

A regular meeting of Council was held on Thursday, November 9, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Visitor:

Tom Kennedy, Wayne White, Mark Allston

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

The minutes for October 10th were circulated and Mayor Goldsworthy asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2023-11-72:** was made by Councillor Toope to adopt the minutes of October 10th, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Motion 2023-11-73: was made by Councillor Hayter to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that we have three candidates for the by-election on November 21, 2023.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that the work on 48 High Street has not started yet and may need to be postponed until spring 2024.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that at our last meeting we agreed to contact the snow clearing contractor to find out what the extra cost would be to add some additional roads to the contract. He went on to explain that due to insurance issues King's Landscaping could not be awarded the contract therefore it has been awarded to Bayview Equipment. A discussion took place and Council agreed that the contract would remain as is for the two-year agreement and would be revisited in the next contract.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations are ready to be sent to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for Section 15 review. Council agreed to send the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations for review. Mayor Goldsworthy went on to say that Council and the public would have a chance to review the documents once released prior to being adopted.

Fire Department

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she emailed the Fire Department and asked that the Chief or a representative bring a report to the meeting but didn't get a response.

Water & Sewer Operator

The Water & Sewer Operator informed Council that all was good, and he was waiting for Xylem to come out and do our regular maintenance on the pumps which he anticipated would be in the next two weeks.

Heritage Committee

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that 107 Main Road's request to install an additional window on the first floor that will match the existing windows was sent to the Heritage Committee for review and they had no objections. **Motion 2023-11-74:** was made by Councillor Hayter to approve 107 Main Road's application, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that 19 High Street has asked for an extension on his application that was approved in November 2020 but has expired. He went on to say that nothing has changed with regards to regulations, and we didn't receive any objections in 2020. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-11-75:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve 19 High Street's application to build, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Tract Consulting Re: Identifying lands for investment and future growth. – File
- b) Municipal Assessment Agency Re: Update on the Agency. - File
- c) Dept. of MA Re: 2024 Budget - File
- d) Tract Consulting Re: Asset Management Offer of Continued Service for Consideration. – Update in 2025.
- e) Make A Wish Re: Joining the 2024 Women for Wishes team. - File
- f) Trinity Historical Society Re: Requesting permission to erect a storyboard in the vicinity of the Town Hall. – A discussion took place and Council agreed to defer until such a time as a license to occupy was approved.
- g) Fort to Forge Committee Re: Thank you for the sponsor. – Mayor Goldsworthy thanked the committee members for all their hard work and the amount of funds raised for each organization, Fort Point Lions Club and Trinity and Area Volunteer Fire Department were \$6,789.20.

Outgoing Correspondence

-Letter of approval to build at 10 Water Street.

Invoices for Operating Account from September 30th, to November 8th, 2023, \$20,006.68. A

discussion took place and **Motion 2023-11-76:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from October 3rd to November 11th, 2023, \$3,799.34

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| Operating Account | \$90,167.70 |
| Southside Trail | \$435.00 |
| Trail Markers | 82.80 |
| Southside Trail | \$352.20 |
| Fire Dept. Funds | \$57,798.82 |
| Fort to Forge | \$13,578.39 |
| Fort Point Lions Club | 6,789.20 |
| Trinity & Area Volunteer Fire Department | 6,789.20 |

Trinity Festival **\$5,827.45**

Motion 2023-11-77: was made by Councillor Toope to accept the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

New Business

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that we have \$4,000.20 left in our Canada Community Building Fund and suggested we use to go towards our Asset Management Program. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2023-11-78:** was made by Councillor Hayter be it further resolved the Town of Trinity commits a maximum of \$2,016.73 from its Canada Community Building Fund towards the cost our Asset Management Program, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in agreement, no objections, resolution carried.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that 2024 budget was circulated for Councils review. He noted that no changes were made to the tax structure and all rates would be the same as 2023. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2022-11-79:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the 2024 budget in the amount of \$433,323.58, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, resolution carried.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that our 2022 audit was circulated earlier today and asked if there were any questions or concerns hearing non-**Resolution 2023-11-80:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the draft budget as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, resolution carried.

Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that we also received the Journal Entries for 2022. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2023-11-81:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the

Journal Entries as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, resolution carried.

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she has prepared the Tax Recover Plan for 2022 and has collected 82.18% of the taxes. A discussion took place and **Resolution 2023-11-82:** was made by Councillor Toope to accept the Tax Recovery Plan as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, resolution carried.

A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-11-83:** was made by Councillor Hayter to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor Toope and Hayter in favor, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday December 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manger