

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, August 6th, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Paul Stapleton
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Christian Hayter
Councillor Barbara Warren
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

Delegates:

Fire Chief George Hayter
Geoff Dawe

Visitors:

Ian Morris, Rick Peddle, John O’Dea

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

Motion 2024-08-46: was made by Councillor Hayter to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The minutes for July 2 were circulated and Mayor Stapleton asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2024-08-47** was made by Councillor Warren, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that he would like to discuss item h on the incoming correspondence first.

“It is with mixed emotions that I formally announce the resignation of Scott Goldsworthy as Deputy Mayor and as a member of Council effective July 29th, 2024. I am sad to see Scott leaving us, but I am happy for him that he feels it is the right time for him to move on with his life.”

“On behalf of the citizens of Trinity I want to express our gratitude to Scott for his fifteen years of dedicated service. His commitment to preserving Trinity’s past is well known. He has been as solid as a rock in his Council decisions and a wealth of knowledge for his fellow Councillors.”

“On a personal note, I want to thank Scott for mentoring me through my probationary period. His valuable guidance has helped keep me out of trouble, most of the time.”

Mayor Stapleton went on to say that we now need to call a by-election to fill the vacancy and recommended the by-election be held September 30, 2024, and nomination day be August 28, 2024. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-08-48:** was made by Councillor Hayter to call the by-election for September 30, 2024, and nomination day August 28, 2024, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that at February's meeting there was a question regarding the logic on how Council set the mill rate for areas zoned as seasonal residential. After some research the results found that the Council has no authority to vary mill rates for residential properties as outlined in ***The Municipalities Act Section 112. (1) (2) and Section 113. (a) and (b).*** Town Clerk/Manager was asked to pass this information along.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that at the last meeting we talked about applying for the Community Enhancement Employment Program to do some brush cutting on Fort Point Road but after a review of the application this was not allowed therefore, we didn't apply.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that we needed some work on the bay doors of the building and Council agreed to have this taken care of.

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that during training last week they went up to the Loop to try out the pool they received from Firefighters Without Borders, and it worked well.

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that they had three new members join the department and the possibility of two new members joining in the fall.

Water & Sewer

Water and Sewer operator informed Council that Xylem was out and they have the annual maintenance on the lift station completed and all was good.

Heritage Committee

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that the Heritage Committee met on Monday to discuss the request from 35 High Street to build three houses. She went on to say that the Committee would like to request a meeting with the applicant, a member of the Council and a member of the Heritage Committee to discuss before posting for 30 days.

Geoff Dawe explained that the Committee felt like the applicant should design three different houses that were more historic design as they don't want to be put in a situation

where everything looks like a subdivision.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) NL Health Services Re: Meeting on July 24th to discuss the transition into one provincial authority NL Health Service, Eastern Rural Zone Executive Leadership Team. - File
- b) Derrick R. Drodge Re: Transitioning away from audit services effective January 1, 2025. – Mayor Stapleton explained that they would be doing 2023 audit in the coming months.
- c) Eating Disorder Foundation of NL Re: Participating in 2025 Eating Disorder Awareness Week. - File
- d) Trinity Historical Society Re: Donation for the auction. - Mayor Stapleton informed Council that we sponsored the golf tournament and Council agreed.
- e) Dept. of Justice and Public Safety Re: Outside Municipal Boundary program. – Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that applies if one of the other Fire Departments request their department as backup they can apply for this funding.
- f) Jodyann Cooper Re: Offering Audit services for the year ended December 31, 2024. – Mayor Stapleton informed Council that Ms. Cooper does work with Derrek Drodge so the transition from one accountant to another should be smooth.
- g) Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Municipal Infrastructure Re: Canada Public Transit Fund. - File
- h) Scott Goldsworthy Re: Letter of resignation dated July 29. – Mayor Stapleton addressed at the beginning of the meeting.
- i) Candlelighters NL Re: Proclamation Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2024. – Mayor Stapleton signed the proclamation.
- j) Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages Re: Labour Market Transfer Agreements. – Mayor Stapleton informed Council that this letter is a result of a letter the Town and Trinity Historical Society wrote regarding the Ability Employment funding being cut this year. He went on to say that the possibility of this funding ending in September is very likely.
- k) Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Municipal Infrastructure Re: New Intake Dates for Federal Government Program. - File
- l) 5A Station Road Re: Request to change house plans. – The plans were submitted and **Motion 2024-08-49:** was made by Councillor Hayter to approve the plans as presented providing an approved septic design from Service NL, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried
- m) 29 Hannah Hiscock’s Hill Re: Request to build an extension to the back of the shed 12 x 32, existing shed is 16 x 32. – A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-08-50:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve 29 Hannah Hiscock’s Hill application to build a 12 x 32 extension to the current shed, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried

Invoices for Operating Account from July 2nd, to August 2, 2024, \$56,345.13. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-08-51:** was made by Councillor Toope to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton,

Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried

Income for Operating Account from July 2nd to August 1st, 2024, \$18,589.28

Operating Account	\$91,447.56
Southside Trail	\$352.20
Fire Dept. Funds	\$52,798.82
Fort to Forge	\$3,362.00

A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-08-52:** was made by Councillor Warren to approve the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Trinity Festival

Councillor Warren gave a report on behalf of the Trinity Festival Committee and explained all is going well but asked if Council would approve the Committee using credit card payments for the apparel items sold. A discussion took place and Council agreed to use Spotify that Elizabeth Burry has agreed to loan us for the weekend. **Motion 2024-08-53:** was made by Councillor Hayter to approve the festival report, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Motion 2024-08-54: was made by Councillor Warren to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager