

**Municipality of Trinity Bay North
Regular Council Meeting February 11, 2025**

**Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the
Municipality of Trinity Bay North, held in the
Town Hall, February 11, 2025**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Dean Lodge
	Deputy Mayor	Terence Stead
	Councillors	Albert Johnson
		Doreen Rumbolt
<i>Absent</i>	Councillor	David Bartlett
		Kayla Hart (arrived later)
		Pauline Stagg (arrived later)
<i>Also Present</i>	Town Clerk	Valerie Rogers
	Town Manager	Darryl Johson

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Lodge called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #2025-02-11-6971 – Stead/Johnson

Be it resolved the agenda be adopted with the addition of the Public Works Committee minutes.

***In favour 4 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson & Rumbolt}
Opposed 0; Motion Carried***

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025

Mayor Lodge asked if the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2025, which had been circulated with the agenda, contained any errors or omissions.

Motion #2025-02-11-6972 – Rumbolt/Johnson

Be it resolved, the minutes of the January 28, 2025, regular council meeting be adopted as presented.

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*In favour 4 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson & Rumbolt}
Opposed 0; Motion Carried*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Stagg arrived at 4:38 pm.

Hike Discovery

Motion #2025-02-11-6973 – Rumbolt/Stagg

Be it resolved that Mayor Lodge write a letter to Hike Discovery asking whether they are against or for further development of the trail bed.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

JCP Project

Councillor Johnson wanted it noted in the minutes that the only thing he did not favour in the January 28, 2025 minutes motion #2025-01-28-6965 was the construction of two sections of floating wharves.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Bills

The Town Clerk presented the bills for payment of \$31,520.46 and opened the floor for any questions.

Motion #2025-02-11-6974 – Stead/Rumbolt

Be it resolved the bills submitted for payment of \$31,520.46 be approved on the recommendation of the Town Clerk.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager provided a written report on items he's been working on since the last meeting.

FINANCE

Minutes of a meeting held on February 5, 2025 were enclosed for council's perusal.

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Councillor Hart arrived at 5:04 pm.

Proposed Low Income Tax Relief

Motion #2025-02-11-6975 – Stead/Rumbolt

Be it resolved that low-income property owners (paying minimum property tax) will be eligible for a 10% reduction in their annual residential property taxes for their primary residence only, provided that the total household income is less than \$25,000. Income includes the income of both spouses and other sources such as apartment rental and interest income.

In favour 4 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart & Johnson} Opposed 2 {Councillors Rumbolt & Stagg}; Motion Carried

For first-time applicants, the reduction will be based on their current year's income. The first-time applicant will complete a form indicating their estimated household income for the current year. They will receive a provisional tax credit based on their estimated income. The property owner will then be responsible for verifying their estimated income with the Town by providing copies of Canada Revenue Agency Assessment Notices for the year in question when it becomes available. After the income is confirmed, the credit amount will be adjusted out of the taxpayer's account. Applications for this reduction will be made available on the Town's website or at the Town Hall and, when submitted, will be reviewed by the Town Clerk.

Councillors Stagg & Rumbolt wanted the minutes to note that they felt they were not provided with enough information on how much the town would lose with this tax relief to make an informed decision.

Deputy Mayor Stead asked the Town Manager in all the times he has been on council regarding financial information. Is this the most detailed this council has ever received in annual financial information – to which the Town Manager replied yes?

Councillor Rumbolt wanted the minutes to note that she feels she can't voice her opinion and that it doesn't matter.

TBN Proposed Housing Development Locations

Motion #2025-02-11-6976 – Stead/Hart

Be it resolved, the Town Manager, along with the Public Works Committee, investigate the viability of a water and sewer (housing development) project intended to provide adequate services to existing residents in the area of Park Crescent as well as open much-needed building lots for new growth. If assessed as viable, the Town Manager draft a Canadian Housing Infrastructure program application for council review by the end of February.

In favour 6 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart, Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

TBN Proposed Recreational Wharf Locations

Motion #2025-02-11-6977 – Stead/Rumbolt

Be it resolved that the Town Manager seek legal advice on the best application process for Trinity Bay North to obtain land title to potential recreational wharf sites at South Side Port Union and 108-114 East Point Road.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 1 {Councillor Johnson}; Motion Carried

Motion #2025-02-11-6978 – Stead/Hart

Be it resolved the Town Manager provide cost estimates on cost to obtain land title to potential recreational wharf sites at South Side Port Union and 108-114 East Point Road.

In favour 4 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart & Stagg} Opposed 2 {Councillors Johnson & Rumbolt}; Motion Carried

PUBLIC WORKS/WATER RESOURCES

Mayor Lodge emailed minutes of a meeting held on February 7, 2025, to councillors for information/discussion.

Application for Disaster Financial Assistance Program

Motion #2025-02-11-6979 – Stagg/Johnson

Be it resolved, the Town Manager obtain the required quotes for funding applications from an engineer or a contractor to:

- *Repair/replace the seawall in Little Catalina based on engineer or contractor's recommendations.*
- *Remove the wharf section from the beach and repair the remaining wharf to make it secure for use.*
- *Complete the application for Disaster Financial Assistance to carry out the work.*

In favour 6 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart, Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Waste Site

Motion #2025-02-11-6980 – Johnson/Stagg

Be it resolved, we close the landfill site on Mondays, effective March 10, 2025.

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In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Councillors Hart, Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 1 {Deputy Mayor Stead}; Motion Carried

Catalina Main Street Water and Sewer Upgrades Phase 1 (Approval to Enter into Contract – Consultant Services)

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure advising that the consultant engagement process has been completed and Englobe Corp. has been selected as the preferred proponent.

Motion #2025-02-11-6981 – Hart/Rumbolt

Be it resolved, the Municipality of Trinity Bay North enter into a contract for consultant services with Englobe Corp. for the Catalina Main Street Water and Sewer Upgrades Phase 1 Project #17-MCW-25-00078.

In favour 6 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Hart, Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

RECREATION - PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS/TRAILS

Mayor Lodge reported that a Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark representative contacted him, wondering if the town is interested in partnering with them again this year to apply for a Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador Green Team.

Deputy Mayor Stead declared himself in a conflict of interest as he sits on the Board of the Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark. He removed himself from the council table at 6:07 p.m.

Motion #2025-02-11-6982 – Johnson/Rumbolt

Be it resolved, we partner with the Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark again this year to apply for a Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador Green Team.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Councillors Hart, Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Stead returned to the council table at 6:09 p.m.

Councillor Hart departed the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councillor Stagg reported that the Town Manager, Councillor Albert Johnson (Liaison) and the Fire Chief met today. The minutes will be provided for the next meeting.

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Councillor Rumbolt declared herself in a conflict of interest as her son is the Fire Chief. She removed herself from the council table at 6:11 p.m.

The Town Manager informed us that the Town of Trinity has been in contact advising they are getting rid of their “old” fire truck and were wondering if the town is interested in acquiring it as we have the same one, which will be suitable for parts. The only cost the town will incur is the freight to bring it down. The Town Manager and Fire Chief will go to Trinity to investigate.

Councillor Rumbolt returned to the table at 6:13 p.m.

TIDY TOWNS

No report

TOURISM/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/LANDS

Councillor Rumbolt suggested that the council meet informally to discuss the former OCI matter and the Lookout Park Project proposal very soon. She will schedule a date and send an email to council members with a tentative date.

Councillor Stagg excused herself and departed the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Councillor Stagg returned to the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Motion #2025-02-11-6983 – Rumbolt/Johnson

Be it resolved we move into a privileged meeting at 6:23 p.m.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion #2025-02-11-6984 – Johnson/Rumbolt

Be it resolved we move back into the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

HEALTH

As we have had many discussions on various health concerns in our area, Mayor Lodge suggested that Deputy Mayor Stead write a draft letter for the council to the Minister of Health and Community Services to discuss regional health concerns.

HUMAN RESOURCES

No report

LIAISON REPORTS

Peaches Cove-Green Bay Development Inc.

Deputy Mayor Stead emailed their meeting minutes on January 12, 2025, for council's perusal.

Trinity Bay North Historical Society

Deputy Mayor Stead emailed their meeting minutes on January 7, 2025, for council's perusal.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was received from the Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre requesting the council's assistance in proclaiming February 13, 2025, as *Wear Red Canada Day*.

Motion #2025-02-11-6985 – Stagg/Johnson

Be it resolved that February 13, 2025, be declared Wear Red Canada Day in the Municipality of Trinity Bay North.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

2. An invitation was received from PMA to attend their Eastern Regional Meeting at the Clarenville Inn on Thursday, February 20th.

Motion #2025-02-11-6986 – Johnson/Rumbolt

Be it resolved the Town Manager and Town Clerk attend the PMA's Eastern Regional Meeting in Clarenville on February 20th.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

3. An invitation was received from PMA to attend their 2025 Convention and Trade Show in St. John's from April 8-10th.

Motion #2025-02-11-6987 – Stagg/Rumbolt

Be it resolved we register one delegate to attend the PMA's 2025 Convention and Trade Show in St. John's from April 8-10th.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

4. A letter was received from Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post.

Motion #2025-02-11-6988 – Stagg/Johnson

Be it resolved we place the letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers on file.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

5. A letter was received from Robert Hogan regarding the noise produced by the generator used for the grow operation next to the fish plant (Main Street). *The Town Manager will reply to the letter.*

6. The Department of Environment & Climate Change Water Resources Management Division sent an invitation to attend their 2025 Water and Wastewater Workshop in Gander from March 25 to 27.

Motion #2025-02-11-6989 – Stead/Stagg

Be it resolved, we register our Water Systems Operator to attend the 2025 Water and Wastewater Workshop sponsored by the Department of Environment & Climate Change Water Resources Management Division in Gander from March 25-27.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT***Motion #2025-02-11-6990 – Rumbolt***

Be it resolved the meeting adjourn.

In favour 5 {Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Stead, Councillors Johnson, Rumbolt & Stagg} Opposed 0; Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:57p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 4:30p.m.

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**DEAN LODGE
MAYOR**

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**VALERIE ROGERS
TOWN CLERK**