



MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2016

Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on December 12, 2016, at 6:21 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
Bernie Manning, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Ann Picco, Deputy Clerk
Brian Winter, Director of Planning and Development

Gallery

There were a total of 10 people in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

410-16 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, Smith, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corporate and Community Services

As Chair of the Corporate and Community Services Committee, Councillor Thorne-Gosse read aloud her 2017 Town of Torbay Budget speech.

Motions of Council – 2017 Budget

The below motions are required for the adoption of the 2017 budget. For the below motions, the same procedure as per the 2007-2016 budgets (inclusive) was followed. The motions required are as follows:

411-16 **Motion** – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay write off taxes owing for the years 2010 and prior as these amounts are uncollectable. The total amount to be written off is \$54,099.13.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

412-16 **Motion** – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay continue collection procedures for taxes owing in the amount of \$514,581.46. This represents taxes owing for the years 2011 to 2016 inclusive.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

413-16 **Motion** – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT as per recommendations from the Department of Municipal Affairs and the town's auditor, that the GST/HST rebate refunds be utilized to pay down existing capital debt.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

414-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay adopt the tax and fee structure schedule for 2017 as presented. The 2017 schedule will be advertised in the January edition of the Northeast Avalon Times newspaper, posted on the town’s website and provided in the 2017 budget e-newsletter.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

415-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay’s residential property mil rate for the 2017 taxation year be set at 6.7 mils.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

416-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay’s commercial property mil rate for the 2017 taxation year be set at 10.5 mils.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

In relation to the 2017 Budget, Deputy Mayor Gallant put forward the below motion:

417-16 Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Smith

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay include in Budget 2017 \$1,000.00 for cameras in Council Chambers for video recording and sharing of Council Meetings.

Council discussed the proposed motion. Deputy Mayor Gallant felt that cameras in Chambers for Public Council Meetings could be part of public engagement as Council Meetings should be recorded. Mayor Tapper advised that the motion was out of order, as it was not relevant to the 2017 Budget being adopted at this time; and, as feedback on the budget was previously requested. This is also an item that can be discussed and addressed at Committee level later in the year or even set aside for the new Council to determine once elected in the Fall 2017.

After discussion, a vote was then held on the motion.

Question called. Motion defeated.

For Motion: 1 (Deputy Mayor Gallant)

Against: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Councillors Roche, Smith, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Abstained: 0

418-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT as per motion 136-10, there will be no change to Council remuneration for the 2017 calendar year. It will remain at the same level as 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 1 (Deputy Mayor Gallant)

Abstained: 0

Deputy Mayor put forward a motion to amend the above motion that \$500.00 be taken away from his remuneration and put towards cameras in Council Chambers for 2017. There was no seconder to the motion; and, Mayor Tapper advised that the Deputy Mayor's motion was out of order.

419-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the 2017 operating budget for the Town of Torbay in the amount of \$8,784,496.24 be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

420-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the 2017 capital budget for the Town of Torbay in the amount of \$2,168,632.00 be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

421-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the 2017 total budget for the Town of Torbay in the amount of \$10,953,128.24 be adopted.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

422-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay renew its operating line of credit with RBC Royal Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the 2017 calendar year.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

423-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve a 25% tax reduction for those residents in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act for the calendar year 2017. This tax reduction applies to primary residence only.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

424-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve a 20% tax reduction for those residents whose single net income is between \$0.00 and \$18,955.00 for the calendar year 2017. This tax reduction applies to primary residence only.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

425-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay approve a 20% tax reduction for those residents where the combined family net income is between \$18,955.01 and \$32,052.00 for the calendar year 2017. This tax reduction applies to primary residence only.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

426-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk during the 2017 calendar year, that the Deputy Clerk become a signing officer on the town's main operating bank account. A subsequent motion of Council is required to confirm the specific time period of approval prior to the Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk's absence.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

427-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk during the 2017 calendar year, that the Deputy Clerk be authorized to approve pre-authorized payment plans. A subsequent motion of Council is required to confirm the specific time period of approval prior to the Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk's absence.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

428-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay close the 2012-2014 multi year capital works program bank account as all project expenditures have been paid.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

429-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay rescind motion 369-16. This motion pertains to the borrowing of \$843,967.00 from RBC Royal Bank to pay expenditures related to the 2014-2017 multiyear capital works program.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

430-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay borrow \$643,571.00 from RBC Royal Bank to pay expenditures related to the 2014-2017 multiyear capital works program. This loan will be amortized over ten years, with a five year term. The interest rate will be set at 2.75% and a payment of \$6,141.00 per month. This is a budgeted item for 2016. This loan is subject to the Department of Municipal Affairs approval.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

431-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay borrow \$380,000.00 from RBC Royal Bank. Proceeds of the loan will be utilized to acquire the Priest's House. This loan will be amortized over twenty years, with a five year term. The interest rate will be set at 2.85% and a monthly payment of \$2,080.00 per month. This is a budget item for 2016. This loan is subject to the Department of Municipal Affairs approval.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

432-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay utilize accrued funds in the amount of \$69,984.00 from the dry hydrant study to pay the Town's portion of the fire department rescue truck.

Council discussed that values should be included in the motion. It was consensus of Council to include in the above and below motions as a friendly amendment.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

433-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay utilize accrued funds in the amount of \$48,607.94 from the dry hydrant study to pay off the fire department pumper rescue truck.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

434-16 Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay contribute \$38,000.00 towards a feasibility study for the Jacky Byrne Sports and Entertainment Centre. This study will explore the feasibility of a second ice pad. This contribution is subject to the participation of the four municipal owners of the facility.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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.

- Resident of Bauline Line
 - Resident discussed the mil rate and property assessment. He questioned revenue in relation to taxes compared to Council expenditures for 2017 and 2016.
 - CAO provided budget information for 2016 and 2017, and that budget information will be going out to residents. She advised the resident she can provide figures to him after the meeting.

- Resident of Forest River Road and volunteer/member with Scouts Canada
 - Resident questioned criteria used to determine funding to committee groups.
 - Mayor discussed that the Town puts out a call to community groups to participate in the budget process.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Council Meeting will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Torbay Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

435-16 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk