

Minutes of the special **Committee of the Whole** meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 33, 20 Jeffrey Street, Bridgetown, NS, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency [updated July 29, 2020 (*see attached*)]

**Present:** District 1 – Bruce Prout, present  
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present  
District 3 – Alan Parish, Warden, 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, Deputy Warden, present  
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Brad Redden, present  
District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

**Also Present:** A/CAO Louis Coutinho, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis, H. Orde, W. Atwell)

### **New Business**

Re: Solid Waste Resource Management – A/CAO Louis Coutinho circulated a powerpoint presentation outlined as follows:

- History of waste collection in the County of Annapolis
- Where we are today
- Issues in contention
- Comparable costs of waste services
- What’s in the best interest of the municipality
- What are our alternatives
- Transparency

The Warden noted there are two outstanding lawsuits, one with Valley Waste and one with the municipalities.

Discussion on those matters would have to be in-camera.

### **In-camera**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to meet in-camera from 11:36 a.m. until 2:05 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Lunch**

The Warden declared a lunch break while in camera from 12:43 p.m. – 1:30

### Re: County of Annapolis to Meet with Kings County re Waste Management

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to authorize the Warden, CAO, and Legal Counsel to meet with the Mayor, CAO, and Legal Counsel of Kings County, for preliminary discussions regarding waste management. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: CAO Warden and Legal Counsel to Meet with Department of Environment

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to authorize the Warden, CAO, and Legal Counsel to meet with the Department of the Environment to discuss mutual issues. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors Hudson and Redden, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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**Warden**

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**Municipal**

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**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