

**2024-01-16 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 10:02a.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 – Dustin Enslow, 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: CAO Chris McNeill, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including L. Bent, D. Campbell, N. McCormick, B. Olsen, N. Whitman, and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Order of the Day

Approved as circulated.

Minutes

Re: 2023-12-19 Regular Minutes - approved with no errors or omissions.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2024-01-09

Re: SR2024-01 Policy 107 – Source Water Protection Advisory Committee NEW

Motion 240116.01 SR2024-01 Policy 107 Source Water Protection Advisory Committee NEW

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 107 Source Water Protection Advisory Committee*, pursuant to seven-day notice given at Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-03 AM-1.3.8 Letters of Support and Acknowledgement Policy – Repeal

Motion 240116.02 SR2024-03 AM-1.3.8 Letter of Support and Acknowledgement Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-1.3.8 Letters of Support and Acknowledgement Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice given at Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
Seconded: Councillor Prout
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 2023-24 Community Grants Applications – Brickton Community Hall

Motion 240116.03 SR2024-04 2023/24 Community Grants Applications – Brickton Community Hall

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Brickton Community Hall in the amount of \$1,200 to support Chimney repair and kitchen upgrades to the hall in accordance with *AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program*, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 2023-24 Community Grants Applications – Fundy Community Recreation Club

Motion 240116.04 SR2024-04 2023/24 Community Grants Applications Fundy Community Recreation Club

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Fundy Community Recreation Club in the amount of \$1,200 to support the installation of a heat pump and a generator for the community hall in accordance with *AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program*, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire
Seconded: Councillor Gunn
Motion carried.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Happy New Year from District 1. We have been experiencing a number of winter storms recently with another one due later this week. I would like to extend my thanks to all Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal, Nova Scotia Power, and County Public Works employees for their efforts to keep the roadways safe and the power on during these times of inclement weather.

On another topic, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the service clubs, businesses, restaurants, churches and individual citizens who took part in the many initiatives to help provide food, along with other needed commodities, to many of the citizens of Annapolis County who were in need of assistance over the Holidays. I believe that it is this caring spirit which is found throughout the communities of our county that helps to show that we do indeed live in a wonderful place. I am sure that we will be mindful that the need for continued support of our service clubs, small businesses, and Food Banks will remain with us in the coming days.

District 2 – Councillor Connell noted that groups have been quiet over Christmas. The Port George Community Hall is nearing readiness with the generator to be a comfort centre and they have a new website: portgeorge.com. Margaretsville Fire Hall has acted as a comfort centre in the past and will continue. Communities working on new projects. Hopes for a good year.

District 3 – Councillor Enslow wished Happy New Year to everyone. Hard to believe a year ago he was on the campaign trail. Nice holiday break, he had a chance to reflect and be thankful for what we have –

that is the focus for his family. Some go without, they support the community financially and through volunteering.

Attended and served at the Bridgetown Lion's Breakfast. ACOSS group looking after the Sports HUB and members are very excited to move forward. He looks forward to a report from them. Acknowledges community spirit, which continues to grow post-COVID. He saw that during recent power outages and watched communities pull together, as well as with recent fire in Paradise over the holidays. Looks forward to challenges of 2024.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux last year was a good year, with good turnout at seasonal events and markets. COVID restrictions are not so great now. Attended New Year's Levee at Port Royal Legion Branch 21, good turnout, great to see. Hopes this new year we can attend more public meetings and events. Wished a happy, healthy, prosperous, year for everyone.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire (as submitted)

Happy New Year!

Your health matters: Services are changing all the time. If you have an electronic device, please be sure to download the YourHealthNS app. This app offers lots of options such as Primary Health Clinics, Urgent Treatment Centers 9-4 pm M-W-F Annapolis Community Health Center, mobile clinics, lab and diagnostic bookings, and much, much more to meet your health needs all of which are non-emergency support. If searching for what emergency rooms/services are open please go to Temporary Closures NS Health in your search bar on your computer. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone for the above information, please call 811 and request Nova Scotia support and 911 as always for emergencies. Please don't forget to look out for your neighbors as they may need your support. My advice to the citizens of Annapolis County is to look at the temporary closures daily so you are one step ahead.

Zoning- A hot topic: In 2023 the County was very busy holding meetings with several options of daytime and evening meetings regarding the County's Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

On Dec 14/2023 an evening PAC public meeting was held at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall and there were many in attendance. We heard from several citizens and took those concerns back to be considered at our regular PAC meeting (open to the public) held last week Jan 10 /2024 10-3 pm at the Baptist Church Hall in Annapolis Royal. PAC had excellent discussions. We worked very hard to address the needs and concerns raised at the Dec PAC. This Thursday, Jan 18/2024 10 am will be the next opportunity to hear the plan as amended. I encourage the citizens of Annapolis County to come out and take part in this Hearing. If you cannot arrange to attend for whatever reason please email your questions and concerns to county email and/or cmcneill@annapoliscounty.ca before Thursday. (written submissions are to go to the Clerk cyoung@annapoliscounty.ca). The work around zoning is not an easy task. We are so grateful for all those who attended the meetings and for those who shared their concerns either in writing or presentation.

I ran in 2020 and my slogan was 'Your voice matters' and it still does. Looking forward to seeing you Jan 18/2024 @ 10 am here in Chambers.

Happy new year, all the best to everyone for 2024. Attended New Year's Levee at Port Royal Legion Branch 21 and shared greetings from the county.

District 6 – Warden Morrison

It is now 2024 – and I am in my twelfth year of service to District 6 residents and all citizens of Annapolis County. I have learned a lot and will continue to use those lessons as we care for the well-being of all Annapolis County folks.

The Clementsport branch of the Royal Canadian Legion continues to attract a wider participation of area residents to its Wednesday morning coffee gathering, its Friday suppers, and special occasion events. This is encouraging to the Legion volunteers who strive to produce excellent service to our communities. Jackie Holborn of Cornwallis Park is the Secretary of the Annapolis Community Health Centre Auxiliary. She was happy to report, and I am sure we are all happy to hear, that the Christmas Angel initiative achieved a total of \$2,700 in donations. The money will be used to improve the physiotherapy and rehabilitation centre.

The closing of the grocery store and restaurant at Basin Center is a sad occasion. Let us pledge to do all we can to restore these and other essential community services.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson wished all a Happy New Year and echoed comments about winter storms and the great work by Nova Scotia Power and Highways crews looking after that. There is a public meeting on January 28th at the Bridgetown Legion from 1:30 – 3:30 posted by Save Our Old Forests group, in response to an announcement that 23,000 acres have been identified as potential sites for spraying and clear cutting on crown lands in Annapolis County. This is not a way forward, we need to look at other ways to manage forests and harvest timber. 10 years ago, a friend said ‘the race is on to cut the last tree’. That seems to be becoming reality. Check out the maps of what has already been cut in Annapolis County. We are getting down to the home stretch.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn wished all a Happy New Year and thanked all volunteers who ran successful events over the past few months. He has had a range of comments from constituents, with concerns about federal government, water and sidewalks in Bear River, and fill required in the downtown Bear River parking area. Since the Annapolis Royal pool won’t be opening, maybe lessons could resume at Raven Haven – he has passed this on to the recreation department. Looks forward to the Source Water meetings. He thanked those who stand up for important issues and come to meetings, those who protect forests and stand on street corners protesting. Diversity was once cherished in our thought process.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan wished all a Happy New Year. Foodbanks are hurting, please help them out. Nictaux Fire Department bingo is held every second Saturday, and next one is this Saturday.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden wished all a Happy New Year. Lawrencetown District Lions is hosting a spaghetti dinner on January 25th at the NSCC Lawrencetown campus.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc wished all a Happy New Year and great 2024. Volunteers have been busy helping over the holidays with events, we need more people to volunteer and/or donate to foodbanks. Has had a lot of questions about the zoning process and looks forward to people asking their questions. Three Rivers Community Centre is now opening the centre for walking, because the weather is getting bad. They have lots of activities, check their Facebook page regularly to see what is happening.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk