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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

1:00 PM – Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (or following COTW)
752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS

10:00
a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**
 2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
 3. **APPROVAL of the AGENDA (Order of the Day)**
 4. **ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MINUTES**
 - 4.1 THAT the minutes of the Regular Session of Council held November 17, 2021, be approved as circulated.
 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None
 6. **COUNCILLOR COMMENTS**
 7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1 Long Service Recognitions
 8. **COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**
 - 8.1 **Committee of the Whole (December 14, 2021)**
 9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 9.1 2021-11-18 Town of Annapolis Royal
 - 9.2 2021-11-26 Region of Queens
 - 9.3 2021-11-30 Municipal Affairs and Housing
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10. **IN-CAMERA**
THAT Municipal Council meet in-camera in accordance with Sections 22(2) (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**
THAT Municipal Council adjourn its session until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 18, 2021**.

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., 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.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the Order of the Day as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden added that if we are still in session at 1:55 p.m. today when there is a province-wide emergency alert test, he will entertain a break while that happens.

Minutes

MOTION 211117.01 Minutes 2021-08-17 Public Hearing Entertainment House

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Entertainment House held on August 17, 2021 be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 211117.02 Minutes 2021-10-19 Regular Session

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, that the minutes of the Regular Session held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 21117.03 Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing Treeline Development Bridgetown MPS LUB Amendment Application

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Treeline Development Bridgetown MPS LUB Amendment Application held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 21117.04 Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing West Paradise Community Hall Municipal Heritage Registration Application

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the minutes of the Public Hearing West Paradise Community Hall Municipal Heritage Registration held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 21117.05 Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing Easson House Municipal Heritage Registration Application

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Easson House Municipal Heritage Registration Application held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 21117.06 Minutes 2021-11-09 Special Session

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that the minutes of the Special Session held on November 9, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

It has been a busy month in District 1. Spurr Brothers Farm held a contest who see who could come up with the most unique and creative pumpkin. The pumpkins were provided free of charge to anyone wishing to enter the contest. The winner chosen from the entries was Nicholas DeLafontaine who won a gift certificate to the Mind Bender Toy Store in the Greenwood Mall.

During the past month I attended a meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch, as well as the Monthly Board Meeting of TCTS, along with a Forestry Committee Meeting and Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting.

On November 4th, I was able to assist Breanna Hall, the Physician Navigator for the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce, in dropping off baskets of local apples, along with literature, community resources, and Taste of Nova Scotia Cookbook to the Annapolis Community Health Centre and the Collaborative Practice in Annapolis Royal.

My late Father-In -Law, Arthur Sheldon Fancy was a member of West Nova Scotia Regiment during World War 2. On November 6th I was able to attend the ceremony at which Highway #10, connecting Middleton and Bridgewater, was renamed West Nova Scotia Regiment Way.

On Remembrance Day I was honored to lay a wreath at the Middleton Legion Cenotaph on behalf of the Municipality County of Annapolis.

At this time I would encourage everyone to support our local craftspeople in the lead-up to the Holiday Season, and if possible, to support our many service clubs and organizations who work year-round to assist those in need.

District 2 – Councillor Connell reported that the Cottage Cove Wharf Society was happy to hear the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and looks forward to a decision today. On November 11th, there was no organized service at the Brickton Hall, but he attended at the cenotaph.

District 3 – Warden Parish reported that last Sunday was the last week of the Clarence Country Market. It was a roaring success and will start up again in May.

On October 13th and October 27th he met with the Bridgetown Revitalization Committee. There are good things going on in Bridgetown. He had hoped to hear from the group further at the November 10th meeting which did not proceed.

November 10 meeting – because of the number of COVID cases in the area the meeting was cancelled. About a dozen folks showed up to learn it had been cancelled.

On November 11th he attended the service at the Bridgetown Legion.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux reported that he had met with Forestry Committee, and attended the NSFM AGM via zoom.

He attended the Remembrance Day service at Port Royal Branch 21 in Annapolis Royal and laid a wreath with Councillor Longmire. Large turnout. Great weather.

Next month is Christmas season, drive safe, preparations are starting

He has dealt with residents regarding ongoing internet issues.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire

Has attended several committee meetings: Habitation Rezoning, Physician Recruitment and REMO. She continues to welcome callers with questions and concerns. Citizens in District 5 have been seen cleaning up roadsides and ditches and she thanked them for that. The first Facebook Live was held last week featuring COTW – she looks forward to more. Foodbanks are at their busiest at this time of year– extend a helping hand when and where you can. November 11th had beautiful weather and she attended the Remembrance Day service at Port Royal Branch 21 in Annapolis Royal with Councillor Barteaux.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

Cornwallis Park residents and specific-purpose visitors to the Park are appreciative of the dog waste collection station recently established. These have proven to be particularly effective.

The farmers' market at the Deep Brook Lions club hall continues each Friday from 4 to 7 pm.

I represented the county at the Clementsport Legion Remembrance Day ceremonies and ensured there was a wreath from the county. Elizabeth and I also had a wreath in memory of her uncle Flying Officer Gerald Conroy and my uncle Greaser/Stoker Ronald Morrison.

The Good Neighbours club is holding a meeting at 10am Monday 22 Nov to discuss resumption of activities.

On the 13th and 14th Nov, I attended an excellent Christmas craft sale at the Upper Clements Hall.

I attended and purchased books at the Friends of the Annapolis Royal library book sale on 13 Nov.

There is a giant book sale on Sat 27 Nov at the Upper Clements hall.

The second annual Christmas tree lighting and community celebration hosted by the Cornwallis Community Gardens Association, with strong support from Cornwallis Park Community Association, GKR Yard and Garden Ltd, and Acadian Seaplants Ltd, will take place on the evening of Friday 17 Dec. The annual Cornwallis Park Community Association Christmas gift-exchange will be held on the evening of Saturday 18 December.

Paul Buxton of Still Point Lodge and Cottages in Deep Brook has announced the start of an ambitious project designed to bring dozens of new residences to the area. The idea, a number of years in the planning and implementing, envisages condominium lots, some of which are currently for sale, that will be provided with water, sewer and power connections. This positive and visionary project will be an

asset to our area and beyond. It is an example of how far-sighted individuals can act in the long-term interests of our county.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted it has been quiet in District 7. He attended Forestry Advisory and met with the Bridgetown Redevelopment Committee. He attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion. He has had many calls about when South Street will be paved. The winning contractor, Dexter, has told him they have a tentative start date of November 1st, and completion date no later than December 15th. This issue has been dragging on for many months. The sooner the work is done, the better.

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

Things are gearing up for the season, and there's lots happening across District 8. The annual Memory Tree Lighting will take place next Thursday at the Forester's Hall in Clementsvale. The following Saturday, the 27th, will be the Christmas Country Market with lots of crafts and baked goods. Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday December 11th, all at the Forester's Hall.

Meanwhile, the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute is continuing their workshops for Women in Forestry, and to participate on November 21st you need to call Abby Lewis as space is limited.

The three topics I've received phone calls about this month have been the uncollected garbage, the mandatory vaccination policy, and how upsetting it is to county residents to see so much pilfering at the site of the former Upper Clements Park. People are distraught about seeing others who live near them arriving home with cars or trucks full of what they've hauled, and wonder why the RCMP are not stopping it.

In other news, I ventured to the edge of our County for Remembrance Day and laid a wreath on behalf of the County at the war memorial in Kempton on the Queen's county border. I was again joined for stories and singing the national anthem by a Queen's county resident, bringing the number at our service to two! I returned home to the news that my son Dorian and his wife Liz were celebrating the birth of their child, my grandson Owen. No one will be forgetting his birthday in that family, seeing that both are in the military. Anyhow, my thanks to all those who have sent congratulations, we're very excited to meet him when we're all in the same province.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan sent her condolences to Nictaux and community on the recent loss of former Fire Chief Sheldon Nichols. She has been speaking with many landlords in Kings and Annapolis Counties on the housing shortage. Christmas is coming, please shop local and keep spending in our communities.

District 10 – Councillor Redden noted the Annual General Meeting for the Annapolis County Exhibition is tonight at the Lawrencetown Fire Department at 7pm. The community hall in Brickton is having a take-out supper on December 4th.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc reported that the Three Rivers hall recently had a successful turkey supper. This is one of the few ways to raise money for repairs. She has had calls about housing, and is concerned that there is no housing available. People use what they can to live in, even camper trailers. This is a concern throughout our county and all of Nova Scotia. If we can't find affordable housing for them, we need other alternatives. Maybe it is our turn to reach out and do something to help our residents. She has had calls from/about seniors and their difficulty to get to places to pick up necessary things – no doctors, no way to get about. We have a lot of things to do to help citizens get the resources they need. COVID-19 seems to be here in our zone. We have to take measures to protect ourselves. Christmas is coming – stay safe and buy local.

New Business

None.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-11-19)

- ***One-time Grant to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation***

MOTION 211117.07 One-time Grant to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council pay a one-time grant of \$10,000 from Strategic Initiatives to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy New***

MOTION 211117.08 AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy - New

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve *AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy New* as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy Amend***

MOTION 211117.09 AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy - Amend

Pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council amend *AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy Amend***

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy* by adding provisions for the CAO Review Committee as amended.

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the motion by changing the last line in article 9 from 'one' to 'two'. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended.

MOTION 211117.10 AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy Amend

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy* by adding provisions for the CAO Review Committee as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***New Road Name Snow Lake Keep Lane***

MOTION 211117.11 New Road Name - Snow Lake Keep Lane

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve the road name "Snow Lake Keep Lane" for the private access road at the Snow Lake Keep Homesteading Community in Arlington West. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2021 Upper Clements Area MPS and LUB Review**

MOTION 211117.12 2021 Upper Clements Area MPS and LUB Review

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council commence a review of the Upper Clements Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, and adopt a public participation program that would refer the review applications to the Upper Clements Area Advisory Committee and the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation along with applicable public meetings and advertisements. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department Release of Funds**

MOTION 211117.13 Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department Release of Funds

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Capital Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

- **AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy Re-Adopt**

MOTION 211117.14 AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy – Re-Adopt

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council re-adopt *AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Housing Crisis in Annapolis County - Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

MOTION 211117.15 Housing Crisis in Annapolis County Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the housing crisis in our municipality. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Housing Crisis - Letter to All Nova Scotia Municipalities**

MOTION 211117.16 Housing Crisis – Letter to All Nova Scotia Municipalities

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send letters to all Nova Scotia municipalities to encourage them to also send letters to the Province regarding the housing crisis in their municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

- **IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project (Valley Waste and Kings Transit)**

MOTION 211117.17 IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council join the IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit.

After discussion, including where the funding was to come from, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to amend the motion by adding ‘*with the funds to be allocated from the CAO cost centre*’. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 21117.18 IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council join the IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit, with the funds to be allocated from the CAO cost centre. Motion carried, 6 in favour, 5 against.

In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Connell, to meet in-camera from 11:24 a.m. until 1:24 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (c) personnel, (e) contract negotiations, and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend the Order of the Day

Councillor Longmire moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the Order of the Day by adding two items of New Business: Settlement with Mainland Telecom and November 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business (cont'd)

Re: Settlement with Mainland Telecom

MOTION 21117.19 Settlement with Mainland Telecom

It was moved by Councillor Longmire, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the settlement with Mainland Telecom as discussed in-camera.

Re: November 23, 2021 Special COTW

MOTION 21117.20 November 23, 2021 Special COTW - Cancelled

Councillor Connell moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that the Special Committee of the Whole called for November 23, 2021, be cancelled and rescheduled with a date to be determined. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors Connell and Redden, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 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

2021 Long Service Recognitions

10 Years of Service

- Nicole Kearnes (January)
- Stephen McInnis (April)
- David Hopkins (May)

20 Years of Service

- Debbie Freeman (August)
- Brian Kaulbach (November)

25 Years of Service

- Carolyn Young (April)

30 Years of Service

- Linda Bent (September)

40 Years of Service

- Cheryl Mackintosh (December)

Retirement

- Stephen McInnis (May)
- Debbie Freeman (December)

Town of Annapolis Royal

November 18, 2021

Warden Parish and Council
Municipality of the County of Annapolis
PO Box 100
Annapolis Royal, NS
B0S 1A0

Dear Warden Parish and Council:

My purpose in writing to you today is to seek support for a pilot project for a small scale community tidal power project proposed by the Town of Annapolis Royal in partnership with Soluna Energy Inc. This tidal power pilot project seeks to overcome the inordinate cost of capturing renewable energy from tidal currents. Present tidal energy technology is almost entirely based on turbines designed to only work in deep water. The cost of working in deep water has put tidal energy technology in an uncompetitive position with onshore wind power, with tidal being about six times as expensive as onshore wind.

There is an opportunity to avoid these deep-water costs by taking advantage of the normal, twice-daily rise and fall of the tides. By placing a vertical axis turbine at the low water mark maintenance staff will have two hours of water-free access during the twice-a-day low tides. This would be the operational equivalent of land-based wind turbine maintenance.

The objective of the project is to establish and operate an array of three or more tidal turbines to demonstrate an innovative technology that will lower capital and operating costs making tidal power competitive with wind and solar power. This pilot is necessary to establish the optimum power and physical size of the turbines and to determine the number and configuration of the turbines in an operational array. With a reliable estimate of the total power production potential, the Town and its partners can do a cost/benefit analysis of the financial viability of a larger

capital project leading to the establishment of a municipal electrical utility based on renewable energy.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved a Developmental Tidal Feed-in Tariff Program which sets out a Power Purchase Agreement for renewable energy projects like ours that guarantees a rate of 53 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity fed into the provincial grid. The term of the agreement is 15 years.

In addition, the Town and its partners will also benefit from Nova Scotia's Cap-and-Trade system. With an electrical utility based entirely on renewable energy, the Town would have no CO2 emissions to regulate. In the future, when the system tightens up on all ancillary emissions, the Town and its partners would be able to make use of carbon credits from its electrical utility to offset emissions from sources like vehicles and space heating.

The estimated cost for this project is \$335,000 over two fiscal years from April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The Town has been working on a grant application for an FCM Green Funds Signature Pilot Project which has the potential to cover 80% of the cost of the project. This leaves 20% or \$67,000 to be funded through other sources. We are asking if the Municipality of the County of Annapolis might be interested in considering partnering with the Town for this project and if so, what information you would like to have.

Sincerely,



Sandi Millett-Campbell, Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Annapolis Royal

Carolyn Young

From: Darlene Norman <DNorman@regionofqueens.com>
Sent: November 26, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Carolyn Young
Subject: RE: Housing Crisis in Nova Scotia Municipalities

Hi Carolyn,

Minister Lohr and also the premier are well aware of our housing crisis here in Queens as our MLA is equally concerned.

The same issues face residents of Queens – Airbnbs are taking a very large amount of former housing stock, conversion of former rental units into single family homes, developers unwilling to enter the rental market due various aspects of the Residential Tenancies Act, former residents of Queens returning home, first time residents flocking in from urban areas, very high inflated housing prices being realized, etc.

As a result we have residents living year round in 'summer trailers and cabins', sheds, couch surfing, and employers such as White Point Beach Resort providing their 'income units' as housing for their staff.

Visited Eastern Shore a month or so ago and the people I know there say the same thing.

This is a very serious matter which is only going to get worse before it gets better. Who would have ever thought that homelessness could happen so suddenly in rural Nova Scotia?

Darlene



Darlene Norman (she/her)
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Cc: _All Councillors <_AllCouncillors@annapoliscounty.ca>

Subject: Housing Crisis in Nova Scotia Municipalities

Good morning Nova Scotia Mayors and Wardens,
Warden Parish has sent the attached letter to Minister Lohr. Municipal Council urges you to be aware of the housing crisis in your municipality, and ensure that the Minister is made aware.
Kind regards,

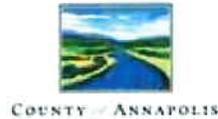
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Work Commencing on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

Municipal Elected Officials and Municipal Administrators:

I recognize that many of you have been waiting patiently on updates related to municipal codes of conduct regulations. Today, I am pleased to be sharing the most recent status of the project and what we hope to achieve in the next year.

As you may be aware, in 2017 the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* and the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (HRMC)* were amended to add a requirement for municipalities and villages to establish a code of conduct for elected officials. The MGA and HRMC were further amended in 2021 to add additional provisions regarding codes of conduct, including the requirement for municipalities to hire a third-party investigator to investigate alleged breaches and to enable councils to discuss alleged breaches in-camera. Neither the 2017 nor the 2021 amendments have been proclaimed as regulations are required to support their implementation.

In order to develop the regulations related to municipal codes of conduct in a thoughtful and collaborative manner, we have chosen to establish a Code of Conduct Working Group (CCWG). This working group has a mandate of developing recommendations on the content to be included in the municipal codes of conduct regulations. These recommendations will focus on the content to be included in a municipal code of conduct as well as possible sanctions for a breach. The CCWG has representation from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH), the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), the Association of Municipal Administrators, Nova Scotia (AMANS), and the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) and will function similarly to the Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee (JMAT). The representatives will be from a regional, a rural, a town and a village to ensure accurate representation across Nova Scotia's municipalities which assures various sizes and unique needs are captured. The NSFM, AMANS and ANSV have already determined the individuals they will be appointing to the CCWG. We will work closely with the NSFM, AMANS and ANSV to set up an initial meeting to begin this important work soon.

It is important the recommendations developed by the CCWG are supported by municipalities and villages in Nova Scotia. Therefore, once the CCWG has developed their recommendations on the content, DMAH will consult with all municipalities and villages on the proposal. It is difficult to predict when the recommendations will be finalized by the CCWG. However, we will keep you apprised of their progress and look forward to your participation during consultations.

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I recognize how important this work is to all municipalities and villages in Nova Scotia and would like to thank you for your patience while we determine the most appropriate path forward to complete this work in a collaborative and thoughtful manner. I look forward to reviewing the proposed recommendations from the CCWG and associated consultation feedback.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Department.

Sincerely,



Minister
Honourable John A. Lohr

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