Municipality of Trinity Bay North Regular Council Meeting April 12, 2021

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Trinity Bay North, held in the Frank Power Chalet, April 12, 2021

Members Present Mayor Shelly Blackmore

Deputy Mayor
Councillors
Phyllis Humby
David Bartlett
Albert Johnson
Pauline Stagg

Absent Councillor Norman Rogers

Neville Samson

Also Present Town Clerk Valerie Rogers

Town Manager Darryl Johnson

A quorum being present Mayor Blackmore called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m.

Agenda Motion #2021-04-12-5129 – *Stagg/Bartlett*

Be it resolved the agenda be adopted as presented.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby,
Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion
Carried

Minutes: Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 10, 2021

Mayor Blackmore asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2021 which had been circulated with the agenda.

Motion #2021-04-12-5130 - Stagg/Humby

Be it resolved the minutes of the February 10, 2021 regular meeting of council be adopted as presented. In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Business Arising 1) Manuel's Island

The timeline has changed. There is now funding for 2021 therefore, giving us time to do the appropriate transfer.

2) Municipal Capital Works

Motion #2021-04-12-5131 - Bartlett/Johnson

Be it resolved we write the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs inquiring as to the status of our projects we submitted for Municipal Capital Works funding and what is the evaluation process.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

3) RCMP

Motion #2021-04-12-5132 – *Bartlett/Johnson*

Be it resolved we write a letter to the Minister responsible for funding the RCMP in our Province requesting additional support in the Bonavista detachment to increase services in our area.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

4) Waste Management

Motion #2021-04-12-5133 - Bartlett/Johnson

Be it resolved we write a letter to Minister Davis, Environment and Climate Change requesting a meeting to discuss Waste Management in our area. Also, we invite Jane Tucker to that meeting as a representative of the Discovery Geopark.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

5) 2002 Cat Loader

Motion #2021-04-12-5134 – Johnson/Bartlett
Be it resolved we place the 2002 Cat Loader and the
Cat Crawler up for sale "as is where is".

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

6) Expression of Interest (Thompson Pond Park)

Motion #2021-04-12-5135 - Johnson/Bartlett

Be it resolved we write the proponent inquiring as to whether or not he is still interested in the acquisition of Thompson Pond Park.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

7) Tax Arrears

Finance meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th @ 7:00p.m to review the tax arrears and the fire department life insurance.

8) Outdoor Rink

Measurements are 38'x100' at a cost of \$750.00 each.

9) Tender for Dump Truck purchase

Motion #2021-04-12-5136 – Stagg/Humby

Be it resolved we move forward with the tender process to purchase a new dump truck.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

10) Fire Department's letter

Quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19th @ 7:00p.m.

It was decided to write the Fire Department Station 1 specifying that we would like them to provide us with specific examples of disparaging remarks and who made them.

11) Tax Sales for Arrears

Motion #2021-04-12-5137 – Humby/Bartlett

Be it resolved we move forward with hiring a legal firm and a surveyor to continue with the process of the tax sales for arrears of the four properties previously identified.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

12) Snow Clearing Regulations

Motion #2021-04-12-5138 – Bartlett/Humby

Be it resolved we adopt the Snow Clearing Regulations as presented with the following addition included "all vehicles shall be parked a minimum of 25 feet from the centre of a town road".

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Finance

1) Bills

Bills were presented in the amount of \$40,372.80 for approval of payment plus prior invoices paid totaling \$77,300.94.

Motion #2021-04-12-5139 - Humby/Bartlett

Be it resolved the bills be paid in the amount of \$117,673.74.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Public Works

1) Landfill

The Town Manager wanted the committee to do a site visit in the landfill to look at the work that needs to be done before the Spring. It was decided it will be Friday, April 16th @ 11p.m.

2) Town Signs & Street Signs

Mayor Blackmore suggested the town signs identifying the four communities be replaced as they are in a state of disrepair.

Councillor Stagg stated that some of the wooden street signs needs replacing as well.

Motion #2021-04-12-5140 - Bartlett/Johnson

Be it resolved we order new town signs and we compile a list of road signs that need to be replaced. In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

3) Warming Centres

Councillor Stagg suggested we investigate the possibility of having the Frank Power Chalet as a warming centre for Port Union residents.

Recreation

1) Playgrounds

It was decided to keep them closed for the time being as we cannot follow the guidelines to have them sanitized twice daily.

2) Park Attendant

The Town Manager advised that our Park Attendant Calvin Johnson will be retiring the middle of August this year and that we will need to advertise the position so that person can shadow Mr. Johnson before he retires to get a concept of the duties of this position.

Motion #2021-04-12-5141 - Johnson/Stagg

Be it resolved we advertise for a Park Attendant.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby,
Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion
Carried

3) Meetings

Deputy Mayor Humby to reach out to the committee regarding a meeting as there haven't been one in some time.

4) Covid Stimulus Project

This project will include the installation of accessible washrooms, artesian well and trail work in Lookout Park.

Motion #2021-04-12-5142 - Stagg/Humby

Be it resolved the Town Manager and Councilor Bartlett move forward with the Covid Stimulus Project.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

5) Arch Rock Trail

Councillor Bartlett advised he has walked this trail and there isn't much to fix up to make this trail usable. He stated that all we need are a few volunteers to clear the brush to make a parking lot and then cut the brush along the trail to Arch Rock.

Fire Department

1) Life Insurance Renewal

This will be reviewed at the Finance Meeting.

Economic Dev.

Meeting scheduled for April 17th @ 7:00p.m.

Correspondence

- 1. An invitation was received from the MNL to attend their virtual 2020 AGM and Municipal Symposium from May 6-8, 2021. Councillors to let the Town Clerk know by Friday, April 16th if they can attend.
- 2. An email was received from Jane Walker seeking permission to create an interactive underwater installation submerged in Thompson Pond Park during this year's Biennale.

Motion #2021-04-12-5143 - Humby/Stagg

Be it resolved we write Jane Walker explaining we love the design and concept of this project but we feel there are many safety issues so therefore, we cannot grant permission for this structure to be placed in Thompson Pond Park.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

3. A letter was received from the Sir William Ford Coaker Heritage Foundation seeking an exemption on property and business tax for 2020 and 2021.

Motion #2021-04-12-5144 - Johnson/Humby

Be it resolved the Sir William Ford Coaker Heritage Foundation be granted a tax exemption on the business tax and property tax for 2020 and 2021 with the exception of their rental properties.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

4. An email was received from Jason Boyce seeking a support letter to have Xplornet expand in our four communities.

Motion #2021-04-12-5145 - Stagg/Bartlett

Be it resolved we write a support letter for Xplornets proposal to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund regarding the company's substantial broadband infrastructure project for Trinity Bay North.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

5. A letter was received from Rhonda and Conal McNamara seeking permission to develop glamping sites at Southeast Cove/Murphy's Cove the land occupied by the McNamara family from early 1800 to 1963 which is a good distance from the trail system and would not interfere with any hiking in the cove.

Motion #2021-04-12-5146 - Humby/Bartlett

Be it resolved Rhonda and Conal McNamara be given tentative approval to develop glamping sites at Southeast Cove/Murphy's Cove pending approval from all relevant government departments/agencies.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

New Business

1) 112-114 Water Street

Permit issued for demolition from owner.

2) Covid Testing

The Town Manager explained he's been getting many complaints as to why residents especially seniors have to

travel to Clarenville to get a Covid Test one day and then travel back the next day or two to have their surgery. They are wondering why this test couldn't be done in Bonavista Hospital. Mayor Blackmore stated that Mayor Norman, Mayor Miller and herself sits on the Bonavista Peninsula Health Care Committee so she will follow up with an answer to this question.

3) Jack Sweet

The Town Manager advised Jack Sweet had requested permission to dig across Eastpoint Road in front of his house to install a culvert to divert the water buildup on his property with the understanding he will replace the asphalt once done. *Permission was granted*.

4) Permits

Councillor Bartlett advised that we have to have more control over our permit system especially commercial buildings with regards to accessibility.

Motion #2021-04-12-5147 - Bartlett/Johnson

Be it resolved any future commercial permits follow the correct scope of work identified on their application.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

The Town Manager is to check to ensure the renewals for the permits issued to the Sir William Ford Coaker Heritage Foundation be for the scope of work they are doing i.e. demolition and rebuild.

5) Maintenance Depot

Motion #2021-04-12-5148 - Bartlett/Johnson

Be it resolved we have a civil engineer from our engineering firm investigate constructing the maintenance depot behind the Town Hall and the costing involved.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion #2021-04-12-5149 – Humby/Stagg

Be it resolved that council now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:30p.m.

In favour 5 {Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Humby, Councillors Bartlett, Johnson & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

MAYOR	TOWN CLERK