Town of Carbonear Regular Council Meeting February 27, 2024

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Carbonear held In Council Chambers, February 27, 2024 at 5:30pm

Members Present: Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Frank Butt Sam Slade

Councillor

Sam Slade Danielle Doyle Chris O'Grady

Ray Noel

Malcolm Seymour

Peter Snow

Also Present:

Town Clerk / Director of

Financial Operations

Cathy Somers

Director of Operations

& Public Works
Director of Recreation

Ian Farrell Rob Button

EDTO

Kerri Abbott

Also Absent:

Chief Administrative Officer

Cynthia Davis (on vacation)

Calling of Meeting to Order
 Mayor Butt welcomed those pr

Mayor Butt welcomed those present at the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. The meeting is being broadcasted through YouTube.

2. Approval of the Agenda for February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion 24-048

P. Snow / D. Doyle

Resolved to adopt the agenda for the February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

- 3. Adoption of the minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting February 13, 2024

Motion 24-049

C. O'Grady / M. Seymour

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the February 13th, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council as presented.

Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Seymour clarified that it was noted in a news article that a person drove 30 minutes to an aerobics class that was then cancelled. This is not correct, at the time in question, there were 2 people who arrived for the aerobic class who both drove 5 minutes from their homes to the pool facility.

4. Business Arising from Minutes No business arising.

- 5. Proclamations / Presentations / Delegations None listed.
- 6. Permits and Correspondence
- 6.1 Permit Listing # 10441-10442

Councillor Doyle asked Council to review the list for any possible conflicts.

Motion 24-050

D. Doyle / M. Seymour

Resolved to approve permits # 10441-10442 as per the applications received and conditional upon the work being completed in accordance with the Town of Carbonear Municipal Plan and Development Regulations and other applicable regulations and policies.

Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

- 6.2 Correspondence, requiring Council's decision
 - a) Federation of Municipalities, Funding Initiatives

Motion 24-051

S. Slade / R. Noel

Whereas the Town of Carbonear is endeavoring to reduce GHG emissions and save on energy costs throughout its municipal buildings by completing energy retrofits; and

Whereas the Old Post Office Museum heating system is an oil-fired furnace with hot water radiation.;

Be it Resolved to apply for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Sustainable Municipal Buildings Grant providing 80% of the estimated cost of \$24,895 for a new electric furnace to replace the oil furnace.

Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

It was noted that staff are also waiting on quotes to apply for funding for two other projects under these FCM Funding Initiatives as well.

6.3 Correspondence received and action taken

Council reviewed the following correspondence and action taken:

- a) Government NL
 - Department of Digital Government and Service NL regrading BizPal Audit information request. Forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer for completion.
 - Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding 2024
 Water and Wastewater Workshop, March 26-28. Copied to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Operations and Public Works.
 - Department of Justice and Public Safety regarding adverse weather conditions. Copied to the Director of Operations and Public Works
- b) Kiwanis Club of Carbonear regarding an invitation for the mayor or designate to attend the Festival Grand Concert on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 to present the Town of Carbonear Award Copied to the Mayor and Council.

- c) Service Canada regarding project approval in the amount of \$25,000 for the New Horizons for Seniors program. Forwarded to the Special Events, Culture and Tourism committee
- d) Town of Harbour Grace regarding resolution on dilapidated buildings. Forwarded to Administration and Finance committee
- e) Society of St. Vincent DePaul regarding roast beef supper fundraiser (March 3) and community meal (February 28) Copied to Council and Staff
- f) Property owner, LeMarchant Street regarding snow clearing. Copied to the Public Works, Waste Management and Community Services committee.
- g) Municipalities NL regarding UMC meeting April 5 & 6, 2024 meeting in Pasadena.

Copied to Council

h) Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation regarding Premier Medals for Arts, Sports and Recreation. Deadline February 29. Copied to Council

7. Committee Reports

a) Public Works, Waste Management and Community Services
Deputy Mayor Slade advised the committee met on February 22, 2024.
Council can peruse the minutes.

The following motion is recommended:

Motion

S. Slade / R. Noel

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear adopt the W.14 Winter Operations Maintenance Plan as prepared by the Director of Operation and Public Works.

Councillor Doyle asked if this motion could be deferred until the next meeting as she would like further time to review it.

Motion was withdrawn by S. Slade / R. Noel.

Motion 24-052

P. Snow / R. Noel

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear defer the motion to adopt the W.14 Winter Operations Maintenance Plan until the March 12 Regular Council Meeting.

Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

Deputy Mayor Slade reminded residents to ensure their houses are numbered and clearly visible on their property.

Deputy Mayor Slade also reminded residents that if they have a fire hydrant near their home, to adopt a hydrant and keep it clear of snow. Town crews are doing it on a regular basis, but there are a lot of hydrants to be cleared after each snowfall.

Councillor Doyle reminded residents that there is a change to the schedule for the pick up of recyclables, as it is now changed to the alternate week effective the week of commencing March 4. Notice of same is on the Town's social media and is available from Eastern Regional Service Board announcements for Carbonear as well.

b) Administration and Finance

Councillor O'Grady advised the Finance Committee met on Feb. 15, 2024. Councillor O'Grady advised the Committee met with members of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Air Cadets regarding issues with the space they rent from the Town of Carbonear. Deferred for further information on insurance options.

Councillor O'Grady reminded property and business owners that the due date for 2024 taxes is February 29, 2024. A friendly reminder that interest will be charged on 2024 taxes if not paid by March 31, 2024.

Councillor O'Grady advised that we recently advertised for the position of Clerk I – Casual. Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted for interviews. Mayor Butt asked where this was advertised. Town Clerk noted it was advertised on the Town's website, in the Shoreline newspaper and with Career Beacon.

The following motion is recommended:

Motion 24-053

C. O'Grady / P. Snow

Resolved that the Town of Carbonear adjust the Water & Sewer Tax to \$1,000 on account number GR***005, for Parcel ID ***705 for taxation year 2024 and future years while the commercial building continues to be vacant upon receipt of request from the property owner each year. Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

8. Reports of Chief Administrative Officer and Department Heads

a) Director of Recreation

The Director reviewed the following from his report with Council: *Pool & Rec Maintenance*

1.) New Pool equipment has been ordered. Due to arrive April/May. *Financial & Program Analysis*

	<u> 2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
1.) Pool Revenue (less HST)	\$ 33,017.61	\$16,937.43
Lessons revenue for Jan. 2023 was collected in Dec.		
2022 and was approx. \$12,000.		

2.) Lesson Registration2452493.) Pool Visitation3,1233,349

Programs & Grants

- 1.) Winter Carnival February 15th 24th was a great success!! All events were well attended. A huge thank you to the Special Events Committee for their hard work in organizing and running of events!! Would like to also thank all the community support, from the business', organizations to the participating citizens for making this year's carnival a wonderful event!
- 2.) Moving forward we will be planning more recreational activities. March calendar will be released within next day or two and April/May planning has started. Stay tuned!

Councillor Seymour noted that the Recreation Committee did not meet since the last Regular Council meeting. He thanked the Special

Events for their great work in planning this year's Winter Carnival and noted that it was great to see community spirit alive and well in the Town during the Winter Carnival activities.

9. Finances

- - Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

& A. Butt

- 10. Regulations for Adoption No regulations listed.
- Notices of Motion
 No notices of motions were filed.
- 12. New Business

Announcements: Mayor Butt noted the following upcoming events.

- SVP Foodbank, Kettle's On monthly event taking place on Thursday, February 28 here in this building in the Community Room.
- Royal Canadian Legion Fund-raising event for the SVP Foodbank will be held on Sunday, March 3.
- Around the Bay Market taking place at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, March 2.
- 13. Adjournment

Motion 24-055

S. Slade / M. Seymour

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 5:56pm and that Council meet again for a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30pm. Favour 7; Opposed 0: Carried

Mayor Frank Butt

Cathy Somers, Town Clerk