

**Municipality of Trinity Bay North**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: February 23, 2026**  
**Location: Town Hall**

## **1. ATTENDANCE**

### **Present:**

- Mayor: Terence Stead
- Deputy Mayor: Doreen Rumbolt
- Councillors: Edmund Hogan, Albert Johnson, Harvey Pye, Kevin Russell, Pauline Stagg
- Town Clerk: Valerie Rogers
- Town Manager: Darryl Johnson

## **2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stead called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, confirming a quorum was present.

## **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion #2026-02-23-7394 (Stagg/Pye)**

### **Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

### **Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

## **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Special Meeting – February 9, 2026**

Mayor Stead called for corrections or omissions.

### **Corrections to Previous Minutes**

- Under the Conflict-of-Interest Inquiry, add the following to the last paragraph before the motion: "Deputy Mayor Rumbolt requested that this topic be brought to a vote, noting that on previous occasions when the matter was raised, she sought clarification from prior council, but no vote was held to provide clarification or address the issue."

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- Under the Project Governance and Reporting Structure item, revise the final paragraph as follows: The mayor noted that uncertainty was demonstrated regarding who provides direction and who holds final decision-making authority.
- Within the Contractor Scope and Design Concerns section, revise Phase 1 to reflect subdivisions as Phase 1 (a) and Phase 1 (b), and eliminate all references to Phase 2.
- Under the Deficiencies in the Current Design Item – remove the first two bullets.

**Motion #2026-02-23-7395 (Pye/Russell)**

**Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the minutes of the special council meeting held on February 9, 2026, be adopted as amended with the noted corrections.

**Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

**Regular Meeting – February 9, 2026**

Mayor Stead called for corrections or omissions.

- Correspondence #5 – remove Deputy Mayor Rumbolt from the vote count as she declared a conflict of interest.

**Motion #2026-02-23-7396 (Rumbolt/Stagg)**

**Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2026, be adopted as amended with the noted correction.

**Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

**Special Meeting – February 12, 2026**

Mayor Stead called for corrections or omissions.

## Motion #2026-02-23-7397 (Stagg/Pye)

### Resolution:

Be it resolved that the minutes of the special meeting held on February 12, 2026, be adopted as presented.

### Voting Results:

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

### ● Fire Inspections

Deputy Mayor Rumbolt declared a conflict of interest at 3:08 pm. due to her son's position as Fire Chief and observed the meeting from the gallery.

The Town Manager reported that he and the mayor met with Tony Rose, Fire Protection Officer, to discuss the current status of fire inspections. He informed Mr. Rose of the steps taken thus far and noted that the fire department has not committed to conducting the inspections. Mr. Rose expressed his view that the responsibility for these inspections lies with the fire department. The Town Manager asked Mr. Rose if he would be willing to meet with the fire department to clarify the relevant legislation and outline their obligations; Mr. Rose agreed to do so. The Town Manager is unsure whether this meeting has taken place but stated that while the town cannot compel the fire department to undertake the inspections, Mr. Rose suggested that, should this approach prove unsuccessful, the town could post internally to gauge interest among fire department members or advertise the position externally.

Deputy Mayor Rumbolt returned to the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

## 6. DELEGATION

- Barbara Humby

Ms. Humby attended the meeting to seek clarification regarding the ongoing flooding issue affecting her property. She explained that, despite investing considerable funds into improvements, the water originating from adjacent properties continues to pose challenges. Ms. Humby requested an update on whether council has developed a plan to address the situation, noting that she has not received any communication for several months. Potential solutions discussed included installing a culvert across the street or conferring with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure about conducting an inspection to resolve the problem along

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the highway. She emphasized that the issue should have already been addressed, as the water flow is attributable to external sources and is not her responsibility.

The mayor provided clarification for the new councillors, noting that the previous council had discussed this issue extensively. Numerous letters have been submitted, and status reports were presented to the current council following the last delegation in November 2025. At that time, a comprehensive summary outlining the discussions, actions taken, proposals made, and requests submitted was shared with Ms. Humby; however, it was not included in this meeting. The mayor indicated that he would ensure the full summary is provided at the next meeting.

The mayor provided a brief summary regarding the issue initially raised by Ms. Humby in 2021. At that time, members of council, staff, and the MHA visited the property to review the situation. Some participants believed the water originated from the back of the property, while others suggested that the problem was caused by the provincial government road due to inadequate drainage. Consensus has since formed around the latter explanation, as it appears the water flows directly down the road toward the bridge.

Three letters have been sent to the Provincial Government requesting an engineering assessment of the road to verify these concerns; however, no response has been received to date. The mayor recommended that Council re-evaluate its approach to this matter. He advised Ms. Humby to allow time for new councillors who are not familiar with the background to become informed, so they are able to make well-considered decisions moving forward. Once this is done, Council can revisit the issue, discuss alternative strategies, and provide Ms. Humby with an update accordingly.

- Jamie Lane

Mr. Lane attended the meeting to present his proposal for establishing a boat touring enterprise in Trinity Bay North, aiming to utilize the floating dock in Port Union. He plans to load and unload tourists at the wharf and is seeking council's permission and approval for facility usage as described. The mayor provided Mr. Lane with a copy of the Trinity Bay North Marina by-law for his review. It was stated that liaisons will consult with the committee, whose advisors will subsequently submit their recommendations and discussion points to council at the next regular meeting, after which council will proceed accordingly. Mr. Lane will be informed of the council's decision within two to four weeks.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **a) Town Clerk's Report**

- **Bills**

Bills presented for payment: \$27,179.54

**Motion #2026-02-23-7398 (Pye/Rumbolt)****Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the bills submitted for payment of \$27,179.54 be approved on the recommendation of the Town Clerk.

**Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

**b) Town Manager's Report**

The report was included for the council's review and consideration of any questions.

The mayor submitted five emails for consideration for this meeting. The initial email details an exchange regarding the Little Catalina breakwater, wherein multiple residents requested its construction on the east side of the harbour to address the impact of intensifying storms. The remaining emails will be reviewed under the Economic Development Committee reports.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS****a) FINANCE**

The minutes from the meeting conducted on February 17, 2026, have been provided for the council's review and consideration.

**b) PUBLIC WORKS/WATER RESOURCES**

No report

**c) RECREATION/PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS/TRAILS/TIDY TOWNS**

No report

**d) FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The minutes from the meeting conducted with the fire truck fundraising committee on February 10, 2026, have been submitted for the council's review and consideration.

**e) TOURISM/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LANDS**

The remaining emails submitted by Mayor Stead were presented for review and discussion as outlined below:

1) Meeting notes from a session with Johnathan Rowe addressed several topics, including Bonavista and Trinity Bay Trail Riders, Peaches Cove Trail, Lookout Park, a proposed Tourism Interpretation Centre in Catalina/Port Union, the 220 Discovery Trail property, the scheduled Crime Prevention meeting, storm damage funding, and consideration of installing an EV charging station in Trinity Bay North.

2) The Newfoundland & Labrador Skidoo Association's correspondence included an economic impact study on on-road motorcycles and off-highway vehicle recreation in Canada. In addition, a pamphlet titled "Newfoundland and Labrador Motorcycle and Powersport Economic Impact" was provided. The data highlights that motorcycle and off-highway vehicle activities encourage residents to utilize the province's expansive network of roads and trails, provide an essential mode of daily transport, stimulate significant tourism activities, and contribute to the overall economic output of Newfoundland and Labrador. *\*Off-highway vehicles are defined as motocross, dirt and adventure motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and side-by-sides.*

3) Leona Collins in reference to the property she purchased previously on Collins Lane. The Town Manager recommended sending correspondence to Mrs. Collins, requesting that any new information regarding this parcel be submitted to the Town Manager for presentation to the Council.

#### **f) HUMAN RESOURCES**

No report

#### **g) WHARF**

No report

#### **h) LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) A formal request was received from Easter Seals Newfoundland & Labrador, seeking council's proclamation of March 2026 as Easter Seals Month.

**Motion #2026-02-23-7399 (Stagg/Pye)**

**Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Trinity Bay North hereby proclaims and declares the month of March 2026 as Easter Seals Month.

**Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #2026-02-23-7400 (Stagg/Rumbolt)**

**Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Voting Results:**

- In Favour: 7 {Mayor Stead, Deputy Mayor Rumbolt, Councillors Hogan, Johnson, Pye, Russell and Stagg}
- Opposed: 0
- **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 3:00 pm.




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**TERRY STEAD  
MAYOR**




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**VALERIE ROGERS  
TOWN CLERK**