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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, December 147, 2021, at 2:31 p.m., following Committee of the Whole, at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

Roll Call

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
District 3 – Alan Parish, present
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present
District 6 – Alex Morrison, present
District 7 – David Hudson, present
District 8 – Michael Gunn, present via Zoom
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Brad Redden, present
District 11 – Diane LeBlanc, present

Also Present: CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including D. Campbell and A. Dunphy, one member of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Agenda Approval

Councillor Hudson moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

MOTION 211214.01 Minutes 2021-11-17 Municipal Council

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on November 17, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Since our last regular Council Meeting I attended the November monthly meeting of TCTS, the December meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch and the Bridgetown Special Meeting. In addition I have been in touch with a number of constituents by phone and by email.

With the fast- approaching Holiday Season I would like to encourage everyone to continue to support all of our local businesses and crafts people and, if possible, to support our many service clubs and organizations who work year round to assist those in need.

With our recent COVID-19 numbers in mind I encourage everyone to follow the regulations and to do their best to have a safe holiday. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

District 2 – Councillor Connell noted a quiet month. He is still getting calls on internet because the residents are not getting called back about hook up. Went to meetings in his district – figuring out how to open up a hall was frustrating. Attended the meeting in Bridgetown and enjoyed hearing what the residents would like for their area. Have a safe holiday and enjoy the season.

District 3 – Warden Parish reported he and his wife attended the craft show at the Bridgetown Legion – he was amazed at the quality of the exhibits. It was nice to see people out and about and having it take place. Wished all the best of the season.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux (*as submitted*)

I have been received many calls and other correspondence from constituents and have responded to all including (Upper Clements Park Issues, Internet issues and Other Issues). Also some other activities were: I attended by phone the Law Courts proceeding in Halifax for the Illegal land transfers as an observer; I attended the Valley REN STAR presentation at the Kings Theatre; I attended as a member of the Economic Development Committee a productive meeting where we had outside presenters in attendance; I participated in an organized Session on Good Governance; and I attended a Bridgetown Community Meeting to hear firsthand comments on several issues. I would like to also extend to everyone Holiday Seasons Greetings with a wish that all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire has enjoyed seeing the sprinkling of Christmas spirit come alive as we prepare for it in our communities. Events and markets have been well attended. COVID keeps us mindful and she hopes we are facing improvements. She encouraged all to recognize diversity in our communities and to help those in need. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the district and all county. Continue to commit to do your part regarding COVID. Citizens have been looking for updates on internet and decisions on former Upper Clements lands. She attended several meetings and training over the past month. When reflecting on the past year, be mindful of important role and etiquette we hold as a council as we move forward with work.. We remember, we will always remember, the tragic sinking of the Chief William Saulis at this time last year. Have a joyous season and safe travels.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison

Friday at 630 p.m. will be the annual tree lighting – he acknowledged the support of Acadian Seaplants for this event. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted the Bridgetown meeting, attendees thought it was very successful and he received many comments after the meeting. Good news – the repaving of South Street started yesterday! The work was 50% completed by end of day and appears the work may be completed this week. They started paving from the bridge, and less than an hour later there was a water main break. They had to dig up fresh pavement to address it. Gather with your family, wished all a happy and safe holiday.

District 8 – Deputy Warden Gunn

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, and hopes that all enjoy success with sales, fundraisers, suppers, etc. Kejimikujik is hosting online sessions, also running virtual workshops on camping and cooking. The Park itself is great for hiking and biking. He wished all the very best, hopes that all can spend with people who matter most.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan congratulated staff on the long service recognitions. The Nictaux Lions club sent their thanks for the grant that helped with a new roof. Last night, she attended a Christmas dinner to recognize volunteers in the community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

District 10 – Councillor Redden wished all a Happy Solstice and will rejoice in the return of the sun!

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc reported meetings and trainings attended. A season of ups and downs, right now a downward movement with COVID. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hopefully the New Year will bring good news. To residents, councillors, and staff, enjoy calm (or feisty) festive holidays.

New Business

Re: Long Service Recognitions

The CAO noted the following recognitions and presented letters to each:

10 Years of Service – Nicole Kearnes, Stephen McInnis and David Hopkins. He also presented Nicole with her Certificate in Local Government Administration from Dalhousie University.

20 Years of Service – Debbie Freeman and Brian Kaulbach

25 Years of Service - Carolyn Young

30 Years of Service – Linda Bent

40 Years of Service - Cheryl Mackintosh

Retirements – Stephen McInnis and Debbie Freeman both retired in 2021 – Steve in March and Debbie in December.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-12-14)

• *Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Shared Service Pilot Project*

MOTION 211214.02 Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Shared Service Pilot Project

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Interim Inter-Municipal Service agreement Shared Service Pilot Project document as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

• *Lawrencetown Youth Arena Request Letter of Support/Acknowledgement*

MOTION 211214.03 Lawrencetown Youth Arena Letter of Support/Acknowledgement

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council provide a letter of awareness/acknowledgement to the Lawrencetown Youth Arena to include with their Rink Revitalization Program funding application. Motion carried unanimously.

• *Community Grants Program – Current Applications*

MOTION 211214.04 Community Grants Program (Clarence Community Club, West Dalhousie Community Hall Association, Brickton Community Hall Society)

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the allocation of grants totaling \$3,971.60, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy* as follows:

\$2,000 Clarence Community Club;

\$887.62 West Dalhousie Community Hall Association; and
\$1,083.09 Brickton Community Hall Society.
Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hudson declared an interest in the following matter as he belongs to the Association. *He left the room at 2:55 p.m.* and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion.

• ***Max Young Reserve Withdrawal***

MOTION 211214.05 Max Young Reserve Withdrawal

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that municipal council approve a withdrawal from the Max Young Reserve Fund to pay recent maintenance work at the Bridgetown Memorial Arena in the amount of \$3,342.12. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hudson returned to the room at 2:56 p.m.

• ***Water Meter Reader Upgrade***

MOTION 211214.06 Water Meter Reader Upgrade

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that municipal council approve an expenditure of \$34,000 to replace the existing meter reading hardware, with 50% to come from the Bridgetown Water Reserve and 50% to come from the County Water Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***A1-Dog Bylaw – First Reading to Amend***

MOTION 211214.07 A1 Dog Bylaw – First Reading to Amend

It was moved by Councillor Leblanc, seconded by Councillor Prout, that municipal council give first reading to amend A1 Dog Bylaw by increasing minimum fines. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Heritage Alterations – St. Andrews Church***

MOTION 211214.08 St. Andrews Church, a Municipally-Registered Heritage Property, Request for Substantial Alteration Refer to Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council refer the substantial alteration application for the replacement of exterior windows for St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 579 Main Street, Lawrencetown, to the Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Discharge Development Agreements Bridgetown***

MOTION 211214.09 Discharge Development Agreements, 54 and 58 Church Street, Bridgetown (PIDs 05149760 and 05149778)

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council discharge the Development Agreements dated September 18, 1989 for 54 and 58 Church Street, Bridgetown, PID 05149760 and PID 05149778. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Settlement of Claim YMCA Lunenburg

MOTION 211214.10 Settlement of Claim – YMCA Lunenburg

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve a payment of \$65,000 in settlement of all claims with the YMCA Lunenburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: 2021-11-18 Town Annapolis Royal – seeking support for a pilot project for a small scale community tidal power project.

MOTION 211214.11 Town of Annapolis Royal Request for Support – Refer to Staff

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, to refer this request to Staff to bring back a report. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-11-26 Region of Queens Municipality 2021-11-26 – in response to council's November 27th letter to Minister Lohr regarding the Housing Crisis in Nova Scotia Municipalities. Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-11-30 Municipal Affairs and Housing – noting work is commencing on municipal and village code of conduct regulations. It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

In-Camera

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, to meet in-camera from 3:06 p.m. until 3:18 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) personnel matters of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and Barteaux, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk

Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
- ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
- ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

Original signed by

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing