

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 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:

Bill Stoikos
Dave Osbourne

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

Motion 2024-09-55: was made by Councillor Warren to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Mayor Stapleton invited Councillor Ealey to the table and welcomed him.

Councillor Ealey was sworn in.

Town Clerk/Manager called for nominations for the Deputy Mayor's position. Barb Warren nominated Christian Hayter it was seconded by Tom Toope. Christian Hayter accepted the nomination. A second and third call for nominations with no other nomination, Christian Hayter is the new Deputy Mayor.

Motion 2024-09-56: was made by Deputy Mayor Hayter to adopt the minutes of August 6th, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Bill Stoikos thanked Mayor Stapleton and Council for the work that was done on the Mil Rate Policy and said he totally understands that Council has no authority to adjust residential mill rates. He wondered if the town were looking for growth opportunities on the South Side, then would it not be wise to include services like garbage collection and snow clearing to encourage investment. He went on to say that maybe a discussion could be had about uniformity and sharing the burden for greater public good. As well he wondered what the breakeven point would be where the revenue generated by taxpayers on the South Side would pay for these additional services.

A discussion took place and Mayor Stapleton felt that this needed to be a separate facilitated meeting that included the public to discuss economic development and taxation. The discussion was deferred.

Bill Stoikos left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Dave Osbourne asked the Council if they would consider selling him a strip of land in front of his property on 20-22 Jenkins Road. He went on to explain the reason for his request is to sub-divide the land into four pieces and the additional land would be required to accommodate private septic to each piece of land.

A discussion took place and Council agreed that the land in behind the fire hall is being considered for town development and at this time they were not able to consider Mr. Osbournes request.

Dave Osbourne left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Water & Sewer

The Water and Sewer operator informed Council that we were on a Boil Water Advisory due to someone opening and closing the hydrant on Dandy Lane. He went on to explain that he is looking into getting some type of lock to put on the hydrant so people can't turn the valve. He also explained that he would make sure the fire department has a key in case of an emergency.

Heritage Committee

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that himself and Geoff Dawe met with the owner of 35 High Street and felt they had a good meeting, and the owners are looking at designs of different homes to submit.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Dept. of Justice and Public Services Re: Survey to ensure accurate medical response information for the NL Health Services CAD System so that fire departments can be requested to respond when needed. - File
- b) 6 Fleet Street Re: Request to re-route the water and sewer easement from the diagonal path across the property to the property line. – A discussion took place and Council asked for clarification regarding who owned the water and sewer pipes, the Town or the property owner. Town Clerk/Manager to bring back to the next meeting.
- c) O’Dea’s Realty and Auction Room Re: Offering up to \$1,000.00 to have Frank LaPointe do some drawings of architectural features that could be put on the town website as a guide to heritage applications. – A discussion took place and Council agreed that Ian Morris designed a document a few years ago that included types of homes with architectural features in the heritage area that should be used and there was no need to duplicate.

d) 14 Clinch's Lane Re: Request to build a deck. – A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-09-57:** was made by Councillor Warren to approve the deck for 14 Clinch's Lane, it was seconded by Councillor Toope, Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

e) Service NL Re: Septic approval for 5A Station Road. - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Response to the survey for Dept. of Justice and Public Services.
- Letter to 5A Station Road with approval to build a house.
- Letter to 28 Hannah Hiscock's Hill with approval to build an extension to the existing shed.

Invoices for Operating Account from August 6 to 30, 2024, \$87,516.06. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-09-58:** was made by Councillor Toope to pay the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Operating Account	\$70,407.97
Southside Trail	\$352.20
GB Signs	69.00
South Side	\$283.20
Fort to Forge	\$5,937.01
Trinity Festival	\$4,176.30

A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-09-59:** was made by Deputy Mayor Hayter to approve the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that the draft Town of Trinity Municipal Plan 2024 & Development Regulations 2024 have been signed off by Municipal and Provincial Affairs and is ready for adoption. He went on to explain that there will be a chance for everyone to review the plan and regulations and make any objections or recommendations in writing and a commissioner will conduct the statutory public hearing if any objections or recommendations are received. **Motion 2024-09-60:** was made by Councillor Toope to adopt the Town of Trinity Municipal Plan 2024 & Development Regulations 2024, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried. Town Clerk/Manager to post by September 5th.

It was decided that the fall cleanup would take place on September 18th and 19th. Town Clerk/Manager to post the dates.

A discussion took place on having some material put on some of the gravel roads. Council agreed

to have Bayview Equipment do the work.

Deputy Mayor Hayter informed Council that the Fort to Forge Committee decided due to safety concerns they will be closing Fort Point Road on the morning of the race as well as the road from the Post Office to the beach. He went on to explain that they have changed the finish line from Dandy Lane to just past the Post Office so when runners finish, they are in the centre of the field. Town Clerk/Manager to inform residents on Fort Point Road as well as put up a notice to let people know the road between the Post Office and the beach will be closed.

Mayor Stapleton expressed thanks to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for doing the guide rails along the Main Road.

Motion 2024-09-61: was made by Councillor Ealey to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillor Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

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

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager