

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, November 4th, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Paul Stapleton
Deputy Mayor Christian Hayter
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Barbara Warren
Councillor Kevin Ealey
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey
Fire Chief George Hayter

Visitors: Marieke Gow, Wayne White, Ed Burry

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

Motion 2024-11-73: was made by Councillor Warren to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Motion 2024-11-74: was made by Councillor Ealey to adopt the minutes of October 7th, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hayter informed Council that at our last meeting we agreed to apply to the Crown for a License to Occupy (LTO) to old railbed for the purpose of a multi-use trail that would connect from Lethbridge to Bonavista. He went on to say this multi-use trail presents a valuable opportunity for community development and the Town of Trinity would be responsible for this LTO if accepted. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-75:** was made by Deputy Mayor Hayter for the Town of Trinity to apply to Crown Lands for a LTO the old railbed from the Trinity Loop to and including the Lockston Trestle Bridge, it was seconded by Councillor Ealey. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hayter informed Council that the Trail Association would like to have the Town's approval to use the multi-use trail if the LTO is accepted. Council agreed that if we get the LTO we would need to put in place regulations for all users of the trail. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-76:** was made by Deputy Mayor Hayter to allow the Bonavista and Trinity Bays Trail Riders to use this trail as part of their trail system between Lethbridge and Bonavista, it was seconded by Councillor Ealey. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hayter informed Council that himself and Councillor Toope looked at the list of roads for snow clearing and would like to set up a meeting with the contractor to discuss if there would be any extra cost associated with the current contract before making any commitments. Town Clerk/Manager to arrange a meeting.

Councillor Warren informed Council that she reached out to MMSB regarding the potential for a mobile recycling pickup (Green Depot) service. Bonavista Green Depot expressed concerns about the mobile service's viability. Councillor Warren suggested conducting a survey of residents to gauge potential demand and viability.

Additionally, Councillor Warren contacted the Mayor of Port Rexton, who showed interest in a similar initiative. They discussed the possibility of collaborating to make the service more viable for the Green Depot.

Councillor Warren also informed Council that she made inquiries about the MMSB Community Waste Diversion Fund. She suggested applying for funding to install a water bottle refill station in the center of town. The proposed station would be outdoor, weatherproof, vandal-proof, and provide filtered water. This initiative aims to reduce plastic water bottle usage and eliminate the need to purchase bottled water for events.

A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-77:** was made by Councillor Warren to fill out the Community Waste Diversion Fund application to install and outdoor filtered water system, it was seconded by Councillor Ealey. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that all the SCBA's have arrived, and they are waiting on three more tanks and the order will be complete.

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that the department has ordered 10 new bunker suits to replace the bunker gear that is outdated.

Fire Chief Hayter asked Council if they would consider replacing the main door with a 36" outswing door. A discussion took place and Council agreed to look at it while doing the 2025 budget.

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council the department will be doing the First Responders Course over the next two weekends.

Water & Sewer

The Water and Sewer operator informed Council that we will be doing our bi-annual PMA on our lift stations, switching over the sewer system from the South Side to Trinity in the

coming weeks. A discussion took place, and the Town Clerk/Manager said she would post when these events would take place as soon as she has confirmation.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) Service NL Re: Removal of Boil Water Advisory. - File
- b) Municipal Affairs Re: Extension to Complete Mandatory Training. – Councillor Ealey to register for the online training.
- c) Transportation and Infrastructure Re: 2025-2026 Municipal Capital Works, call for applications. - File
- d) 8 Hunt’s Loop Re: Request to build a shed 20 x 24 – A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-78:** was made by Councillor Warren to approve the 20 x 24 shed for 8 Hunt’s Loop. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.
- e) Dept. of Municipal Affairs Re: General Election Deferral Oder declaring that the 2025 municipal general election be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025. - File
- f) Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Re: Deadline for applications for Federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund is November 28, 2024. - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to 14 Clinch’s Lane to approve the deck.

Invoices for Operating Account from October 4th to 31st, 2024, \$104,665.74. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-79:** was made by Councillor Ealey to approve the invoices in the operating account, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from October 4th, to 31st, 2024, \$6,153.69.

Operating Account	\$12,097.08
Southside Trail	\$283.20
Fort to Forge	\$18,641.54
Expenses Fort to Forge	3,789.12
Fort to Forge	\$14,852.42
Trinity Festival	\$4,226.30

The Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that we are still waiting on some funds to come in for the Fort to Forge before payments would be issued to the Lions Club and Trinity & Area Volunteer Fire Department. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-11-80:** was made by Councillor Warren to approve the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Ealey. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that he was informed that someone was going to have a bonfire on the land near the Fire Hall. A discussion took place and Council agreed that whoever is having the fire should be notified to clean up the site after the fire. Further discussion took place regarding all the mess in around the Fire Hall and Council agreed to put out a notice to all residents giving them until March 31, 2025, to have everything off the property or Council would have it removed.

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that we will be having a finance meeting next week to discuss the 2025 budget.

Councillor Warren asked Deputy Mayor Hayter if he knew what the fee for security services were for the cruise ships as that was one of the questions Adventure Canada asked. Town Clerk/Manager to check with Twillingate to find out what they charge as well as what they charge per person to enter.

Councillor Toope asked the outcome of Railway Road. Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Shagg Island looked at doing some busting and was going to get a quote for the work.

Motion 2024-11-81: was made by Councillor Warren to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Ealey. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Hayter, Councillors Toope, Warren and Ealey in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager