



MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council (First Meeting of 2017 – 2021 Town Council) held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on September 28, 2017, at 7:29 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Craig Scott
Councillor Trina Appleby
Councillor Geoff Gallant
Councillor Justin Martin
Councillor Tony Pollard
Councillor Peggy Roche
Councillor Mary Thorne-Gosse

Staff Present

Dawn Chaplin, CAO/Town Clerk
Ann Picco, Deputy Clerk
Brian Winter, Director of Planning and Development

Absent

Ross Houlihan, Communications
Bernie Manning, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

Gallery

There were a total of 30 people in attendance.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL

A Swearing-In Ceremony of the New Torbay Town Council (2017-2021) took place after the adjournment of the Public Council Meeting (Final Meeting of the 2013-2017 Town Council), September 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. All seven Members were sworn in and signed their Oaths of Office.

CALLING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2017-2021 MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Craig Scott called the first meeting of the 2017-2021 Meeting to Order.

Adoption of Agenda

205-17 Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Scott, Councillors Appleby, Gallant, Martin, Pollard, Roche, and Thorne-Gosse)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

CONFIRMATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Scott turned the Chair of the Public Council Meeting over to CAO Dawn Chaplin at 7:30 p.m. to conduct nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the Town of Torbay.

CAO discussed the conduct of election for Deputy Mayor, advising will proceed with vote by ballot if necessary.

CAO called for first nomination from the floor for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse nominated Councillor Trina Appleby for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gallant.

Councillor Trina Appleby accepted nomination.

For the second time, CAO called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

For the third time, CAO called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Nominations ceased. See motion below:

206-17 Motion – Councillor Gallant / Councillor Roche

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Torbay ratify the election process and confirm Trina Appleby as Deputy Mayor.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Scott, Councillors Appleby, Gallant, Martin, Pollard, Roche, and Thorne-Gosse)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor Scott resumed as Chair of the Public Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Scott

Mayor Scott thanked former Mayor Ralph Tapper, advising he hopes he can follow in his footsteps and have the strength to lead this new Council. Council's job is to provide guidance to staff, and as a governing body, we create policies we enact for the betterment of the Community. We're here to serve and staff is our tool to do it. Decisions need to be made with open minds with information provided so no one can tell you you've made a wrong decision.

He thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting, and he thanked everyone who ran for Council. We have a diverse Council, smart and energetic people who will work together to put a vision in place for the next four years.

Deputy Mayor Appleby

Deputy Mayor Appleby advised she's humbled and honoured to be in the position of Deputy Mayor. She indicated this is a really big deal for her and she will give it everything she has. Deputy Mayor indicating she will be available and accessible to everyone, and she's excited to be the new Deputy Mayor of Torbay and to have such a wonderful team to work with.

Deputy Mayor thanked Councillor Thorne-Gosse for nominating her for the position of Deputy Mayor and she thanked Councillor Gallant for seconding. She thanked everyone for their support.

Councillor Gallant

Councillor Gallant congratulated Trina Appleby as the new Deputy Mayor for this term of Council. He thanked all Council Members for their integrity to support the Councillor with the most votes.

For the new Council Members he discussed that being on Council is both easy and hard and everything in between. He suggested keeping to the basics and Council will get through fine, be honest with each other and the public and be honest with yourself, work hard, and be nice to people. It will be the best years of your life that you will remember forever.

Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin thanked this family and everyone who supported him. He congratulated new Council, Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

He acknowledged Councillors Smith and Whitty and Mayor Tapper for their years of service to the Town, and looking forward to working with everyone. Councillor Martin advised we have a good diverse Council, and will be proactive over the next four years.

Councillor Pollard

Councillor Pollard congratulated all Council, both new and old, and congratulated all who ran for Council.

He thanked his family, recognizing his two girls in the gallery, and his partner for their support and patience with his being away from home.

Councillor Pollard advised he hopes this term of Council will be successful, and he thanked all residents who voted regardless of which candidate they voted for. He discussed the importance of information and communication to residents, indicating he's looking forward to working with staff in Torbay.

Councillor Roche

Councillor Roche congratulated everyone, advising that this Council is a wonderful team with expertise to get things done with the guidance of the Mayor.

She acknowledged staff for dependence and advice.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse

Councillor Thorne-Gosse advised she really enjoyed working with the past Council, and looking forward to working with the new. Different people coming on to Council bring different perspectives and always learn something. She advised we have to build on strengths and backgrounds that the new Councillors will bring, and looking forward to new approaches.

She acknowledged staff for their work, advising that Council make decisions and motions and staff follow through to make it all happen.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse advised she is looking forward to this term of Council, indicating there's lots of work to do. She wished Mayor Scott all the best.

ADJOURNMENT

207-17 Motion – Councillor Martin / Councillor Pollard

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 7 (Mayor Scott, Deputy Mayor Appleby, Councillors Gallant, Martin, Pollard, Roche, and Thorne-Gosse)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk