

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2024, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Paul Stapleton  
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy  
Councillor Tom Toope  
Councillor Christian Hayter  
Councillor Barbara Warren  
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet

**Regrets:**

Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

**Delegates:**

Fire Chief Doug Ballett

**Visitors:**

Ian Morris

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

**Motion 2024-03-10:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The minutes for February 5<sup>th</sup>, were circulated and Mayor Stapleton asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2024-03-11:** was made by Councillor Warren, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that the mill rate for seasonal residents is ongoing.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that developing a policy for the boardroom rental is being reviewed.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Ballett informed Council that the shipment of supplies from Firefighters Without Borders is expected to arrive by the end of March or early April.

Fire Chief Ballett informed Council that the Fire Department will be holding an election of officers on March 7<sup>th</sup> and went on to say that he would not be running and would be taking a leave of absence. He thanked Council, Linda, and Scott for all their help and support during his time as Fire Chief. Mayor Stapleton thanked Fire Chief Ballett for his service and wished him well with his future endeavors.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that he met with the Deputy Minister regarding our situation of being without a fire tanker and where our application was in the system for a new tanker and expected to hear something back in the coming week/weeks to seek a solution.

Fire Chief Ballett informed Council that Port Rexton has their tanker back and Trinity Bay North's tanker has been returned.

Fire Chief Ballett left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

### **Water & Sewer**

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy asked if the two pumps were fixed. The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Xylem has the part ordered and as soon as they get the parts, they will repair the pumps.

### **Heritage Committee**

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that 35 Fort Point Road's request to make minor amendments to the original plans was posted for 30 days with no objections/concerns. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-03-12:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the request to make minor amendments to the original plans as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried

### **Incoming Correspondence**

- a) Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Re: Update to Procurement Thresholds. File
- b) Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Re: Year-end Claims for Municipal Infrastructure Programs. - File
- c) 35 High Street Re: Request to subdivide into three building lots. – Town Clerk/Manager explained that the request has been posted on the Town's website for any objections/concerns and will be brought to the next meeting.
- d) Amanda Lee, Agency Representative for Cruise Lines Re: Asking if the Town would be interested in accommodating a visit from one of their vessels. – Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that she is waiting for call from Transport Canada to find out what was required to bring in cruise ships.

### **Outgoing Correspondence**

- Letter of support for Island Greens business proposal.

- Letter of support to Cathy Bishop for the Bonavista Peninsula Status of Women.
- Nominated THS for the Premier's Medal for Heritage.
- Applied for the Confederation 75 Celebration Grant for Canada Day.

Invoices for Operating Account from February 6 to 29, 2024, \$24,936.17. Council Hayter questioned the garbage invoice, and it was noted that the invoice should be \$3,322.80 and not \$6,645.60, therefore changing the total invoice expenses from \$28,258.91 to \$24,936.17. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-03-13:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from February 5 to 29, 2024, \$97,227.32

<b>Operating Account</b>	<b>\$148,353.47</b>
<b>Southside Trail</b>	<b>\$352.20</b>
<b>Fire Dept. Funds</b>	<b>\$57,798.82</b>
<b>Trinity Festival</b>	<b>\$5,827.45</b>

A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-03-14:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to accept the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

### **New Business**

A discussion was held on the Community Garden Support program 2024-2025 grant, and it was decided to forward the information onto Greg Squires who is in the process of starting Island Greens.

Councillor Hayter asked if Council was interested in being part of the Trail Association that is looking at repairing and maintaining the old railway track. Work has been completed so far as Lethbridge area and next steps were from there towards Trinity and Port Rexton. Council agreed they were interested and suggested setting up a meeting with the group to discuss.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that he has been busy meeting with various group/individuals, Donna Butt with Rising Tide Theatre, Rebecca Rolfe, with Discovery UNESCO Global Geo Park and has registered to attend the Chamber of Commerce session on Strategic Tourism Plan Refresh.

**Motion 2024-03-15:** was made by Councillor Hayter to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager