



***MINUTES***  
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING  
May 9, 2016

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on May 9, 2016, at 7:43 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk  
Stephanie Kane, Director of Corporate & Community Services  
Ann Picco, Deputy Clerk

**Absent**

Councillor Carol Ann Smith  
Bernie Manning, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works  
Brian Winter, Director of Planning and Development

**Gallery**

There were a total of 7 people in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

161-16      Motion – Councillor Scott / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**Adoption of Minutes**

162-16      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the April 26, 2016, Public Council Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

1. Municipal Awareness Day Proclamation

- Mayor Tapper read the proclamation aloud.
- See motion below:

163-16      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay proclaim May 11, 2016, as Municipal Awareness Day in municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador in recognition of the vital role of municipal government and in recognition of all whose efforts support it.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

2. Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) – Long Service Recognition Presentation.

- Mayor Tapper read aloud correspondence from CAMA. Their Long Service Recognition Awards Program recognizes and celebrates the dedication to public service and municipal management of its members, which is a significant priority for their Association. These awards are based on the number of years of full-time employment in municipal government in a management capacity (a Chief Administrative Officer or reporting directly to a Chief Administrative Officer). Members are granted at ten years and given in five year increments. This year in our municipality, CAMA acknowledged the commitment of our Chief Administrative Officer, Dawn Chaplin, for ten years of municipal service in a management capacity.

- Mayor Tapper presented CAO Dawn Chaplin with a ten year recognition pin from CAMA. He provided background of Dawn's work and her commitment and dedication to the Town, and thanked her for her ongoing support.
- CAO thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition, indicating without Council's support she wouldn't be able to achieve. We have accomplished a lot and there is a lot of work remaining. Working together as a team, great things are coming together for this Community.

3. East Coast Trail Association - Tuckamore Award.

- Mayor advised that the Town of Torbay has received the Tuckamore Award. This award is given in recognition of contribution either by groups or individuals.
  - A presentation was made at their annual general meeting, which took place at the community centre in Bauline. The Association's president made the presentation, providing a great introduction and outlining the contribution that the Town has made.
  - The East Coast Trail is an asset that we have in the Community. Preservation of trails is important, and the association need people who want to protect it. Father Troy Trail goes through our Community, and has for some time – it is a part of the East Coast Trail system, and we are proud to have them protect it.
  - The Town contributes as well. There were a few areas that needed emergency work and repair, which our Public Works staff completed. The Town also makes an annual contribution.
  - The Annual Tely Hike is taking place on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Ferryland.
    - This past few years Torbay has had two teams participate, ten people on a team. He advised that resident, Ms. Robbie Hicks, has been involved with the East Coast Trail Association for some time, and provides great contribution and support.
  - The Tuckamore Award was also presented to the Torbay Environment and Trails Association in 2014.

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

- Resident of Civic 80 Whitty's Lane
  - Resident congratulated the Town on receiving the Tuckamore Award.
  - She thanked the Town, advising that this Community was the first to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the East Coast Trail Association, and four or five other towns have signed or are in process signing. The Town helps to protect and support the trails, and we are a model for other communities.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor advised that he and Councillors Scott and Thorne-Gosse attended the recent MNL Municipal Symposium in Gander.

- He advised that the sessions were good and enlightening.
- Discussions took place around the recent provincial budget. There was publicity and protests concerning the budget, and communities expressed their concerns. At the end of the day, MNL staff issued a press release outlining our concerns as an organization. The press release can be viewed on their website.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador – thank you letter regarding Purple Day Proclamation. *For information purposes.*
2. Correspondence concerning property at May Flower Place. *Referred to the Planning and Development Committee.*
3. Department of Municipal Affairs – Capital Investment Plan Approval. *For information purposes. CAO referenced motions of Council regarding allocation of funds under the Gas Tax Program. One relates to the pedestrian safety study and most recent the water supply study and alternative sources of potable water in the Town. She noted the project has just started, and hopefully in approximately twelve months will have the report back from consultants.*
4. Department of Municipal Affairs – Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability Measures and Exemptions. *For information purposes. In order for the Town to receive grant and approval to borrow for loans, certain indicators or actions are required. The correspondence outlines procedure for the 2016/2017 fiscal year from the Provincial Government. Last year, a tax recovery plan and receivable summary was approved and passed as part of the 2016 budget. The Director of Corporate and Community Services is working with staff on completing update to that, which will go to Committee and then Council for adoption.*

**CORRESPONDENCE & ACTION REPORT**

The Correspondence and Action Report, dated May 9, 2016, was discussed and accepted as presented.

- Mayor Tapper provided the following updates:
  - Item 3 – Motion concerning Regional Transit Study
    - A meeting at Metrobus headquarters was held last Monday morning. In attendance were representatives from Torbay, St. John's, Paradise and Portugal Cove – St. Philip's. This was a follow up meeting to one a few months ago to start the process of a feasibility study on a regional transit system. From this meeting, Metrobus completed a work plan on this feasibility study and presented at the meeting last Monday. From here, will look at costs and Federal Government funding for this study. Our MP has a copy of the work plan, and has indicated he will support and take to the Federal Government requesting funding. Mayor noted that this is work in progress, and Metrobus are also looking at possibility of smaller busses on some routes.
    - Councillor Scott noted that this is separate to the initiative that the Town has started. The Town has had our own meetings with Metrobus, and our intention is to forward survey to residents for information and feedback regarding routes. Mayor advised that Metrobus is conducting a telephone survey, starting in September. They suggested that rather than doing two surveys, that we blend the two together, which will also cut some costs.
  - Item 6 – Unwanted activity at the Kinsmen Centre and dangerous activities in the community
    - The Town has completed some work at the Kinsmen Centre, but still having some issues.
    - The Town has received complaints from residents with concerns and issues in areas of the community, and the RNC have been notified.
    - The Town has asked the RNC to do patrols in the area of the High School during lunch hours and other areas of the community where there's a lot of activity.
    - There are issues of motorcycles, dirt bikes, and quads speeding, driving dangerously/recklessly, and damaging trails in the Community.
    - Residents are questioning the pedestrian safety study. Mayor discussed possible solutions including signage, road barriers to block off some areas or restrict traffic, and vehicle and motorcycle noise restrictions.
    - It was noted that Newfound Riders are holding their event, Rum Runners Rally, at the Arena in July. This could be an opportunity to educate people in relation to motorcycles in the way of noise, speeding and safety. We could possibly ask them to do another event. To be further discussed.
    - Councillor Scott noted that security will start soon, and the Town is looking into having year long. Security will help in areas such as the

- Kinsmen Centre and other Town property where they can monitor. They can also make calls to the RNC with any issues.
- Item 33 – Forget Me Not Committee – “Remember the Fallen – Commemorate a Hero” Campaign
    - Mayor advised that he contacted the Chair and requested a list of names, of which there were five Torbay-related names. Mayor indicated he forwarded names to past Mayor, Bob Codner, to compare with names that he has. He also had two other names – individuals who were born in Torbay. Out of the seven names, one is already sponsored, the remaining six will be forwarded to the Corporate and Community Services Committee. The Forget Me Not Committee is looking for sponsorship for each name so they can go on the monument in Corner Brook. Mayor asked that the Corporate and Community Services Committee review and consider.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning and Development**

Councillor Whitty provided an overview of items discussed under the Planning and Development Meeting Minutes, dated May 4, 2016.

Items discussed included:

1. Development Proposals
  - a) The Director of Planning and Development noted that there are two maybe three development proposals that are nearing the approval in principal stage. They may be ready for Committees consideration at the next meeting.
2. Correspondence
  - a) Letter from property owners and the Environment Advisory Committee in relation to the proposed quarry application Middle Three Island Pond area (454A Bauline Line).
    - Committee reviewed the letters and agreed that since the application has been deferred, that the letters will be filed and brought forward when the application comes forward again.
  - b) Letter from property owner/developer of 4 Mayflower Place.
    - Committee reviewed the letter and agreed that the Director would confirm the items stated and bring the information back to Committee for further review.
    - The Director will also discuss the issue with the Town’s planning consultant.

- c) Email from resident in relation to development notifications.
  - Committee reviewed the emailed letter and it was agreed that the Director should do some research on the issue and bring it back to Committee.
  
- 3. Other Items
  - a) Requirement to conduct a Groundwater Flow Model as per Motion 051-16, February 1, 2016.
    - The Director indicated that he is looking for some direction as to when the requirement should be communicated to developers.
    - Committee agreed that the requirement should form part of the Approval in Principal letter.
  
- 4. Planning and Development Items for Correspondence and Action Report
  - Attached for information.

Building Applications Approved

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

Application Number	Location	Proposal
B2016-041	1288 Torbay Road	Interior Renovations
C2016-042	3 Tynedale Drive	8' x 10' Extension to Single Family Dwelling
B2016-044	60 Whitty's Lane	General Repairs

Council questioned and commented on Application B2016-041 for interior renovations was questioned. CAO noted that tender is yet to be awarded on the project. She advised that it has to come back to Council, and is on the Agenda for Council's meeting on Monday night.

Building Applications for Approval

Application: C2016-043  
Location: Portion of 13-23 Byrne's Lane  
Proposal: Single Family Dwelling  
Zoning: Residential Infill (RI)

164-16 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay Approve Application C2016-043, under the Applications for Approval section of the Building Application Report, dated May 6, 2016, subject to the following condition:

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

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Application: C2016-045  
Location: 125 Country Drive  
Proposal: Extension to Single Family Dwelling  
Zoning: Residential Medium Density (RMD)

165-16 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay Approve Application C2016-045, under the Applications for Approval section of the Building Application Report, dated May 6, 2016, subject to the following condition:

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

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Application: C2016-046  
Location: 12A Bellaventure Place  
Proposal: Removal of existing 15' x 25' accessory building and construction of 12' x 30' extension to existing 30' x 32' accessory building  
Zoning: Residential Infill

166-16 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay Approve Application C2016-046, under the Applications for Approval section of the Building Application Report, dated May 6, 2016, subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of the accessory building is restricted to residential accessory use.
2. All normal conditions and requirements for building within the Town of Torbay.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Business Applications for Approval

Application: D2016-032  
Location: 149 Indian Meal Line  
Proposal: Home Based Child Care Program  
Zoning: Residential Medium Density (RMD)

167-16 Motion – Councillor Whitty / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay Approve Application D2016-032, under the Applications for Approval section of the Business Application Report, dated May 6, 2016, 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. There shall be no parking of commercial vehicles on the property.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Executive Committee

No report.

Corporate and Community Services

The Corporate Services Report, dated April 25 – May 6, 2016, was accepted as presented.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse read out payroll and accounts payable information:

Payroll for the period of April 25 – May 6, 2016, for 28 employees totalled \$61,968.55.

For the period of April 25 – May 6, 2016, Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$159,448.59 were paid. These expenditures were within budget.

There were seven (7) Main Operating invoices presented for approval:

168-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Architecture 49, Invoice Number 6709 (Upper Three Corner), in the amount of \$8,721.54.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

169-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to CIBC Mellon, Invoice Number April 2016 (Pension Contributions), in the amount of \$15,521.04.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

170-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Credit Recovery Limited, Invoice Number March 2016 (Collections), in the amount of \$8,027.67.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

171-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Newfoundland Power, Invoice Number 14293948, in the amount of \$7,945.96.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

172-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Receiver General, Invoice Number Apr 16-30 2016 (Payroll Deductions), in the amount of \$22,943.44.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

173-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Stewart Mckelvy, Invoice Number 90505140 (Legal Counsel), in the amount of \$5,207.04.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

174-16      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay approve payment to Vigilant, Invoice Number 589 (Town Hall Renovations), in the amount of \$6,974.53.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

A copy of the current income and expense reports were included for Council's information.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse provided an overview of items discussed under the Corporate and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, dated April 27, 2016.

Items discussed included:

Corporate Services:

1. Library Update

- A memo was received from the provincial library which indicated that they have accepted the Town's proposal to fund the rent expense for the library to the end of 2016.

- Discussion of library funding will be revisited during 2017 budget preparations in consultation with the library board council liaison.
2. Group Benefits Update
    - Following the previous referral from Committee to the Executive Committee, there were several inquiries from Council regarding details of the plan.
    - The Director provided feedback received from Great West Life but noted that a response had not yet been received from TRIO.
    - Upon receipt of feedback from TRIO, will come back to the Executive Committee, and then back to Council.
  3. Public Works Funds Reallocation
    - Discussion of motions from previous council meeting regarding the reallocation of funds available from MYCW project (Mahon's Lane) and Gas Tax project (Water Alternative Study) to the Wastewater RFP development.
    - Committee is in favour of reallocating the funds pending approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs.
    - The Director to confirm expected total for the Wastewater RFP.

Community Services:

1. Community Guides
  - Spring/Summer Community guide has been posted on the Town's website and limited printed copies are available at the Town Hall.
  - For Fall, will have the guides out earlier.
2. Focus Groups
  - Two focus groups were held during the first week of May to obtain feedback from residents as to the events and programming they prefer and would any new additions they would like to see. A report will follow.
3. Time in Torbay Festival
  - The Director updated Committee on progress with the Time in Torbay Festival and noted that the Town's Economic Development Officer has been connected with the Festival's Committee. He will be the main liaison between the Town and Committee.
  - A kick-off will take place on Sunday evening at Liddy's where the Committee are hoping to advise all of the launch of the Time in Torbay. They're looking forward to sharing information and upcoming events.

4. Shopper's Drug Mart Run for Women

- Councillor Thorne-Gosse received an invitation from a representative of Shopper's Drug Mart, inviting the Town to participate in its LOVE YOU Run for Women on June 5<sup>th</sup> to support Stella's Circle.
- This will be referred to the Director of Community Services to pass along to the Town's running groups. Hoping to get a team or two together. Will follow up on Wednesday's meeting.

**Infrastructure, Public Works, Public Safety and Shared Services**

- Memo from CAO, dated May 5, 2016, regarding Plan B – Next Steps.
  - Council discussed the below motion, commenting on the below:
    - The importance to keep the project moving forward.
    - Consultants and design build process for the Kinsmen Centre project. Council did pass a motion to utilize a design build approach for this project.
    - Project costs and percentage of over-run. Risk is on the contractor provided specifications are put in place before going to market.
    - Proposals are based on specifications including design of building. Council could go to RFP if they so choose – if Council then decides to change something, then a change order would have to be agreed upon and a motion in place.
    - The Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs requested meeting with the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to provide overview of process, which they provided and rationale on why to appoint A49.
    - See motion below:

175-16      Motion – Councillor Scott / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

**RESOLVED THAT** Further to motion 138-16 and a meeting with the Department of Municipal Affairs on May 2, 2016, that the Town of Torbay appoint Architecture 49 as its Owner's Advisor for project 17-MYCW-16-00115, namely the renovation and expansion of the Kinmen Community Centre. This appointment is subject to the successful negotiation of fees.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **Environment**

- Torbay Environment Advisory Committee Meeting Notes, dated March 9, 2016.
  - For information purposes.

### **Heritage**

No report.

## **LIAISON COMMITTEES**

### **Holy Trinity Elementary School Council**

No report.

### **Holy Trinity High School Council**

No report.

### **Jack Byrne Regional Sports and Entertainment Centre**

The below was provided for information purposes:

- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), dated May 7, 2016.
- Chairperson's Report for the Year ending December 31, 2015.
- Manager's Report, dated April 2016.
- North East Avalon Arena Regional Board Inc. Financial Statements – December 31, 2015.

### **Northeast Avalon Joint Council**

No report.

### **Torbay Harbour Authority**

Councillor Thorne-Gosse advised that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Torbay Volunteer Fire Department**

Councillor Scott discussed that the Department has done training for Level 1 Theory for the first time internally. Approximately fourteen Members have Level 1 now completed, which means next time fire school training comes up they can do practical and complete training in

one year, which previously took two years. Received positive feedback from Members who have indicated that training was good and glad it was offered.

Mayor Tapper advised he saw a list of names for those who have received Level 1 at the Department's Annual Firefighters Ball, advising he will forward a letter of congrats.

### **Urban Municipalities Committee**

No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Mayor Tapper***

Mayor Tapper thanked Deputy Mayor Gallant for attending events on his behalf.

He discussed the fire in Fort McMurray and the devastation that people are facing. He advised that the Canadian Red Cross is taking donations, and the Federal Government are matching funds collected. This is a very critical situation as the fire continues to spread. A lot of generosity is being shown, and he suggested to all to drop by the Canadian Red Cross on Major's Path to make a donation as an individual or as a group.

Mayor discussed the new Traditional Coffee House and Deli business on Torbay Road, which just recently opened. He advised that they're receiving great response and doing very well. It's a great spot to visit, they have good staff who are busy working long hours, and they have good food.

#### ***Deputy Mayor Gallant***

Deputy Mayor Gallant discussed the Torbay Business Award. He advised that most people refer Torbay as a "bedroom community," however this is not the case. You can live, work and play in Torbay. He asked that everyone support our local businesses.

Award winners were:

- Business of the Year – Joint Therapy
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Glenn & Chen Stokes, owners of Breakout NL and Mrs. Liddy's
- New Business of the Year – EDGE Beauty Bar
- Customer Commitment Award – Dr. Dilshad Mithani Dentistry

Deputy Mayor thanked the Torbay Lion's Club, who have started a new tradition in Torbay. They recently had their Annual Charter Night Celebrations at the Lions Club location in Pouch Cove. The group have a deep tradition of volunteerism. Deputy Mayor advised if you want to know the Community, get to know our volunteers, and members of our Torbay Lion's Club, as they say so much about our Community.

***Councillor Roche***

Councillor Roche discussed a Notice of Motion she was going to bring forward concerning video and teleconferencing at Council Meetings. CAO advised that this has a legislative piece and requires a policy that has to be adopted by Council. She requested that Councillor Roche bring forth to next Council Meeting and she will also follow up with her.

***Councillor Scott***

Councillor Scott discussed the recent MNL Municipal Symposium.

- He advised that the Emergency Preparedness presentation was really good and informative.
  - The Mayor and Town Manager was there from Bay de Verde. They talked about declaring a state of emergency and enacting their emergency plan.
  - Councillor Scott discussed the importance of being prepared and having an emergency plan completed, as it's something that the Town would rely heavily upon if there's ever an issue.
  - He discussed the amount of work that the Canadian Red Cross puts into helping communities.
- At a roundtable discussion, Mayor commented on the provincial budget and implications.
  - A lot of mayors and councillors spoke on how the budget affects their towns – downloading to municipalities, library closures, increase in Gas Tax coming into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, etc.
  - When everyone was finished speaking, Mayor Tapper requested that MNL put out a strong statement with all mentioned issues. MNL committed to doing this and had completed before the end of the day and circulated to all.

***Councillor Smith*** - Absent

***Councillor Thorne-Gosse***

Councillor Thorne-Gosse discussed snow clearing and the amount of sand in areas after this Winter season. She noted there are areas in the Community where sod and gravel are pushed along some of the narrower roads, pavement is broken, and sand is pushed in on lawns and ditches. She asked that Infrastructure and Public Works look into and clean up as there are piles of sand in some places.

She discussed the Great Torbay Pick Me Up, taking place on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Notification is in the Community Guide – more information to come concerning times.
- Garbage bags and gloves can be picked up the week prior to May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Town truck will pick up the garbage bags.
- Possibly some giveaways and prizes.
- Councillor Thorne-Gosse requested to ensure that residents are aware as not everyone has access to the internet and website.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse discussed the bulk garbage program – Green Zone, Waste Transfer Site.

- Program will take place May 28-29 and June 4-5.
- Further info to come from the Town in relation to time.

She noted that Municipal Awareness Day is Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop by and visit the Town Hall. There's also chances to win prizes. On Municipal Awareness Day, Torbay will launch its new website.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse advised that she has been receiving emails from residents concerning changes for children in the Elementary School and High School. There's potential change to have the High School students start classes later than the Elementary School. Parents disagree with these changes as they rely on older children to be home early to look after the younger children when they get home. Daycare is already an issue in this community as they are full, therefore, residents/parents would have to find alternative means. She suggested letting the school and the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) know their feelings.

***Councillor Whitty***

Councillor Whitty advised that he attended the 2016 Torbay Business Awards. He recognized Economic Development Officer Ross Houlihan on a job well done. Ross also provided an outline of initiatives that the Town is taking over the coming years.

**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:

- Resident of Civic 21 Bridge Road
  - Resident requested the names that Mayor Tapper received from the Chair of the Forget-Me-Not Committee. Mayor to provide.
- Resident of Civic 80 Whitty's Lane
  - Resident questioned the Town's new website, indicating she couldn't locate a copy of tonight's Council Meeting Agenda.
    - It was advised that the website was down to prepare for launch of new website. It will be back up as of 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - It was also noted that residents can contact staff for a copy of the agenda.
- A Resident requested a paper copy of tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was provided.

**NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Public Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Torbay Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

176-16      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

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*Mayor*

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*CAO/Town Clerk*