

**2022-09-27 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS.

### **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  
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Brad Redden, present  
District 11 – Diane LeBlanc, present

**Also Present:** Interim CAO Doug Patterson; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson, N. Barteaux, L. Bent, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, D, Ryan, N. Whitman, and J. Young.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

### **Agenda Approval (Order of the Day)**

Request to move portion of In-Camera 22(2)(c) personnel matters to occur immediately following approval of the Order of the Day.

Request to remove item from Consent Agenda: CR2022-09-01 Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendation – Old Town Hall Property Municipal Heritage Registration, to be addressed separately *in order to change the motion*.

Request to add COVID policies and practices under 6.4 New Business.

That municipal council approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

### **In-Camera**

That municipal council meet in-camera from 10:05 a.m. to 12:15 in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) personnel matters of the *MGA*.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Deputy Warden Gunn

Motion carried unanimously.

### **LUNCH**

12:16 p.m. – 1:36 p.m. with all present as previously noted except the Municipal Clerk. Deputy CAO Campbell recorded the minutes from this point.

**Amend the Order of the Day**

To amend the Order of the Day to add under 6.5 New Business – Selection Committee for CAO.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

**MOTION 220927.01 Minutes 2022-07-19 Regular Session Council**

That the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on July 19, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220927.02 Minutes 2022-07-25 Special Session Council**

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on July 25, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220927.03 Minutes 2022-08-26 Special Session Council**

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on August 26, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220927.04 Minutes 2022-08-29 Special Session Council**

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on August 29, 2022, be approved as circulated. Moved:

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220927.05 Minutes 2022-09-13 Special Session Council**

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on September 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda**

**MOTION 220927.06 2022-09-13 COTW Consent Agenda Approval**

That the following items from 2022-09-13 Committee of the Whole be passed by Consent Agenda with the exception of CR2022-09-01 Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendation – Old Town Hall Property Municipal Heritage Registration:

SR2022-01 Repeal Former Town of Bridgetown Policies;

SR-2022-02 2022/23 Community Grants;  
SR2022-03 Cornwallis Tidal Beach Park;  
SR2022-04 Upper Clements Land – South Side;  
SR2022-05 Release of Funds Margaretsville & District Fire Department;  
SR2022-06 Release of Funds Nictaux & District Volunteer Fire Department;  
CR2022-07-22 Nominating Committee - Citizen Appointments to:

- Bridgetown Area Advisory Committee,
- Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee,
- East End Area Advisory Committee,
- Habitation Community Area Advisory Committee; and

CR2022-09-06 Nominating Committee - AM-1.3.4 Citizen Appointments to Committees Policy - Amend

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: SR2022-09-01 Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendation – Old Town Hall Property Municipal Heritage Registration (to change PH date from October to November in accordance with Legislation)

**MOTION 220927.07 Municipal Heritage Registration – Old Town Hall Bridgetown**

That the entire Old Town Hall property (identified as document number 121090394, being approximately 9,149 sq. ft. in area, located in the community of Bridgetown be considered for registration as a municipal heritage property; and that the date for the Public Hearing/Acknowledgement be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Municipal Council at 11:00 a.m.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Re: SR2022-07 Capital Borrowing Options – updated information was presented by Manager of Finance Angela Anderson.

**MOTION 220927.08 Capital Borrowing Options**

That Municipal Council authorize staff to obtain a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$1.3 million; and authorize staff to fund the administration building renovations, Upper Clements Park demolition, and vehicle replacement program capital projects via temporary borrowing; and that staff report back to Council in Spring 2023 to commence the Municipal Finance Corporation debenture process for long-term financing of the aforementioned projects.

Moved Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Motion carried unanimously.

That municipal council authorize staff to apply the proceeds from sale of the Bridgetown Elementary School and the Lawrencetown Municipal building to the temporary borrowing line of credit as the funds are received.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Deputy Warden Gunn

To amend the motion to add that reductions of borrowing amounts be reflected in the proper ledger accounts as they are paid.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Redden

**Motion lost**, 3 in favour, 8 against.

The question was called on the original motion:

**MOTION 220927.09 Proceeds from Sales Applied to Temporary Borrowing Line of Credit**

That MC authorize staff to apply the proceeds from sale of the Bridgetown elementary School and the Lawrencetown Municipal building to the temporary borrowing line of credit as the funds are received.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Deputy Warden Gunn

**Motion lost**, 2 in favour, 9 against.

Re: Kings Transit Green Energy Proposal – a verbal report was given by the Warden, updating council on the summary he had circulated by email regarding a proposal put before the IMSA Pilot Project group last week by Kings Transit regarding a Green Energy Proposal which would require funding from Annapolis County regarding a switch to electric transit buses and related costs. The Warden also noted that the purpose of the IMSA Pilot was to work through a new governance model.

**MOTION 220927.10 Kings Transit Green Energy Proposal**

That Municipal Council instruct the Warden to vote against the motion presented to the IMSA and to communicate that the County of Annapolis will not be contributing any funding.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden noted that an alternate member is required for the IMSA Interim Board. Deputy Warden Gunn volunteered.

It was the consensus of those present that Deputy Warden Gunn be the Alternate member on the IMSA Interim Board.

**Recess**

A five minute recess was called at 4:20 p.m.

Re: Hillside Drive Water Service Update – a verbal update report was received from Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young, regarding the search for new costing for this project and the potential for future expansion.

Re: COVID Policies and Practices – Deputy Warden Gunn read from a prepared statement and that this is his NOTICE that he will present motion at October Committee of the Whole. The Warden stated will consider this as **Notice of Motion** and requested that a written motion be submitted to the Clerk.

Re: Selection Committee for CAO (Working Group)

**MOTION 220927.11 CAO Selection Committee for CAO - Working Group**

That Deputy Warden Gunn and Councillors Barteaux, Longmire, Morrison and Redden, serve as members of the CAO Selection Committee.

Moved: Councillor Redden

Seconded: Councillor Prout  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Councillor Comments**

*District 1* – Councillor Prout – came through hurricane with minimal effects, thanked county staff, NSPI, transportation for efforts to prepare. About 225,000 customers still waiting power restoration

*District 2* – Councillor Connell commented on the hurricane – neighbouring communities have a great deal of work ahead to clean up after storm, large number of businesses remain closed in HRM, looking down streets evident still big cleanup ahead, many damaged vehicles, we have been so lucky to have so little damage, thankful to staff.

*District 3* – Warden Parish – echoed previous comments and thanks to staff, heard of no damage or complaints, speeding complaints have been reported to RCMP who indicated there is nothing they can do.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux – echo comments on Hurricane Fiona, staff prepared, power interruptions minor compared to other parts of province, issues for farmers for crops, REMO and power providers very efficient, so lucky not hit as hard as rest of province. As for loss of life and houses, heart goes out to them.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire – summer is over and Fiona came like lion. Preparedness paid off and we were lucky, we did not have same devastation, would like to commend B Orde for internet presence and Facebook information and updates, importance of checking on neighbors and looking after each other, commended all of the organizations still working to restore. Attending a meeting at fire hall regarding new health model, another meeting at 5 pm. Frustration on change of date for fall pickup not being informed earlier, roadside items could have caused hazards during Fiona-need to become more proactive, has shared concerns with J Young. Cars not stopping for buses displaying red lights has become an issue, need to be mindful of keeping our children safe. AWEC Grads are hosting golf gala at Fort View on Saturday, contact is Lydia McLaren.

*District 6* – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

\* Cornwallis Park Community Centre - Felker Hall - is back on full session.

Monday: exercises and line dancing

Tuesday: yoga classes and library open

Wednesday: Exercise and yoga

Thursday: TOPS weigh-in and meeting, line dancing and cribbage

Friday: exercises

Sunday: darts

Lest you think that I forgot Saturday - here it is regular monthly breakfast, second saturday of the month 8am next one is Oct 8

Christmas breakfast Dec 10, Christmas party and gift exchange Dec 17 at 7pm

\* Annapolis County Regional Emergency Measures Organization has a facebook page, is on twitter, and is also available via E-news

\* Good Neighbours club is also back up and running

\* I want to thank and extend best wishes to some folks who have served the Cornwallis Park and area community to the highest standards and expectations.

Karen Smith: long-time member of Cornwallis Park Community Association Board of Directors - served as secretary, treasurer and was electronic poster maker in-chief. She also was a member of the Cornwallis

Community Gardens Association, had her own garden bed, helped others and carried out various maintenance tasks.

Paul Smith: Karen's husband, head maintenance person for the Community Gardens, for the Community Association, and problem-solver supremo

Rebecca Stevens: Chair of the CPCA Board of Directors, stimulated discussions, chaired a great meeting, instituted new programs

Garth Stevens: Rebecca's husband, member of the CPCA Board, head work honcho for the community gardens outdoors Christmas gathering, helped a lot with garden maintenance, re-instituted the Cornwallis Community Association Newsletter and ensured distribution.

Rob Conway: also a member of the CPCA Board, assisted with maintenance and contributed many useful suggestions in various areas

They have moved to new municipalities and I know it will not be long before they are stalwart contributors to community life in those locations.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson echoed storm comments, devastating and caused stress and worry for many throughout the Maritimes, hope no similar storms in future. Have received numerous calls about speeding from residents in Bridgetown area, one resident suggested some more roadside monitoring, Queen Street project progressing well. Bridgetown Curling Club Open House on Friday at 7 pm, looking for new members, this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of curling activities in Bridgetown.

*District 8* – Deputy Warden Gunn (*as submitted*)

Lots happened in July and August! On behalf of the Warden, I was pleased to open Canada day at the Jubilee Park in Bridgetown which was well attended and well organized by our own Nancy Chisholm. I was also delighted to join the hard working group in Clarence and unveiled a plaque giving historic designation the Clarence Community Hall.

I also attended a Harvest Operations Tour with the Medway Community Forest Cooperative, to view some of the properties they had managed using a variety of forestry practices; it was very interesting and I learn how to recognize the devastating effects of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, which I first remember hearing about 5 years ago, but now it is steadily problematic throughout the Province. Apparently, it is treatable but at a cost. If our Forestry initiative was implemented, we as a Council should be able to afford treatment of some of the hemlocks that line the brooks of our County.

I enjoyed attending the Acadian Days at Fort Anne, which was well attended. And as always, it's a pleasure to celebrate the history, culture and talent of our Acadian brethren.

The County staff did a great job with the booth at the Valley Exhibition and I'd like to send a special thank you to Nadine and Brandon and the other staff that made this happen. It was fun talking to people from all over Sou'West Nova that made the pilgrimage, and do so every year.

The Cherry Carnival was a success and was well attended. And on the subject of Bear River, for many months I've been telling people that the plan for the comfort station is progressing, with potable water for the Annapolis County side of Bear River. I believe it's time for an update on the progress of this initiative, as households and businesses continue to suffer for lack of water.

We also need to see progress to Council's direction that we proceed with the Forestry Committee's plan to manage our County's forested land in a sustainable and ecological fashion. The Western Woodlot Services Cooperative have been waiting half a year to implement our plan, but we need a follow-through from the staff for them to be able to get started.

I have also received a lot of calls on the use of Glyphosate and the aerial spraying going on in the County. As a reminder to listening citizens, two years ago, the Council created an ad hoc Glyphosate committee to see what the County was able to do about the use of this product within our borders. The issue was studied; the public was surveyed; the report was written and recommendations to eliminate County use of the spray, educate the public, and write the government opposing the use of spray were sanctioned by

Council. I continue to direct the public that joins us in our concern over the use of this product to contact the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources.

Cottage bins have been another hot topic over the summer. Every year we go through the same issue. The county pays extra to get these cleaned up and within two weeks (sometimes even the next day), someone will deposit furniture, refrigerators, televisions or whatever alongside of these bins. Since our waste collection service provider doesn't pick it up, the calls start all over again. As a Councilor for District 8, I have been referred to as a liar for any delay by staff in arranging to have this continual cycle of illegally dumped trash picked up. It's an unending problem, and it needs addressing.

Speeding has been on top of the call list not just in my district but other districts as well. The County bought flashing speed limit signs a few years ago, and we managed to get one for a couple weeks in Bear River years ago, but it would be nice to see them in use again around the County, particularly now that little kids are on the road sides early in the morning. Speeding is continuing to be a problem in the small villages throughout our region.

I joined others across the County to say a final farewell to former Warden and District 8 rep Reg Ritchie, who served the Annapolis area for many, many years. Our thoughts are with his family and community. To close I hope everyone put some effort into food security and grew a garden this year, and hopefully have some canning done, freezers full, and are well prepared for fall. Because ... winter is coming.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan as has been mentioned thanks to REMO, public works, staff for storm preparations. Volunteers play such an important part in being on alert for providing comfort centres if needed –thanks for their efforts on behalf of residents.

*District 10* – Councillor Redden – no comments.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc – also thanks to REMO, Public Works and Acting CAO – thanks for showing us that our staff are ready. Thinking about all the other areas that received significant damage, loss of 1 resident is tragic, important that most were safe. Enjoyed time at exhibition and meeting former student in musical ride, thanks to county staff for great job with the booth. Unveiling of heritage plaque recently was wonderful, appreciate Avery Jackson and his recent article in Heritage Trust on Annapolis County.

**In-Camera**

That municipal council meet in-camera from 4:31 pm to 5:07 pm in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (c) personnel matters, and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the MGA.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously. .

**Adjournment**

That municipal council adjourn its session at 5:08 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 25, 2022** upon motion of Councillors Longmire and Connell.

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**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**