

**2022-04-19 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, April 19, 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:** Deputy CAO Dawn Campbell; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including W. Atwell, N. Barteaux, N. Comeau, D. Hopkins, L. Bent, and J. Young,

**Disclosure of Interest**

None.

**Agenda Approval**

A request was made to add *FCM Delegate Selection* as 7.3 New Business and *Upcoming Meetings* as 8.8 C&OR.

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve the Order of the Day as amended to add FCM Delegate Selection as 7.3 New Business and Upcoming Meetings as 8.8 C&OR. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

**MOTION 220419.01     Minutes 2022-03-15 Regular Session Council**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, that the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on March 15, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220419.02     Minutes 2022-03-20 Special Session Council**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, that the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on March 20, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 220419.03     Minutes 2022-03-29 Special Session Council**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on March 29, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**Councillor Comments**

*District 1* – Councillor Prout encouraged all to continue to mask and socially distance to protect each other.

*District 2* – Councillor Connell – noted the Annual General Meeting took place at Port George, and Directors were appointed. He encouraged people to be involved in their communities. There is a cost to running halls and lots are suffering. He hopes volunteers step forward. He has had no complaints about the internet and sees those trucks on the road everywhere.

*District 3* – Warden Parish noted it will be another month or so before the Clarence Community Market and Hampton Lighthouse open up.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux noted a fundraiser being held at the Round Hill Hall in honour of Vangie Cress; take out \$12 plate, order in advance for pickup only. He received an annual request from the Granville Ferry Hall to attend their AGM, had to send regrets. Upcoming planning meetings will be announced soon, hopes for a large turnout. Public input is crucial. Calls on many issues, always available to hear the concerns of his constituents. He will make effort to get out more depending on COVID. Hopes all had a wonderful Easter.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire agreed it is tough to get out and see citizens – she plans to do more as COVID lessens. She has attended several meetings where she learns a lot: Habitation Area Advisory; Physician Recruitment & Retention, and REMO. Staff have been helpful with information regarding rezoning. Spoke with Carmen Kerr about affordable housing and Port Wade Lighthouse. Citizens having been expressing their happiness and frustration around internet hook up and sales. Seaside will ramp up advertising. Community halls are busy, fundraisers are happening. Please support those efforts. Volunteers are needed more than ever.

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

This month is the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge - described as the battle that made Canada a nation. Playing a significant role then and for the rest of the Great War was Nova Scotia's 85<sup>th</sup> battalion, now commemorated by the Cape Breton Highlanders.

Earth Day, Friday 22 April. Folks will be busy in District 6 cleaning roads, lanes, bushes, etc. Cornwallis Park cleanup begins at 9am on Friday at Community Gardens corner of Brig Lane and Broadway. Coffee, treats, bags, gloves will all be available at that time.

Wednesdays at 3pm to 6pm Farmers' Market Deep Brook Lions Club hall

Sat 30 Apr, Sun 1 May dinner theatre Clementsport Legion - glad to see return of this very popular event.

14 May Felker Hall (Cornwallis Park Community Centre) appreciation lunch for volunteers of the community.

Neptune's Fork - restaurant in Basinview Centre is scheduled for opening in May - stay tuned for exact date.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson hopes all had a happy Easter. Many decided not to gather together over the holiday because of COVID; he commends those who did that. COVID cases are at an all-time high and we need to continue to exercise caution to protect ourselves and others. Two events coming up this month: Bridgetown Lions April 28 take out dinner, \$15; and a Roast Pork Dinner at the West Dalhousie Hall April 30, \$15. Bridgetown people are curious about status of sale of BRES and Town Hall. Lots of questions. Hopes information is coming soon.

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

Good morning, and happy spring. I don't know if everyone's south facing windowsills look like mine do, but I'd like to wish everyone a happy gardening season and I hope all your seedlings produce wonderful things.

April has brought some bittersweet endings to District 8. To begin, Myra Holdright, the longtime Postmistress of Maitland Bridge, has retired after a 27 year career of dedicated postal service at her home in the community. While the search continues for a replacement location, I'd like to wish Myra my very best for a peaceful and happy retirement. I'd also like to encourage anyone in the Maitland Bridge area who thinks their home or business might be able to adapt to house a postal outlet to watch for the relevant RFP from Canada Post.

Meanwhile, Bear River is losing its latest restaurant, TacoCat Taqueria. Conditions were such that they could not sustain their business in that location, mainly due to the lack of consistent access to potable water, and they will be closing their doors in a week. They will be moving to the Mountain Gap kitchens in Smiths Cove next month, so our loss is Digby's gain. Good luck to Ian and his crew on their next chapter.

And finally, I have been contacted by several residents who are excited to hear that the former Graywood dump site will be the first area to be considered by Council as a managed forest of our County lands. One constituent also suggested we take the opportunity to showcase this initiative, and to reach out to the Medway Forest Cooperative and to work with them to develop an educational component to this project. I thought that might be 'food for thought' as we discuss it today.

*District 9 – Councillor Sheridan reported that due to a lack of volunteers, there will be no Port George Jamboree this year. She thanked all who participated in the spring clean-up at Nictaux Falls Park.*

*District 10 – Councillor Redden noted that is an upcoming crib tournament at Brickton Hall. The Village is having an annual general meeting with election of village commissioners.*

*District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc reported it is good to have met with friends and family even if only in small numbers. Volunteers have concerns with COVID and we have had a few hard years. Three Rivers Community Centre is hosting an indoor yard sale on April 30, from 9 – 2. Tables are available if you want to book one. All proceeds from the Community Hall table will be for Ukraine Relief.*

**New Business**

Re: Western Woodlot Services Cooperative Ltd., Proposed Harvest Activity and Description – a document dated February 22, 2022 providing an overview of proposed forest management activities on lands owned by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis located in Greywood, Annapolis County.

Councillor Longmire moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to refer to staff to bring a recommendation back to council. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Set Date for Budget Meetings

It was the consensus to set Special COTW for Budget meetings on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Re: FCM Delegate Selection – in accordance with the AM-AM-1.3.0 FCM Delegate Selection Policy, Councillor Longmire was the only Councillor indicating a desire to attend the FCM Conference being held in Regina, SK, June 2 – 5, 2022

**Reports and Recommendations**

Re: Special Committee of the Whole (March 29, 2022)

• ***Municipal Administration Building Renovations***

**MOTION 220419.04 Municipal Administration Building Renovation**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve an expenditure of \$530,000 (including HST) to be funded through a Temporary Borrowing Resolution from the Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC) to renovate the Annapolis Royal Municipal Administration Building to accommodate the consolidation of municipal staff to one administration building, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Committee of the Whole (April 12, 2022)

• ***AM-1.2.0.1 Council Videoconferencing Policy NEW***

**MOTION 220419.05 AM-1.2.0.1 Council Videoconferencing Policy NEW**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve AM-1.2.0.1 Council Videoconferencing Policy as amended with seven day notice given at 2022-04-12 Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Mandatory Municipal Boundary Review – Options for 9 and 7 Districts and Mayoralty System***

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council direct staff to prepare mapping to show a 9 District option and a 7 District option for review by Committee of the Whole and the issue of a mayoralty system prior to presenting these two options to the public for comment, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Deputy Warden Gunn withdrew the motion.

**MOTION 220419.06 Mayoral System of Governance**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to direct staff to prepare information for review by May Committee of the Whole on the pros and cons of a mayoral system of governance Motion carried unanimously.

• ***2022-23 Sewer Charges County***

**MOTION 220419.07 2022-23 Sewer Charges County**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve a 2022/23 County Sewer charge of \$578.81 per equivalent unit, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***2022-23 Sewer Charges Bridgetown***

**MOTION 220419.08 2022-23 Sewer Charges Bridgetown**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the 2022/23 Bridgetown Sewer Rates as follows: Base Rate \$12.82 per Quarter, Consumption Rate \$2.08 per M3 (cubic meter), in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Vendor on Municipal Property Application Tom’s Cool Bus**

**MOTION 220419.09 Vendor on Municipal Property Application Tom’s Cool Bus**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that Municipal council authorize the Clerk to issue a Vendor on Municipal Property Permit for the 2022-23 fiscal year for the Annapolis River Causeway Park to the permit applicant Tom Marshall for Tom’s Cool Bus Canteen in accordance with *S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property* Bylaw, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess**

The Warden called a brief recess from 11:38 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.

• **Clarence Community Hall Application for Substantial Alteration**

**MOTION 220419.10 Clarence Community Hall Application for Substantial Alteration**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that Municipal Council approve the Clarence Community Hall (a municipally-registered heritage property) application for substantial alteration to replace the present black asphalt shingles with a black metal roof and repair the trim boards to match the existing trim boards on the Clarence Community Hall, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

**Re: Upcoming Meetings**

**MOTION 220419.11 Council Attendance at Meetings by Videoconference up to July COTW Without Penalty**

Councillor Longmire moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council give permission to any councillor to attend upcoming meetings by videoconference until July COTW and that it not count as one of the three meetings stated in the new policy. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Special COTW - Budget***

It was the consensus of those present that the two Special Committee of the Whole – Budget meetings, April 26<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> be held by Zoom videoconference.

• ***Special COTW – New Policies***

It was the consensus that a Special Committee of the Whole be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to review two new policies: Procedures of Council and Human Resources. Location to be determined.

**Amend the Order of the Day**

It was moved by Councillor Barteaux, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the Order of the Day to add County Wide Planning Meetings. Motion carried, 9 in favour 2 against.

***Councillor Morrison left at 12:17 p.m.***

**Re: County Wide Planning Meetings**

It was moved by Councillor Barteaux, seconded by Councillor Connell, to refer the matter of the County-Wide Planning Meetings back to staff to reconsider councillors concerns on the process related to the timing and substance of the meetings.

***Councillor Morison returned at 12:23 p.m.***

The Question was called on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Councillor Redden moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council adjourn its session at 12: 44 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**

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