

Town of Paradise

Public Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Council Present: Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor Glen Carew, Councillor Tommy Maher, 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 Diane Keough, Manager, Communications

Angelina Richards, Executive Assistant

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. M24-460

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Quilty

To adopt the Agenda for the December 17, 2024 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this meeting.

5. Presentation to Christmas Card Winner

Mayor Bobbett made a presentation to Raina Reddick, the 2024 holiday card winner.

6. Adoption of Minutes

a. <u>Adoption of Minutes</u>

Resolution No. M24-461

Moved by Councillor Maher Seconded by Deputy Mayor Street

To adopt the Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Public Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Carew noted that the cost recorded to date for the repairs to lift station 10, as of December 10 was \$221,228.22. An additional update will be provided in the Public Works Committee meeting tomorrow night.

8. Budget 2025

Resolution No. M24-462

Moved by Councillor Vaters Seconded by Deputy Mayor Street

Be it Resolved that the Town of Paradise, in accordance with Section 77(1) of the Municipalities Act, adopt the 2025 Budget with operating revenue and expenditures totaling \$44,605,231.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution No. M24-463

Moved by Councillor Vaters Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it Resolved that the Town of Paradise adopt the 2025 Schedule of Tax Rates and the 2025 Fee Schedule as submitted.

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Infrastructure and Engineering Committee

Deputy Mayor Street, Chair; Councillor Carew & Councillor Quilty

- a. <u>Memos</u>
 - 1. Kenmount Road Phase 1 Upgrade PCA CCN#01

Resolution No. M24-464

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street Seconded by Councillor Maher

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise accept PCA CCN#1 for the addition of sanitary sewer condition assessments in the Kenmount Road Phase 1 Upgrade work area and award a change order to Irvine Engineering in the amount of \$38,363.56 (HST included).

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. <u>Committee Report</u>

Deputy Mayor Street brought forward a report from the Infrastructure and Engineering Committee.

The Infrastructure & Engineering Committee met on December 10, 2024.

The committee reviewed a prime consultant agreement contemplated change order for the addition of gravity and force main sanitary sewer condition assessments in the work area of the Kenmount Road Phase 1 Road upgrade project that is currently being designed. The committee made a recommendation to accept the CCN and award a change order.

The committee was provided a department report and given an opportunity to ask questions.

Resolution No. M24-465

Moved by Deputy Mayor Street Seconded by Councillor Carew

Be it resolved that Council adopt the December 17, 2024 report from the Infrastructure & Engineering Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Administration and Corporate Services Committee

Councillor Vaters, Chair; Councillor Maher & Councillor Quilty

- a. <u>Memos</u>
 - 1. Appointment of Commissioner 2025

Resolution No. M24-466

Moved by Councillor Vaters Seconded by Councillor Carew

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise appoint Mr. Mitch Moran as the commissioner for the Town of Paradise for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 at the agreed rates.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. <u>Committee Report</u>

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

The Administration and Corporate Services Committee met on December 11, 2024. The following items were on the agenda.

- 1. Appointment of Commissioner for the 2025 Tax year.
- 2. The October and November 2024 cheque registers.
- 3. Update on the launch of the new Town App.
 - The new Town app is branded as the Town of Paradise and is now available to download from Apple and Google app stores. The initial features available are the garbage and recycling calendar, which allow residents to set reminders, event listings,

and news section. New features including service requests will be available in 2025.

Resolution No. M24-467

Moved by Councillor Vaters Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise adopt the December 17, 2024 report from the Administration and Corporate Services Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Recreation and Community Services Committee

Councillor Martin, Chair; Deputy Mayor Street & Councillor Carew

- a. <u>Memos</u>
 - 1. Holiday Skating 2024

Resolution No. M24-468

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Maher

Be it resolved that the Town of Paradise offer three holiday skates on Monday, December 30th, 2024, with no cost for entry and users providing a non-perishable food donation for the local food bank as admission.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. <u>Committee Report</u>

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

The Recreation and Community Services committee met on Monday, December 9, 2024, and the following items were discussed.

- Correspondence from the SaltWater Community Association with reference to a donation was discussed. The item was deferred pending more information from staff.
- Fees for the 2024 Holiday Skates. The recommendation from the committee is to waive the fees for the additional skates.

- The Vending Services RFP (TOP-24-31). The item was deferred pending more information from staff.
- The Department Information Report was provided on the following:
 - Correspondence from Elizabeth Park Elementary School in reference to Citizenship – Making A Change in our Community.
 - o Information on the 2025 Canada Games Torch Relay.
 - The 2024 December Activity Calendar was provided for the remainder of the year.

Resolution No. M24-469

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Quilty

Be it resolved that Council adopt the December 17, 2024, report from Recreation and Community Services committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Planning and Protective Services Committee

Councillor Quilty, Chair; Deputy Mayor Street & Councillor Maher

- a. <u>Permits</u>
 - 1. 21 St. Anne's Crescent Approval in Principle

Resolution No. M24-470

Moved by Councillor Quilty Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that Council approve the application for a Volleyball Club at 21 St. Anne's Crescent subject to no objections being received in response to the Notice of Discretionary Use and nine (9) conditions.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Orders

There were no orders for this meeting.

c. <u>Memos</u>

There were no reports for this meeting.

d. <u>Committee Report</u>

Councillor Quilty brought forward a report from the Planning and Protective Services committee.

The Planning and Protective Services Committee met on December 5. Matters dealt with at the meeting included the following:

- An application for a volleyball training facility at 21 St. Anne's Crescent.
- Discussion on the draft 2025 Town Fee Schedule for fees related to the work of the PPS Department.
- The Committee accepted the Departmental Report prepared by staff for the Committee. Matters dealt with in the Report are as follows:
 - Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs related to conveyance of a parcel of land to Habitat for Humanity.
 - A listing of Building Permits issued between November 16 and December 4.
 - A listing of Outstanding Orders issued by the Town.
 - A staff report prepared for Committee in response to questions and concerns raised by residents of the Yellow Drive area.

The next meeting of the Planning and Protective Services Committee is scheduled for December 19.

Resolution No. M24-471

Moved by Councillor Quilty Seconded by Councillor Martin

Be it resolved that Council adopt the December 17, 2024 report from the Planning and Protective Services Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

13. Public Works Committee

Councillor Carew, Chair; Councillor Martin & Councillor Vaters

a. Memos

There were no reports for this meeting.

b. <u>Committee Report</u>

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

The Public Works Committee did not meet this Council cycle.

However, as we head into the winter season, the Department wishes to highlight two important reminders for our residents:

- Plow Tracker The Plow Tracker is currently being redesigned by our provider and will be available on the Town of Paradise website in the new year. It can be used to provide an approximate location of snow-clearing equipment throughout the Town. The page is refreshed approximately every 10 minutes. The information can be found on the Town's website at paradise.ca/plowtracker.
- Winter Parking Ban Reminder that the winter parking ban is in effect. No vehicle is permitted to park on any street within the Town of Paradise from December 1 to March 31, inclusive between the hours of 1:00 am and 8:00 am, or anytime during a snowfall and for twenty-four (24) hours thereafter. Full details can be found on the Towns website at paradise.ca/parkingban.

This week's green goal moment is Reusable Bags.

Single-use plastic bags get disposed of and end up in landfills or oceans. These can entangle marine life, leading to a slow, painful death. Moreover, single-use plastic bags take 1,000 years to degrade.

Whenever you go shopping, make sure to carry a reusable bag. Reusable bags cut down on litter, protect marine and wildlife, and decrease pollution and your plastic carbon footprint.

Resolution No. M24-472

Moved by Councillor Carew Seconded by Councillor Vaters

Be it resolved that Council adopt the December 17, 2024, Report from the Public Works Committee.

14. New/Unfinished Business

- Councillor Maher noted that he is approaching 8 months serving on Council and stated that he is enjoying his time. He extended gratitude to Council and staff for welcoming him and guiding him throughout this journey and a special thank you to residents who have put their trust in him. Councillor Maher wished everyone a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.
- Councillor Carew wished staff, Council and residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Councillor Quilty wished staff and Council a healthy and prosperous new year. She also thanked all staff for what has been accomplished in 2024.
- Councillor Martin informed Council and residents that Visions Employment will be having a new award for a job coach in memory of former Councillor Vince Burton.
- Councillor Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a challenging year but a great year. He also reminded everyone to not drink and drive.
- Councillor Vaters informed Council and residents that he recently attended FCM Board Meetings in Ottawa. These meetings advocated for funding streams and revenue for Municipalities. It was great to have an opportunity to be able to advocate for the Town but also to highlight what is happening in the Town to various MP's and Senators.
- Councillor Vaters thanked everyone that was involved in the preparation of the Budget including Director Smith and all her staff.
- Councillor Vaters wished everyone around the table, Town Staff and residents a happy and prosperous New Year and a joyous Merry Christmas.
- Deputy Mayor Street informed Council and residents that the 2025 Canada Games Torch Bearer Nominations are open until February 28, 2025. The information can be found on the website.
- Deputy Mayor Street brought greetings at the staff Christmas dinner a couple of weeks ago. It was a great night and a great meal. She thanked

staff for the invitation and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

- Deputy Mayor Street attended the Employee Recognition Brunch. She congratulated all the employees that were recognized for service awards, LEAN certificates and retirement.
- Deputy Mayor Street attended the Adventure 50+ Christmas Social with other members of Council. It was a wonderful evening, and she thanked the executive for all their work throughout the year.
- Deputy Mayor Street wished Council, staff and residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.
- Mayor Bobbett informed residents that January 7 will be the next Public Council Meeting and January 14 will be the first Committee of the Whole Public Meeting.
- Mayor Bobbett thanked everyone for a great year working together and wished everyone a joyous Christmas and New Year.

15. Adjournment

Resolution No. M24-473

Moved by Councillor Vaters Seconded by Councillor Quilty

To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Dan Bobbett, Mayor

Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk