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. 2024 Street Capital Program

Deputy Mayor Street asked Council if she was in a potential conflict of interest regarding the 2024 Street Capital Program as her mother owns property between Paradise Road and Milton Road.

Resolution No. M24-051

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that Deputy Mayor Street may be in a potential conflict of interest regarding the 2024 Street Capital Program.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

Resolution No. M24-052

Moved by Councillor Quilty

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that the 2024 Street Capital Program include sections of sidewalk on Paradise Road (39 Paradise Road to Milton Road) and Topsail Road (1278 Topsail Road to the municipal boundary with Mount Pearl) as well as sidewalk, curb, gutter, and storm on one side of Glenderek Drive estimated to total \$771,000.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Committee Report

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

The Infrastructure & Engineering Committee met on January 30, 2024.

The committee reviewed a list of Town roads assessed and their priority for replacement, as well as cost estimates for possible inclusion in the 2024 Street Capital Program. The committee also reviewed a list of proposed new assets for possible inclusion in the 2024 Street Capital Program and made a recommendation to council.

A discussion on the Town's use of booster pumps in its water system was introduced and deferred to the next meeting for discussion.

The next Infrastructure & Engineering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13.

Resolution No. M24-053

Moved by Councillor Quilty

Seconded by Councillor Vaters

Be it resolved that Council adopt the February 6, 2024 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 were no reports for this meeting.

b. Committee Report

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

The Public Works Committee did not meet this Council cycle so there is no committee activity to report.

The following is a operational report.

- We are currently in full winter operations, and pleased to report that our staff has adapted remarkably well to the new snow-clearing policy changes. Their dedication and commitment to ensuring the smooth implementation of these changes have not gone unnoticed. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance transparency and communication, the revised snow-clearing policy and detailed maps outlining the snow-clearing and sidewalk-clearing routes are now accessible on the Town's website.

This week's Green Goal is to **CONSERVE**.

Conserve resources like electricity and water. Limit how you use them and do not be wasteful.

You can do this by following these simple steps:

- Insulate indoor areas.
- Fix leaking faucets and pipes.
- Use ceiling fans instead of air conditioners.
- Harvest rainwater and use it for day-to-day activities.
- Avoid hot water baths and shorten your shower time.
- Use LEDs instead of incandescent bulbs since they are more energy efficient.

The next scheduled Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Resolution No. M24-054

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Street

Be it resolved that Council adopt the February 6, 2024 report from the Public Works committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Recreation and Community Services Committee

Councillor Vaters, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Laurie

a. Memos

There were no reports for this meeting.

b. Committee Report

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

The Recreation and Community Services Committee met on February 1, and the following was discussed.

- Staff brought an update on the Canada Games and further discussed clarification on items.
- Scott Parsons from ASL Energy Synthetic Ice spoke on their product.
- A request with reference to the Rotary Dinner and Auction was reviewed.
- Correspondence regarding Horse Cove Beach was reviewed and discussed.
- The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program request was reviewed.
- Information on the Regimental Tournament 2024 was shared.

- Staff shared additional information on the upcoming Confederation Cup Hockey Tournament in addition to a request on use of the display case.
- A request from Paradise Minor Hockey was discussed with a further review to follow.
- Correspondence received from a resident with regards to Fireworks was reviewed. Discussion on an alternate date in the event of cancelation was decided upon.
- Staff brought an update on an eBike request.
- Additional information was brought forward from staff on Communities in Bloom.

The next committee will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2024.

Resolution No. M24-055

Moved by Councillor Vaters

Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that Council adopt the February 6, 2024 report from the Recreation and Community Services committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. New/Unfinished Business

- Deputy Mayor Street informed Council and residents that the Provincial Government Applications are open for secondary basement suites as an incentive pilot program. The program will allow homeowners to access a forgivable loan for up to 50% of the cost of renovations to a maximum of \$40,000 to create a new secondary or basement suite in their home. These loans will be fully forgivable provided the home is rented below market rates for a minimum of 5 years. All information regarding the criteria to qualify is available on the provincial website.
- Deputy Mayor Street attended the Conception Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Open House Event at Banished Brewery along with other Council members and staff. It was a great turnout and great event.
- Deputy Mayor Street attended Snow and Ice Events this past weekend and brought greetings at the Seniors Winter Tunes and Treats Event on Friday afternoon. There was great music by Damien Follett and great

food by Ms. Burton and Ms. Garland. It was a wonderful event and the seniors asked Deputy Mayor to bring back a big thank you to Council and staff and suggested that they could fill a larger room next year. Deputy Mayor Street also brought greetings at the Family Goods Bingo on Sunday evening. There were approximately 260 participants in attendance. Deputy Mayor Street thanked the Kin Club and the 905 Vikings for volunteering their time for this event and a special thank you to Town Staff for keeping these events running smoothly.

- Deputy Mayor Street reminded the business community that the Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce has the Best in Business Awards Gala on March 21 and the deadline for nominations is February 16 at 5 pm. All details can be found at mountpearlparadisechamber.com.
- Councillor Vaters informed Council and residents that the province provides opportunities for high school students to attend second language courses in Quebec. Those applications are now available on the provincial government's website.
- Councillor Vaters mentioned an insert that was sent out to residents with their tax bills. This insert had information about taxes, but the second side had information about the new notification system, and he encouraged residents to sign up.
- Councillor Vaters informed residents that Snow and Ice in Paradise continues with Trivia Night on Friday, Spirit of Newfoundland Dinner and Show on Saturday night and a family fun day on Sunday. Next weekend there is a parent-tot time, a cornhole tournament, a senior's shinny event and more events to come. It is great to see so many residents participating and helping build community spirit.
- Councillor Martin noted that it is great to see so much participation at the Snow and Ice in Paradise events this year.
- Councillor Quilty reminded residents of the importance of not putting snow in the roadways when clearing out driveways. She stated that there is a policy in place that is to be followed.

13. Adjournment

Resolution No. M24-056

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Vaters

To adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Dan Bobbett, Mayor

Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk