

**2022-11-15 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS.

In accordance with *AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy*, the Municipal Clerk chaired the meeting and called it to order.

**Roll Call**

- District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
- District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
- District 3 – Alan Parish, absent
- 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, W. Atwell, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, C. Mason, N. McCormack, N. Whitman, and Jim Young; 1 member of the public.

**Re: Election of Warden**

The Municipal Clerk asked for a motion to appoint a Scrutineer in case one is needed.

- ***Appointment of Scrutineer***

**MOTION 221115.01      Jim Young Appointed as Scrutineer**

That Jim Young be appointed as Scrutineer to assist the Chair in the counting of the ballots for both the office of Warden and Deputy-Warden, as required.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously

- ***Nomination of Warden***

In accordance with the *AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy*, the Municipal Clerk called for nominations for the office of Warden.

Nominate Councillor Redden for the position of Warden.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Councillor Redden accepted the nomination.

Nominate Councillor Morrison for the position of Warden.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Councillor Morrison accepted the nomination.

Nominate Councillor Gunn for the position of Warden.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Councillor Gunn accepted the nomination.

The Municipal Clerk called three times for additional nominations and there being none, the Municipal Clerk announced that nominations were closed.

Candidates gave a brief speech to indicate why they were interested in holding the position of Warden for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and ballots were cast by district, starting with District 1.

**MOTION 221115.02 Election of Councillor Morrison as Warden**

The Municipal Clerk declared, in accordance with *AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy*, that Councillor Morrison had been elected by his peers as Warden for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, for a period of two years.

Warden Morrison presided in the Chair.

Re: Election of Deputy Warden

• ***Nomination of Deputy Warden***

In accordance with the *AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy*, the Warden called for nominations for the office of Deputy Warden.

Nominate Councillor Connell for the position of Deputy Warden.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Councillor Connell accepted the nomination.

Nominate Councillor Redden for the position of Deputy Warden.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Councillor Redden accepted the nomination

Nominate Barteaux for the position of Deputy Warden.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Councillor Barteaux accepted the nomination.

The Warden called three times for additional nominations and there being none, the Warden announced that nominations were closed.

Candidates gave a brief speech as to why they wish to hold the office of Deputy Warden for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis.

Ballots were cast in reverse order – District 11 through to 1.

In accordance with policy, after the first ballot showed no clear majority, a second ballot was cast with two names Councillor Connell and Redden.

**MOTION 221115.03 Election of Councillor Redden as Deputy Warden**

The Municipal Clerk declared, in accordance with *AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy*, that Councillor Redden had been elected by his peers as Deputy Warden for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, for a period of two years.

**Recess**

10:53 a.m. – 11:06 a.m.

• ***Destruction of Ballots***

**MOTION 221115.04 Destruction of Ballots**

That the Clerk be authorized to destroy the ballots.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

**Re: Election of Nominating Committee**

In accordance with Subsection 13 of *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy*, the Warden called for nominations for membership on the Nominating Committee.

Nominate Councillor Sheridan to be on the Nominating Committee for a two year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Councillor Sheridan accepted the nomination.

Nominate Councillor Longmire to be on the Nominating Committee for a two year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Councillor Longmire accepted the nomination

Nominate Councillor LeBlanc to be on the Nominating Committee for a two year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Councillor LeBlanc accepted the nomination

The Warden called three times for additional nominations and there being none, the Warden announced that nominations were closed.

**MOTION 221115.05 Elected to Nominating Committee – Councillors Sheridan, Longmire and LeBlanc**

The Clerk declared that Councillors Sheridan, Longmire and LeBlanc had been elected to sit with Warden Morrison as the Nominating Committee.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None.

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

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

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

• *2022-09-27 Regular Council*

**MOTION 221115.06 Minutes 2022-10-25 Regular Session Council**

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

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2022-11-08**

• *SR2022-21 Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corp. Board Member Appointments*

**MOTION 221115.07 Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corp. Board Member Appointments**

That municipal council appoint Carol Ward, Ann Burns, and Paula Bliz to the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024, and appoint Alnoor Rajan to the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation for a third two-year term ending November 30, 2024; and

extend the appointments of Nancy McGrath and Gail Grover to November 30, 2027 as requested by the Province (Seniors and Long Term Care), and by Resolution of the Board and Municipal Council’s recent amendment of the Instrument of Incorporation.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

• *SR2022-22 AM-1.4.22 Traffic Authority Policy New*

**MOTION 221115.08 AM-1.4.22 Traffic Authority Policy New**

That municipal council approve *AM-1.4.22 Traffic Authority Policy* as circulated pursuant to 7-day notice given on November 8, 2022.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried unanimously.

- *SR2022-24 2022-23 Community Grants Wilmot Mountain United Baptist Church*  
**MOTION 221115.09 2022-23 Community Grants Wilmot Mountain United Baptist Church**  
That municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,300 to Wilmot Mountain United Baptist Church to assist with their Mount Rose Church Restoration Project from the Capital Projects Assistance Program, Small Project Matching Grants in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.  
Moved: Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan  
Motion carried unanimously.
- *SR2022-25 2022-23 Community Grants Fundy Folk Association (Evergreen Theatre)*  
**MOTION 221115.10 2022-23 Community Grants Fundy Folk Association (Evergreen Theatre)**  
That municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to Fundy Folk Association (Evergreen Theatre) to assist with their roof re-shingling project from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.  
Moved: Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Councillor Hudson  
Motion carried unanimously.
- *SR2022-26 2022-23 Community Grants Granville Centre Community Hall Association*  
**MOTION 221115.11 2022-23 Community Grants Granville Centre Community Hall Association**  
That municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,200 to the Granville Centre Community Hall Association to assist with their heating system upgrade project from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.  
Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Longmire  
Motion carried unanimously.
- *SR2022-27 2022-23 Community Grants Margaretsville Baptist Church*  
**MOTION 221115.12 2022-23 Community Grants Margaretsville Baptist Church**  
That municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,312.86 to the Margaretsville Baptist Church to assist with their Picnic Table Shelter project from the Community Programs Assistance Fund in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.  
Moved: Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Councillor Connell  
Motion carried unanimously.
- *SR2022-28 2022-23 Community Grants Melvern Square and Area Community Centre Association*  
**MOTION 221115.13 2022-23 Community Grants Melvern Square and Area Community Centre Association**  
That municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Melvern Square & Area Community Centre Association to assist with an electrical service upgrade to the community centre from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.  
Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Prout  
Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Re: Resignation of Councillor District 3**

The Clerk advised municipal council that she had received the resignation of Alan Parish, Councillor for District 3, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

**Re: SR2022-29 Special Election District 3**

**MOTION 221115.14      Appoint Carolyn Young as Returning Officer**

That Municipal Council appoint Carolyn Young as the Returning Officer and delegate its powers of appointment to the clerk in accordance with Section 4 of the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)*.

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

**MOTION 221115.15      Delegate Authority to Clerk – Section 139 of the Municipal Elections Act**

That Municipal Council delegate its authority to make, revise and amend the tariff of fees and expenses and provide for a method of rendering and verifying accounts for payment to the clerk, in accordance with section 139 of the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Councillor Hudson  
Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 221115.16      Fix January 28, 2023 for Special Election in District 3 and Associated Dates**

That municipal council fix the date of the special election to be Saturday January 28, 2023, with the following *stated dates*:

January 3, 2023      Nomination Day (required by the MEA)

\*January 21, 2023      1<sup>st</sup> Advance Poll (required by the MEA)

\*January 24, 2023      2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Poll (required by the MEA) (*\*with the actual advance poll running live between January 15-27 in accordance with our C8 Alternative Voting Bylaw*)

February 13, 2023 Special Council to Swear-in New Councillor

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden  
Seconded: Councillor Longmire  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Councillor Comments**

*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

I would like to begin by congratulating our new Warden and Deputy Warden on their election to Office earlier today as Council moves forward into the second half of our term. Our Council has a number of issues which we will need to deal with in the days ahead. I believe that if we continue to work together as a team that we will be successful in our efforts.

As we draw closer to the Holiday Season I hope that we all can keep in mind those members of our communities who may be in need of our assistance.

*District 2* – Councillor Connell congratulated the new warden and deputy warden and looks forward to the next two years, moving forward, showing our responsibilities to our citizens. In the past month the meeting in Margaretsville for boundary review with a good turnout, and good questions. . We tried numerous ways to communicate the meeting, sometime it doesn't work out. Very few in Margaretsville received the flyers.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux and Councillor Longmire laid the wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 21 in Annapolis Royal, which was well attended. All the community halls in his district are doing well with lots of community activity. He congratulated the new warden and deputy warden.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire attended a wonderful Remembrance Day service, with Councillor Barteaux and a cadet attendant to lay a wreath at Port Royal BR 21. First aid and AED training is a must these days. Will offer an opportunity to strengthen confidence for citizens. Braveheart First Aid will offer a non-certified class on emergency first aid tomorrow at the Lower Granville Hall. The Port Royal Lighthouses Association, a non-profit group, recently acquired ownership of the Schafner's Point Lighthouse and are fundraising for restorations necessary. Potholes. Everywhere. Dangerous and tries to avoid them. Ditches are overgrown, hard to navigate corners. Governance and boundary review meetings have been completed. Hopes people have let their voice be heard. NSFMM – attended earlier this month, lots to contemplate. Vacant seat for district 3. Put your name forth. Congratulated new warden and deputy warden. Let's work and continue to be strong together.

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

Thanks to district 6 who have supported him over past 10 years and council colleagues for their trust and confidence, will do all he can to live up to potential.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson – congratulated new warden and deputy warden. Attended Remembrance Day service in Bridgetown and laid a wreath. Well attended, and lots of children present. He thanked the parents that brought children to the service to learn the importance of Remembrance Day. He attended the boundary meeting in Hampton, which was disappointing with only one member of public in attendance. These meetings should have been held where the greatest number of people resided, nearest to Bridgetown was a distance of more than 10 miles in any direction. He noted the upcoming dinner theater *The Rhubarb Stalks at Twilight* at St. James Anglican church on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> put on by the Annapolis District Drama Group. Tickets can be purchased from Judy Marshall or David Skidmore. West Dalhousie Community Hall is hosting a turkey dinner on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. They will also be selling Crisps for Christmas on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – apple, apple cranberry or blueberry, with pick up on December 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. The resignation of Alan parish becomes effective today. Thanked him for hard work as warden over two years and wishes best for the future.

*District 8* – Councillor Gunn (*as submitted*)

I'd like to extend my congratulations to the new Warden and Deputy Warden.

At the end of October, I attended the Western Crownlands Interaction Committee meeting, which I already reported on in Committee of the Whole, but I'd just like to again say what an interesting set of presentations they were, and how much we learned about how the Wolly Adelgid is affecting our woodlands, and some ecological solutions.

I was in Halifax for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities annual conference in the first week of November, which as always is very informative and well organized. The concerns we share in this

County are not unique: from all corners of the province, delegates shared concerns about employee shortages, housing, paying the retroactive dues to RCMP, utility costs, and so on.

As much as I loved meeting up with officials from other municipalities – near and far, I found the best part of the whole conference was round table discussion, where we had an exchange ideas and solutions shared from different municipalities. I am certain the other councilors in attendance found these to be important sharing and learning sessions as well, and I recommended more quality workshops like these in future conferences.

BUT! I still haven't seen the county flag there in the 5 times I've been to this conference, and have mentioned it to a previous CAO and council. We'll need to get one up there for them to fly on our behalf.

I spent Remembrance Day morning at a small cenotaph near Keji, and ended the day at the Legion Banquet in Bear River. The guest speaker to the banquet was Dr. Sherry Pictou, an assistant professor at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie. She shared stories about a Bear River First Nations man who served in the First World War as a tunneler, and the roster of Bear River First Nations people who served in the Second World War ... most of whom weren't considered Canadian citizens at the time. I remembered many of their names from my youth, growing up in this area. It was a very moving and educational talk, and was a wonderful evening of reflection and remembrance for all.

Upcoming events in District 8 include a very busy day on the morning of November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Oakdene Centre in Bear River is hosting a Craft Fair, the Bear River East Baptist Church will have a Christmas Sale, and Forrester's Hall in Clementsport has a Christmas Country Market. The Forrester's Hall will also be hosting a Memory Tree Lighting ceremony on the evening of November 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Breakfast with Santa on the morning of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan noted her congratulations to new warden and deputy warden. And thanked all candidates who put their names forward. Gratitude to the outgoing warden and best wishes for his retirement. Staff at all the boundary meetings – thanks to them.

*District 10* – Deputy Warden Redden reported the Annapolis Valley Exhibition AGM tonight at the Lawrencetown fire hall. He noted Springfield and New Germany events taking place which can be checked out on the Springfield Area Facebook group. Thanked all for support today and over the past few months.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc offered congratulations to the warden and deputy warden. Lots of work for the next two years. Thanked all who put in their names. She hopes Alan Parish has a great retirement and enjoys a life of leisure with this wife. She thanked the staff who attended the boundary review meeting in her district, noting that numbers were small but engaged. Two youth attended and were asking lots of questions. A positive thing to see youth take an interest. Christmas and December are coming and Three Rivers will be having a December 3 Breakfast with Santa from 9 – 11.

**MOTION 221115.17      Letter of Thanks to Alan Parish**

Motion to send a letter of thanks to Alan Parish for his service as councillor and warden over the past two years and for best wishes for a peaceful life and retirement.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried unanimously. .

**Adjournment**

That municipal council adjourn its session at 11:45 am until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**