



Town of Paradise
Public Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Council Present: Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Chairperson
Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor
Glen Carew, Councillor
Tommy Maher, Councillor
Patrick Martin, Councillor
Larry Vaters, Councillor

Council Absent Deborah Quilty, Councillor

Staff Present: Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Kim Blanchard, Director of Planning and Protective 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

Staff Absent: Lisa Niblock, CAO

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 to Council and residents.

3. Adoption of Agenda

a. Adoption of Agenda

To adopt the Agenda for the March 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4. Conflict of Interest

Councillor Carew informed Council that he could be in a potential conflict of interest regarding the items on Round Pond Road as his employer owns property in the general vicinity and is applying for crown land. Mayor Bobbett asked Council if they felt that Councillor Carew is in a potential conflict of interest. Council voted that Councillor Carew is not in a potential conflict of interest.

Against: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin and Councillor Vaters

Deputy Mayor Street informed Council that she could be in a potential conflict of interest regarding the items on Round Pond Road as the applicant was married to a cousin many years ago but she has no relationship to this applicant. Mayor Bobbett asked Council if they felt that Councillor Carew is in a potential conflict of interest. Council voted that Deputy Mayor Street is not in a potential conflict of interest.

Against: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin and Councillor Vaters

5. Infrastructure and Engineering

Council Lead - Deputy Mayor Street

a. Decision Notes

1. Install RRFBs at Topsail Road/McNamara Drive Roundabout – Recommendation of Award

The 2025 Municipal Budget includes funds to install rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks on the Topsail Road/McNamara Drive Roundabout. Town staff sought prices from qualified vendors to supply and install sixteen (16) rapid flashing beacons and all required accessories.

Absolute Traffic Sign Solutions submitted the lowest price of \$61,177.74 plus HST but are based in Nova Scotia and they do not have a local presence to provide onsite/local support post installation. Construction Signs provided a quote of \$68,975.55 plus HST.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to award this work to Construction Signs Limited pending review and final acceptance of the bid submission. The price quote from Construction Signs is

within budget and their ability to provide local support justifies not accepting the lowest price.

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 and Councillor Vaters

2. Line Painting Tender – Recommendation of Award

A construction tender was published seeking a qualified contractor to carry out the Town's road line painting program for 2025. The tender also included the provision to extend by one (1) year if agreeable by both parties.

There were three (3) bids submitted with the lowest submission from Modern Paving Limited at a cost of \$210,950.00 plus HST.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to award the 2025 Line Painting project to Modern Paving Limited pending final review and acceptance of the bid.

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 and Councillor Vaters

3. STL Pump Station Project – Engineering Change Notice 08

R.V. Anderson and Associates Limited provided critical technical support during the recent LS10 pump failure and state of emergency. Town staff asked R.V. Anderson and Associates to record their time separate from the St. Thomas Line Pump Station Project and submit an Engineering Change Notice for costs incurred to perform this critical service. R.V. Anderson and Associates have submitted an Engineering Change Notice for \$20,941.25 plus HST.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to accept Engineering Change Notice 08 and issue a Change Order to R.V. Anderson Associates Limited.

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 and Councillor Vaters

4. Bayview Heights Water and Sewer Project Tender Award

Providing residents of Bayview Heights with municipal water and sewer infrastructure is on the Town's Water and Sewer priority list. The construction tender closed on February 24, 2025 and there were five (5) bids received. Mercer's Paving Incorporated submitted the lowest tendered price of \$395,178.00 plus HST.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to award the Bayview Heights Water and Sewer construction tender to Mercer's Paving Incorporated, pending final review and acceptance of the submission.

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 and Councillor Vaters

5. Drovers Road Water & Sewer Project Tender Results and Recommendation of Award

Providing residents of Drovers Road with municipal water and sewer infrastructure is on the Town's Water and Sewer priority list. The construction tender closed on March 4, 2025 and there were six (6) bids received. Precision Excavation Ltd. submitted the lowest tendered price of \$1,144,386.00.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to award the Drovers Road Water and Sewer construction tender to Precision Excavation Ltd., pending final review and acceptance of the submission.

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 and Councillor Vaters

b. Department Report

The report for the Infrastructure and Engineering Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included information on Transitional Authorization for the St. Thomas Line Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Phasing Plan, a number of construction tenders, the generator maintenance contract, the department project status and activity report, the 2025 traffic calming summary report and a water consumption report.

6. **Administration and Corporate Services**

Council Lead - Councillor Vaters

a. Decision Notes

1. Decision to Suspend Town's X (formerly Twitter) Usage

The Town of Paradise uses social media platforms as one of its strategic communications tools to provide timely and relevant information to residents, community groups and other key organizations and associations.

The Town currently uses X (formally known as Twitter) as one of its social media platforms. The engagement on X has been steadily declining in recent months, with staff noticing a steep decline in reshares, comments, questions and other interactions on the platform. There is also considerable public commentary about governments, businesses and other organizations supporting a platform that is owned by an individual with strong ties to the current US President, in light of the current US-Canada relations and tariffs.

Many organizations across Canada including municipalities, businesses, community groups and the Supreme Court of Canada are suspending or deactivating their X accounts.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to suspend the use of the Town's X (formally known as Twitter) account for day-to-day communications, activities and maintain it for dissemination of urgent information.

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

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 funding under the CanExport Community Investments Program to support Economic Development initiatives, developing mandatory By-Laws, ongoing work with business continuity, the insurance claim and restoration plan from the February 9 fire, ongoing recruitment and tax payments.

7. Recreation and Community Services

Council Lead - Councillor Martin

a. Decision Notes

There were no decision notes for this meeting.

b. Department Report

The report from the Recreation and Community Services Department was brought forward to Council for information and discussion. The report included information on promotion of the Town's Youth Committee, coordination of a Community Garden Volunteer Committee, funding under Year of the Sport 2025, the Funding Innovation 2024 and winter/spring programming.

8. Planning and Protective Services

Council Lead - Councillor Quilty

a. Decision Notes

There were no decision notes for this meeting.

b. Permits

1. 20 Juniper Drive – Approval in Principle

An application for Approval in Principle to construct a two-unit dwelling at 20 Juniper Drive was discussed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of the application subject to no objections in response to the Notice of Discretionary Use and 11

conditions. If objections are received, then the application will be returned to Committee of the Whole and Council for further consideration.

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 and Councillor Vaters

2. Civic 115-119 Round Pond Road Lot 1 - Approval in Principle

An application for Approval in Principle for residential building lots on gravel sections of 115-119 Round Pond Road was discussed.

After discussion, Council requested additional information and agreed that this item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

3. Civic 121-127 Round Pond Road - Approval in Principle

An application for Approval in Principle for residential building lots on gravel sections of 121-127 Round Pond Road was discussed.

After discussion, Council requested additional information and agreed that this item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

For: Mayor Bobbett, Deputy Mayor Street, Councillor Carew, Councillor Maher, Councillor Martin 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 residential building permits issued between February 17-28, illegal dumping within the Town, compliance letters and a letter requesting a tolerance for 24 Stormont Street.

9. Public Works

Council Lead - Councillor Carew

a. Decision Notes

1. Supply & Delivery of Additional Waste Bins 2025

The Town of Paradise transitioned to automated waste collection in July of 2016 to enhance efficiency and safety in its waste management system. This system utilizes wheeled carts provided by the Town, which are emptied using automated trucks with mechanical arms.

The Town recently issued a tender for the supply and delivery of one full shipment (500 units) of waste collection carts to ensure the Town has extra bins to provide new occupancies or replacements for existing bins. Two (2) companies expressed interest in the tender with the lowest qualified tender bid from Saunders Equipment Limited at a cost of \$69,065.00 plus HST.

Recommendation:

The recommendation from staff is to proceed with the award of TOP-25-07 Supply & Delivery of Waste Collection Carts for 2025 to the lowest qualified bidder as per the tender amount provided.

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 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 information on snowclearing and ice control, refuse collection, water and sewer services, street repairs, equipment maintenance, recruitment and staffing, current tenders and the bi-weekly equipment operations report.

10. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.