



MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2017

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on February 20, 2017, at 7:05 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

Staff Present

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk
Ann Picco, Deputy Clerk

Absent

Councillor Brian Whitty
Ross Houlihan, Communications

Gallery

There were a total of 12 people in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Gallant assumed the Chair at 7:06 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

042-17 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

NOTICES OF MOTION

- Memo from Mayor Tapper, dated February 17, 2017 – Jack Byrne Regional Sports & Entertainment Centre

043-17 Motion – Mayor Tapper / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT in response to the Jack Byrne Arena Board’s letter dated October 14, 2016, that the Town of Torbay support allowing the Board to proceed and engage in discussions with the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s and the Town of Bauline to determine their level of interest in becoming future partners in ownership of the current facility/new second ice pad complex. To clarify these are not stand alone items. This does not mean that the Board is given the authority to commit to any new arrangement on behalf of either or all of the current town owners. These are exploratory and preliminary discussions that are non-binding on either party.

If discussions are positive, a buy in would not come into effect until all details of the feasibility of a second ice pad have been finalized; and, a new financial arrangement, new governance model, new maintenance agreement including constitution, and all other vital aspects be discussed and agreed to by all six towns. If any town/towns do not accept the terms, the arrangement cannot proceed.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Deputy Mayor Gallant referred to the Gallery and asked if anyone had any questions or comments in relation to tonight’s Council Meeting. See comments below:

- Resident of Falkirk Place and Member of Northeast Avalon Minor Hockey Board.
 - Resident advised that the Northeast Minor Hockey Association should have been made aware of tonight’s Council Meeting.
 - Agrees that the Arena is not just for hockey. The issue is that as the largest hockey association in the Province, with seven hundred kids registered from the area, they use thirty-six hours per week at the Arena and twenty-two hours at other metro arenas.
 - Have no issues with other events being held at the Arena, however, there are many hours juggling schedules and rescheduling with short notices, and have to reschedule with other associations as well.

- With second ice surface, could commit seventy-six hours per week, and would be a vast improvement and flexibility to the program. In support of starting conversation with other communities.

- Resident of Falkirk Place
 - She questioned recent water study for the area and water quantity/quality to support a second ice pad.
 - Mayor advised that a town wide study was completed, and any developer in the town also has to provide a study in relation to water. Same will apply for the Arena.

- Resident of Bauline Line
 - Resident questioned water quantity for second ice pad for the Arena.
 - A concern is the adjacency to the City and the issue that they're facing with losing the Ice Caps. He's heard the affect it will have on the Mile One stadium – they're still going to need to generate income and could possibly drop their rates for use of the facility. The resident suggested speaking with the City's councillors to obtain information and opinions.
 - Resident advised that he's in support, indicating the creation of a regional approach for community needs is positive. The Arena is a terrific facility and hopes that many events such as the Crafts Council will continue to be held there.

- Member of the Gallery
 - Resident questioned time frames pertaining to engagement and discussions with other communities.
 - Deputy Mayor advised the motion gives the Board permission to engage with the other communities. Mayor advised that other three towns have passed their own motions, and all are in support. The Board will be notified this week of our motion.

NEXT PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Public Council Meeting will take place on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Torbay Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

044-17 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

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

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk