



MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on January 4, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Ralph Tapper
Deputy Mayor Geoff Gallant
Councillor Peggy Roche
Councillor Craig Scott
Councillor Carol Ann Smith
Councillor Mary Thorne-Gosse
Councillor Brian Whitty

Staff Present

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk
Tina Auchinleck-Ryan, Director of Community Services
Ann Picco, Deputy Clerk
Bernie Manning, Director of Infrastructure & Public Works
Brian Winter, Director of Planning and Development

Gallery

There were a total of 4 people in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

001-16 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Adoption of Minutes

002-16 Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the December 7, 2015, Public Council Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

003-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Whitty

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the December 14, 2015, Special Public Council Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Mayor Tapper referred to the Gallery and asked if anyone would like to present to Council. The following had comments:

- Building Applicant/Developer, Quarry Road Extension.
 - Applicant/Resident requested update on water study from the City of St. John's in relation to the Pineridge area.
 - Mayor advised he requested information from the City before Christmas, and is requesting a meeting as soon as possible for an update. The Town will be supplied with a copy of the water study once the City receives it.
 - Applicant/Resident discussed the Town's new depot, questioning its location within the area of concern. The depot was passed for development and her application for development was refused. She advised that information she received from the Provincial Government indicates that the depot is located within area of concern.
 - Mayor advised that the depot is not located within restricted area and clarification was received from the Provincial Government.
 - Resident to follow up with Mayor regarding her contact and information with the Provincial Government.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Home Again Furniture Bank – request for support. *Referred to Corporate and Community Services Committee.*
2. Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) – Recycle My Cell In Newfoundland and Labrador. *It was discussed that there is a drop off already in place at the Medical Clinic building across the street, which has been active now for a number of years.*
3. Holy Trinity High School – Invite to sit as a Community Representative on School Council. *This will be dealt with and discussed under the Finance and Administration Committee report.*
4. Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. – Update on the Board. *Councillor Roche briefly discussed MAA's update over the last year. The Clar Simmons Scholarships were awarded and Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were reviewed. Council can contact her if there are any questions.*
5. Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs – approval of tender for fire fighting vehicle. *CAO advised that his letter is in follow up to a conference call that the Fire Chief and CAO participated in on December 9th confirming specifications for the upcoming tender. Further to this letter, it was confirmed today that the tender will close on January 19th. This tender is cost shared funding 70/30 for new rescue vehicle. Fire Chief confirmed today that the Community of Witless Bay has received a similar vehicle and they will be conducting a site visit to look at their vehicle.*

CORRESPONDENCE & ACTION REPORT

The Correspondence and Action Report, dated January 4, 2016, was accepted as presented. The following was discussed:

- Item 7 – Status of Jones Pond Trail
 - Council discussed that the Town has looked at different routes of resolution, including route through Supreme Court in order to become property of the Town.

- Mayor discussed that he was in contact with the owner of land, and is in the process of completing a proposal to send to the owner and advise of the Town’s plans.
- Mayor Tapper will have information for next Council Meeting.
- Item 12 – New Attraction Video
 - Council agreed they were not going to invite singer to an upcoming Council Meeting for presentation, and this item can be removed from report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning, Land Use and Development

Building Applications Approved

The following applications were approved subject to the normal conditions and requirements for building within the Town of Torbay:

<i>Application Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Proposal</i>
B2015-226	9 Howlett’s Avenue	General Repairs
C2015-229	94 Western Island Pond Drive	Relocate existing accessory building

Building Applications for Approval

Application: C2015-227
Location: 2 Gosse’s & Rodger’s Crescent
Proposal: Single Family Dwelling
Zoning: Residential Medium Density (RMD)

004-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay Approve Application C2015-227, under the Applications for Approval section of the Building Application Report, dated December 31, 2015, subject to the following conditions:

1. All normal conditions and requirements for building within the Town of Torbay.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Building Applications to be Deferred

Application: C2015-228/MV2015-033
Location: 20 Marine Drive
Proposal: 23' x 24' accessory building
Zoning: Residential Medium Density (RMD)

005-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay Defer Application C2015-228/MV2015-033, under the Applications to be Deferred section of the Building Application Report, dated December 31, 2015, pending public notification and consultation required in accordance with Regulation's 11, 12, and 33 of the Torbay Development Regulations.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Application: C2015-225
Location: Portion of 26-92 Quarry Road Extension
Proposal: Single Family Dwelling
Zoning: Residential Infill (RI), Residential Subdivision Area (RSA)

006-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay Defer Application C2015-225, under the Applications to be Deferred section of the Building Application Report, dated December 31, 2015, for review by the Planning and Land Use Development (PLUD) Committee.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Business Applications for Approval

Application: D2015-224
Location: 858B Torbay Road
Proposal: Vehicle/ATV rental/transportation service business to be operated out of the existing building
Zoning: Mixed Development (MIX)

007-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay Approve Application D2015-224, under the Applications for Approval section of the Business Application Report, dated December 31, 2015, subject to the following conditions:

1. All normal conditions and requirements for operating a business within the Town of Torbay.
2. The business will be subject to business tax in accordance with the published schedule of taxes and fees for the Town of Torbay.
3. The development shall comply with the Town of Torbay's parking requirements.
4. Approval(s) from Service NL and Provincial Department of Transportation and Works is required.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Business Applications to be Deferred

Application: D2015-230
Location: 6 Yeo's Lane
Proposal: Escape room to be used in conjunction with the entertainment game business at 1399 Torbay Road
Zoning: Mixed Development (MIX)/Residential Subdivision Area (RSA)

008-16 Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay Defer Application D2015-230, under the Applications to be Deferred section of the Business Application Report, dated December 31, 2015, for consultation with the immediate neighbourhood.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor discussed the new Town civic number signs, which is noted in the new Winter Community Guide. The Town is encouraging all residents to put civic numbers on their homes, especially for emergency purposes.

The Director of Planning and Development advised that over the last number of years, Fire and Emergency Services have indicated that civic numbers on homes are not clearly visible, or there are no numbers. The Town now requires that all new buildings have civic numbers placed on them in order to receive occupancy permits. The Town is now promoting civic numbers and have developed a sign template which can be purchased through a local supplier. He suggested contacting the Town Office to verify civic number, then have sign made.

Economic Development

Councillor Roche provided an overview of items discussed under the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes, dated December 11, 2015.

Items discussed included:

➤ Updates

A. Targa Meeting

- A meeting will be held with Targa in early January.

B. Funding Program Updates

- The Economic Development Officer briefed Committee on three funding programs that are currently being researched and developed.
 - The Canada 150th Anniversary fund is being engaged to fund events in 2017.
 - The Green Communications Fund is being looked at to fund water alternatives studies and waste water initiatives.
 - The Wetland Conservation Fund is being researched to support wetland enhancement in Torbay.

C. Demographics Regional Study

- The Economic Development Officer continues to attend planning meetings with regional municipal partners and the NL Statistics Agency to complete the 15/20 minute questionnaire that will be answered by regional residents. This will begin early January.

D. Northeast Avalon Tourism Destination Development

- The Economic Development Officer is currently working with municipal partners and the Department of Tourism, Destination St. John's and consultant, Braintrust, as the region is currently looking to analyze the tourism offering attracting visitors to the Northeast Avalon.

➤ New Business Leads – 1 business lead assisted in the last reporting period.

Partnership Updates, dated December 11, 2015 were included for Council's information.

Finance & Administration

The Finance and Administration Report, dated November 30 – December 31, 2015, was accepted as presented. Councillor Thorne-Gosse read out payroll and accounts payable information:

Payroll for the period of November 30 – December 31, 2015, for 31 employees, fourth quarter remuneration for Council and the semiannual honorarium for the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department totalled \$272,252.34.

For the period of November 30 – December 31, 2015, Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$457,870.63 were paid. These expenditures were within budget.

There were twelve (12) Main Operating invoices in the amount of \$166,695.92 presented for approval.

009-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Architecture49 Inc., for Feasibility of Renovations and Expansion to Kinsmen Community Center (Plan B), in the amount of \$8,915.70.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

010-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Carr McLean, for Exhibit Cases for Museum, in the amount of \$10,041.18.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

011-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Fireworks FX, for New Year's Eve Fireworks, in the amount of \$6,780.00.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

012-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to GFL Environmental, for Fall Bulk Garbage Pick Up, in the amount of \$13,170.15.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

013-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Nathan James, for Recruitment – Director of Corporate and Community Services, in the amount of \$8,475.00.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

014-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Newfoundland Power Inc., for Group Billing December 2015, in the amount of \$6,529.71.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

015-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Receiver General for Canada, for Payroll Remittance December 1-15, 2015, in the amount of \$22,663.82.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

016-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Sports Systems, for Benching Material – Upper Three Corner, in the amount of \$8,124.70.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

017-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Tract Consulting Inc., for Resident Recreation Survey, in the amount of \$8,452.40.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

018-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Triware, for Greening Chambers, in the amount of \$10,820.88.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

019-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Wedgwood Café and Catering, for 65+ Seniors Christmas Dinner, in the amount of \$6,566.77.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

There were five (5) Capital invoices in the amount of \$1,127,892.10 presented for approval.

020-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to AMEC Foster Wheeler Americas Limited, for New Municipal Depot (2012-2014 Multi Capital Works Program), in the amount of \$12,996.39.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

021-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Concrete Services Ltd., for Upper Three Corner Multi-Purpose Building Foundation Coating, in the amount of \$7,531.03.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

022-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Englobe Corporation, for Materials Testing – Road Improvements (2014-2019 Gas Tax Agreement), in the amount of \$5,126.04.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

023-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Farrell's Excavating Ltd., for Mahon's Lane Upgrading and Paving, in the amount of \$173,273.62.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

024-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve payment to Redwood Construction, for Progress Claim #3 – Municipal Depot Project (2012-2014 Multi Year Capital Works Program), in the amount of \$928,965.05.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

A copy of the current income and expense reports are included for Council's information. A copy of the fourth quarter cheque disbursements journal (2015) is also included for Council's information.

Organizational Review Implementation

Committee brought forth two recommendations regarding implementation of the organizational review. These recommendations pertain to the Council Standing Committee Structure for the remainder of the Council term and the hiring of the Director of Corporate and Community Services. Motion 430-13 noted below reflects the Council decision to adopt the standing

committee structure and meeting schedule for 2013-2017, with revisions taking place after two years.

The appointment of the Council representative to the Jack Byrne Arena Board of Directors took place at tonight's Council Meeting. For Council's information, Deputy Mayor Gallant's prior appointment took place via motion of Council (413-13). See motion below for the new Council representative.

025-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

RESOLVED THAT Further to motion 430-13, that the Town of Torbay adopt the Council Standing Committee Structure and Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017 as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Council discussed the above motion indicating issues of commitment to some of the scheduled meeting times. Council discussed referring the motion, however, agreed to adopting the structure only without the meeting schedule so committees can meet before next Council Meeting. Schedules can be approved formally at next meeting. See below amendment to above motion:

026-16 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay adopt the Council Standing Committee Structure without the Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

It was discussed that scheduling and changes need to be discussed with each Councillor individually to see if acceptable. Mayor advised that Councillors are appointed by him to committees, and then approved by Council. He indicated that he attempted to contact all members of Council for consultation.

In relation to the recent 2016 Budget, Mayor Tapper further discussed media and public speaking:

- Mayor acts as spokesperson when speaking to media or the public regarding anything pertaining to Council.
- Chairs can be given permission to speak on anything relevant to their committee.

- Council Members are to check and consult with the Mayor first before speaking to the media and/or public.
- He requested that Council Members be considerate and give the spokesperson and/or committee chairs a chance to speak to matters first.

027-16 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay appoint Councillor Smith to the Jack Byrne Arena Board of Directors for the period of January 5, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

028-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay offer Stephanie Kane the Director of Corporate and Community Services position effective January 4, 2016.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Councillor Thorne-Gosse provided an overview of items discussed under the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, dated December 8, 2015.

Items discussed included:

- Director of Community Services reviewed programs for early 2016, and are listed for information in the Minutes and the recent Community Guide.
- Plan B Wellness Centre – (Kinsmen Centre)
 - An overview and clarification was provided by A-49. Getting ready to go to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for meeting to present final.
 - It was noted that CAO has met with the Department, and haven't yet met as a committee for details of meeting.

- Council questioned drawings and look of building. Councillor Thorne Gosse advised work in process – area residents need to be advised, and meeting will be scheduled for public consultation.

Public Works

The below information was provided for Council's information:

- Torbay Municipal Depot – Change Order Document No. 3.
- Torbay Municipal Depot – Change Order Document No. 4.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environment

- Minutes of the Torbay Environmental Advisory Committee, dated November 12, 2015.
 - Mayor Tapper advised that further to the above noted Minutes, an important meeting is scheduled for January 11th, which involves Stantec and representatives from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. The meeting relates to the NEAR Plan concept. Regional area town mayors are invited to attend, and the Town's Environment Advisory Committee will do a presentation at the meeting.

Heritage

No report.

LIAISON COMMITTEES

Jack Byrne Arena

No report.

Northeast Avalon Joint Council

No report.

Torbay Harbour Authority

No report.

Torbay Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor Scott advised that he has received statistics information for 2015, which will be included on the next Council Meeting Agenda. He highlighted the below:

- Emergency response for 2015 was 243 calls – down one from 2014.
- There are 42 members – in 2014 the Department had 40 members.
- Average response time is 7.3 minutes - same as 2014.

Urban Municipalities Committee

No report.

North East Avalon Regional (NEAR) Plan

No report.

Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. (MAA)

No report.

Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc. (SAM)

No report.

Eastern Regional Service Board

No report.

Holy Trinity Elementary School Council

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tapper

Mayor Tapper discussed conservation lands and asked that Council look at when doing the next budget for the Town. There is a lot of land in the Community that may not be identified with ownership and registered. Conservation lands are assessed and taxed – he requested that the Finance Committee review and develop a policy in relation to conservation lands. He advised that he had been contacted by some land owners who indicated they don't want to be taxed and wish to transfer land to the Town.

Deputy Mayor Gallant

Deputy Mayor Gallant thanked staff for their work on events over the Christmas season. The fireworks were good, and he thanked all involved.

He discussed engaging and consulting with the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for clarification on what the Town can and can't do in relation to policies.

Councillor Roche

Councillor Roche congratulated all involved in the numerous events over the Christmas season, including the Seniors' Christmas Dinner, Fire Works, etc. She thanked the Volunteer Committee who worked on the Magical Forest at the Kinsmen Centre. This event went off really well with over eight hundred people going through. She thanked Mr. Joe Tilly who organized the Special Needs Christmas Party.

She advised that we're into the Winter season, ponds and waterways are freezing, and people are using them for skating, snowmobiling, etc. She asked that people be mindful and safe ensuring the ice is safe to be on. She asked that everyone have a safe and Happy New Year.

Councillor Scott - Pass

Councillor Smith - Pass

Councillor Thorne-Gosse

Councillor Thorne-Gosse wished everyone all the best in 2016.

She discussed communications that the Mayor touched on previously in relation to media and public speaking. She advised she did want to speak to the Town's Budget, indicating that it was great overall. She thanked the Mayor for discussing this matter earlier.

Councillor Whitty - Pass

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Mayor Tapper referred to the Gallery and asked if anyone had any questions or comments in relation to tonight's Council Meeting. The following had comments:

- Editor of the Northeast Avalon Times
 - The Editor discussed the Town communications requesting clarification on interviewing elected officials.

- Building Applicant/Developer, Quarry Road Extension.
 - Applicant/Resident discussed Application C2015-225 for portion of 26-92 Quarry Road Extension, under the Building Application Report, dated December 31st, questioning why it was deferred and if it was in the area of concern.
 - Director of Planning and Development to review and reply to her.
 - Mayor Tapper discussed maps that he had previously forwarded to her – he will review and further discuss.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Council Meeting will take place on Monday, January 18, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Torbay Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

029-16 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: (7) (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Smith, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk