



Town of Paradise
Public Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025, 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

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The agenda was adopted as presented.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared on the Decision Notes.

5. Infrastructure and Engineering Department

Council Lead - Deputy Mayor Street

a. Decision Notes

1. Direction to Apply for Funding

Council discussed the CHIF funding for the Neil's Pond Ridge Water Pressure and Capacity Expansion. In mid 2024, the Town received indications that the new water system solution would now be eligible for funding. Council instructed staff to apply for the funding by the November 29, 2024, deadline. The application is now being actively reviewed, and they require a resolution of Council supporting the application for funding.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to make a resolution to apply for CHIF funding through the MCW application process.

Council were in agreement to move this forward to the Public Council Meeting for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

b. Department Report

The report from the Infrastructure and Engineering Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included information on staffing resources, an activity update, a project status report for active capital works and engineering projects and the St. Thomas Line Pump Station Change Management Log.

6. Administration and Corporate Services Department

Council Lead - Councillor Vaters

a. Decision Notes

1. 2025 Scheduled Council Meetings

The 2025 Schedule of Public Council Meetings and Public Committee of the Whole Meetings was presented for discussion.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to approve the schedule as presented.

Council were in agreement to move this forward to the Public Council meeting for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

2. Expropriation of Land – Paradise Intermediate School Property (41 Diane Whelan Drive)

A report was discussed by Council for the expropriation of land for the Paradise Intermediate School Property at 41 Diane Whalen Drive to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Town has been working with the province over the last 6 years on finalizing the agreement for the Town owned land and this friendly expropriation is required to finalize the details of the purchase. There was a notice of expropriation signed by the Minister December 12, 2024.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to approve the expropriation transaction.

Council were in agreement to move forward to Council for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

b. Department Report

The report from the Administration and Corporate Services Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included information on the 2025 tax bills including a copy of the 2025 Municipal Tax Bill Insert, recruitment for vacancies in all departments, user statistics on the new resident app, and the December 2024 Cheque Register was provided for information purposes.

7. **Recreation and Community Services Department**

Council Lead - Councillor Martin

a. Decision Notes

1. Fundraiser Request from Mt. Pearl Senior High for Paradise Resident

A fundraiser request from Mount Pearl Senior High for a resident in Paradise was discussed by Council.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to waive the Box Office Policy (RC-012) 70/30 split to provide the event with the Town's share of the gate fees of \$1,375.50. It is further recommended to waive the ice rental fee, \$340.00 for the two hours of ice time.

Council were in agreement to move forward to the Public Council meeting for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

b. Department Report

The report from the Recreation and Community Services Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included an activity update for the department that notes upcoming events for the Winter months and the annual Snow and Ice in Paradise Festival, the January Calendar of events was provided for reference and information on the FCM Tree Funding application that was submitted.

8. Planning and Protective Services Department

Council Lead - Councillor Quilty

a. Decision Notes

1. Development Regulations Amendment No. 28, 2025

Council discussed Development Regulations Amendment 28, 2025 that included housekeeping items.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to advertise the proposed Paradise Development Regulations Amendment No. 28, 2025 in accordance with the requirements of Section 14 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act.

Council requested that there be an addition to this amendment or a program put in place to ensure that more trees are being planted.

CAO Niblock responded that further discussions can be had regarding programs and implementation of the regulations put in place.

Council were in agreement to move forward to the Public Council meeting for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

b. Permits

1. 1133 Kenmount Road - Approval in Principle

An application for an Approval in Principle to expand the existing vehicle storage yard at 1133 Kenmount Road was discussed.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is for Council to approve the application subject to no objections being received from the public notification and nine (9) conditions.

Council requested additional information on the conservation zone and watercourse and provincial regulations.

Councillor Vaters declared a potential conflict of interest on the questions being asked regarding this application due to his employment conditions with the federal government. Council agreed that Councillor Vaters was in a potential conflict of interest.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin and Councillor Quilty.

Councillor Vaters went to the Public Gallery for this discussion and returned to his seat in Council Chambers once the discussion on the watercourse was finalized.

CAO Niblock noted that additional information will be included in the report for the Public Council Meeting. Also, it was asked what the business is currently doing to prevent possible leakage now. Director Glenn responded that most fluids are drained before arriving at this site and inspections are completed before vehicles are brought to the inventory yard.

Council were in agreement to move forward to the Public Council meeting for decision.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

c. Department Report

The report from the Planning and Protective Services Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included information on 2024 Residential Building Statistics, ridership statistics for Metrobus Route 30 and noted an upcoming meeting to discuss potential changes to the Town's Emergency Plan.

9. **Public Works Department**

Council Lead - Councillor Carew

a. Decision Notes

1. Repair Estimate for 250 HP Lift Station Pump

Council reviewed and discussed a repair estimate for a 250HP Lift Station Pump.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to proceed with the repair to the 250HP Lift Station Pump at Xylem Canada Company.

Council directed CAO Niblock to proceed to prepare a PO for this repair and ratification will be made at the Public Council meeting.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

2. Tools Equipment and Consumables Use Policy

Council reviewed the newly developed Tools, Equipment and Consumables Use Policy.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is for Council to approve the new Tools and Consumables Use Policy (PW-015) to enhance efficiency, reduce waste, and improve accountability in resource management.

Council agreed to move this forward to the Public Council meeting for adoption.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin, Councillor Quilty and Councillor Vaters.

b. Department Report

The report from the Public Works Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included an activity update including winter shifts, recruitment within the department, information on water line repairs in Evergreen Village, notice about the 2025 Garbage Guide, information about the new plow tracker, a report from Roche's Auction and information about equipment operations.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Dan Bobbett, Mayor

Terrilynn Smith, Town Clerk