

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, July 5th, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Jim Miller
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Christian Hayter
Councillor Ron Warren
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

Delegates:

Karen Huys, Eric Coleridge

Visitor:

Ian Morris, Wayne White, Michele DuRand, Felicia Hiscock, Brian Hiscock

Mayor Miler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes for June 5th, was circulated and Mayor Miller asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2023-07-42:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adopt the minutes of June 5th, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Five in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Miller noted two additional items to be added to the agenda, Stoneman's Lane water issue and Asset Management Policy. **Motion 2023-07-43:** was made by Councillor Hayter to adopt the agenda that was posted online with the new addition, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Five in favor, motion carried.

Business Arising:

Mayor Miller informed that the road work got completed under our Canada Community Building Fund.

Mayor Miller thanked Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor Toope, Joan Kane and the Trinity Historical Society for their efforts in organizing and holding the Memorial Day and Canada Day events successfully and with a good turn out to both.

Delegates:

Mayor Miller acknowledged delegates Karen Huys and Eric Coleridge and informed them that Council's position on the review of the Town Plan and Regulations is in the hands of our consulting firm UPLAND. He explained that the public had thirty days to submit any objections/recommendations and the consulting team will review and bring back to Council.

Once that process is complete Council will review the changes and if they are satisfied with the changes a final report of the Town Plan and Regulations Review will be release for the public to review. If the public still has concerns/objections, they will have a chance to attend a commissioners hearing. The commissioner will hear individual concerns/objections and submit a final report which will be sent to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to review and determine if these changes should be made or not.

Ms. Huys asked if Council would receive any incentive, financial or otherwise, to include language in the Town Plan around development and mining. She spoke on subdivision and indicated that a clear description of the term needed to be outlined to determine the difference between development and subdivision. As well she spoke on Agricultural Livestock Structures and Use *section 4.8.1 (b) and (c)*. Mayor Miller replied to these concerns in that there was no incentive, financial or otherwise received or promised for language in the Town Plan around development, mining etc., and in fact those same things are in the old Town Plan and Regulations 2012-2022 with most being provincial related and have to be in these documents; agreement that further definition to the word sub-division was required and a determination of the size of property that would be considered a sub-division in terms of number of lots; and agreement on and Council had already requested an increase to some of the livestock numbers that would be permitted within the Town.

Mr. Coleridge spoke on Open Space and indicated that land privately owned should not be zoned as Open Space whereby Council could reject any application submitted. Mayor Miller acknowledged this was a matter raised by a few individuals in their replies and would be reviewed by Council and the consultant during the next phase of the process.

Mayor Miller thanked Ms. Huys and Mr. Coleridge and all those who submitted recommendations on the Town Plan and Regulations Review.

Eric Coleridge left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Fire Department

Mayor Miller informed Council that the Fire Department are working on a Regional MOU with other fire departments from Musgravetown to Bonavista.

Mayor Miller informed Council that our MHA Craig Pardy was in Trinity on Canada Day and Fire Chief Ballett had the opportunity to ask about our application for a new tanker. Mr. Pardy informed Chief Ballett that all applications were still with Fire and Emergency Services and no decision has been made to date.

Water & Sewer Operator

Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey informed Council our regular maintenance on the lift stations were completed last week and the line going to Fort Point is now operational. He went

on to say that we have a pump in the lift station that will need to be repaired/replaced but is hoping to get the end of the season but in the meantime, we have a new replacement in stock.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Environment and Climate Change Re: Permitting requirements associated with work in and near waterbodies. - File
- b) Municipal and Provincial Affairs Re: Increase to Municipal Operating Grant. – Mayor Miller informed Council that MOG’s will increase by approximately 13.6% in the fall of 2023.
- c) Municipal and Provincial Affairs Re: Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 Amendments. - File
- d) 9 Railway Road Re: Request to build a stage 16 x 20. – Mayor Miller informed Council that the plans were circulated via email and asked Council if they had any concerns or objections. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-07-44:** was made by Councillor Warren to approve the request to build a stage 16 x 20 at 9 Railway Road as per the drawings provided, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. Five in favor, motion carried.
- e) Municipal Assessment Agency Re: Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency. - File
- f) Guide to the Good Re: Digital marketing. - File
- g) 77 Route 239 Re: Build an extension to the existing shed. – Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she asked 77 Route 239 for a copy of their survey to determine if the extension to the existing shed was within the setback requirements. Brian and Felicia Hiscock informed Council that they had an old written deed to the property but didn’t have a survey. They went on to explain that they were going to have a survey done in the future. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023:07:45:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the extension to the existing shed 12 x 18, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Five in favor, motion carried. Mayor Miller asked once the survey gets completed to supply a copy to the Town Office. Brian and Felicia Hiscock left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
- h) Dept of Municipal and Provincial Affairs Re: Approval of our Canada Community Building Fund for road upgrade. - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Approval to 2 Dandy Lane.
- Approval to 3 Water Street.

Invoices for Operating Account from June 3 to 30, 2023, \$81,495.95. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-07-46:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to pay the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Five in favor, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from June 5th to 29th, 2023, \$24,203.84.

Operating Account	\$184,467.21
Southside Trail	\$435.00
Fire Dept. Funds	\$57,798.82
Fort to Forge	\$2,395.00
Trinity Festival	\$100.00

A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-07-47:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the

finances as presented, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. Five in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Miller informed Council that the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology announced they are seeking expression of interest to expand cellular service in unserved and underserved areas in the province and the deadline for submission is September 15th. He went on to say that a number of communities will be selected from the Expression of Interest that meet the project feasibility criteria which will then lead to a Call for Proposals phase of the initiative if selected and the cost-shared is Provincial Government maximum 40%, cellular service provider minimum 50% and community/municipal and other government partners, other private sector, non-profit organizations remaining 10%. A discussion took place and Council agreed to ask the Town of Port Rexton if they would like to join the Town of Trinity in submitting an expression of interest and reach out to businesses for a letter of support.

Mayor Miller informed Council that himself and the Town Clerk/Manager have been working closely with Tract Consulting in preparing our Asset Management Plan and things are moving forward and at the meeting this morning the Town Clerk/Manager and himself reviewed and finalized our Asset Management Policy which was forwarded via email for Council's review. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2023-07-48:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the Asset Management Policy, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Five in favour, resolution carried.

Mayor Miller informed Council that the pipe on Stoneman's Lane needed to be cleaned out and extended and asked if the Town could issue an RFQ. A discussion took place and Council agreed that we needed more pipe work done and Councillor Hayter agreed he would look at what pipe work needed to be done and bring back to the next meeting so an RFQ could be issued.

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she received a call from a citizen regarding the steps going down to the beach on Water Street. She explained that the wood had deteriorated, and tourists are using it to go down to the beach and it is a safety issue. A discussion took place regarding replacing them or removing them and it was decided to remove and not replace them.

Mayor Miller informed Council that a concerned citizen is requesting we do something about the traffic that goes up Doctor's Hill and possibly put up more signage. A discussion took place, and it was agreed that we would move the two no exit signs back, so they are more visible.

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she has the supervisor with the Department of Transportation coming tomorrow to look at putting some signage up on the Main Road to make traffic aware that a right turn is ahead. A discussion took place and Council agreed to have them look at the drainage issue on the Main Road as well as placing no parking signs on Dock Lane.

Motion 2024-07-49: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Five in agreement, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday, August 7th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manger