



MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council (Final Meeting of the 2013-2017 Town Council) held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on September 28, 2017, at 6:37 p.m.

Members Present

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

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.

Adoption of Agenda

202-17 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: 0

Abstained: 0

Adoption of Minutes

203-17 Motion – Councillor Roche / Deputy Mayor Gallant

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the September 11, 2017, 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: 0

Abstained: 0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tapper

Mayor Tapper discussed the past four years on Council as Mayor. He advised he has been on Council for a total of twelve years; and, noted that both he and Councillor Smith started as Members of Council together and will be leaving Torbay Town Council together.

He thanked his family over the past four years as Mayor, advising he had their full support. He thanked Councillors Smith and Whitty for their years of service on Council. Mayor thanked staff for their work over this past four years, and he thanked MHA Kevin Parsons and MP Nick Whalen for their support.

Mayor discussed the work this term of Council has completed, noting they have made great initiatives happen as per the Town's Strategic Plan. Over the next term of Council there are some items to complete, and he's looking forward to the new Council taking these initiatives on and new ones as well.

Mayor Tapper advised that he is planning to stay active in the community by volunteering.

Deputy Mayor Gallant

Deputy Mayor Gallant thanked residents of Torbay, advising it's been an honour and privilege to serve as Deputy Mayor for past eight years. He thanked all Members of Council and Mayor Tapper.

He advised that it's a privilege to serve as a Member of Council. For new Council Members, he advised that the seats in the Council Chamber are the people's seats. He asked new members to remember this day with pride as they each read aloud and sign their Oaths of Office.

Deputy Mayor thanked Councillors Smith and Whitty for their contribution and service to the Town.

He advised he's looking forward to his role as Councillor, and thanked residents of Torbay and his family for their support. He advised he's looking forward to a better Council and can't wait for the new Council to get down to business.

Councillor Roche

Councillor Roche congratulated and thanked Mayor Tapper for his years of service on Council, and wished him a happy and healthy life.

She thanked the outgoing Members of Council and welcomed the New Members, advising it's a rewarding experience.

Councillor Roche thanked residents who voted for her, and advised she's looking forward to the next four years.

Councillor Scott

Councillor Scott advised that a lot of work was accomplished during this term of Council. He noted that tough decisions were made, with Council compromising for the betterment of the Town.

He thanked Mayor Tapper and Councillors Smith and Whitty for their service to the Town.

Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith thanked Council for their commitment and service to Torbay. She thanked Mayor Tapper for leadership and commitment, advising he leaves a legacy to bring together mayors of surrounding communities. She noted this is a first and hopes that the new Mayor will continue.

She thanked residents of Torbay for the opportunity to serve as Councillor and who put their trust in her to represent them, advising she will treasure this opportunity over the past twelve years for life.

Councillor Smith congratulated the three incoming new Council Members, noting their successful campaigns, and she wished them all the best in the future. Her advice to the new members of Council was to be willing to learn and bend and to remember that they are one of seven to guide CAO and staff in the administration of the Town of Torbay.

To the new Council, Councillor Smith noted that leadership is critical to growth and sustainability of Torbay. Being on Council can be challenging and tough, and she reminded all new Council that they will be a group of seven for the next four years and have the responsibility of Torbay in their hands. She also reminded all to have fun along the way.

Councillor Thorne-Gosse

Councillor Thorne-Gosse thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service to Torbay. She thanked Councillors Smith and Whitty, advising she thoroughly enjoyed working with them. She thanked Mayor Tapper, advising there were a lot of accomplishments this term of Council. Most of the Strategic Plan was accomplished, with a lot of hard work and hours into planning.

She thanked everyone who supported her during her campaign, advising she's delighted to be a part of the new Council.

Councillor Whitty

Councillor Whitty looked back at when Council first began in the early 70's, advising his father was one of the first operators in Torbay when there were only two pieces of equipment. He advised there are lots of good memories, and he's enjoyed working with staff and councillors throughout the years.

To the new incoming Members of Council, he advised they all had good campaigns.

Councillor Whitty thanked everyone who supported him in his campaign, advising he has no regrets.

ADJOURNMENT

204-17 Motion – Councillor Smith / Councillor Scott

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 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: 0

Abstained: 0

Mayor

CAO/Town Clerk