

**2024-02-20 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10:00a.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, absent  
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 D. Campbell, C. Hazel, C. Mason, N. McCormick, N. Whitman, Janice Young, and Jim Young.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

### **Order of the Day**

Approved as circulated.

### **Minutes**

Re: 2024-01-16 Regular Minutes

Approved with no errors or omissions.

### **Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2024-02-13**

Re: SR2024-07 Development Officer Appointment Mahsa Koushki

#### **Motion 240220.01 SR2024-07 Development Officer Appointment Mahsa Koushki**

That Municipal Council appoint Mahsa Koushki as a Development Officer for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to administer the Municipality’s Land Use Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaw.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-08 Repeal Policies of the Former Town of Bridgetown

#### **Motion 240220.02 SR2024-08 Repeal Policies of the Former Town of Bridgetown**

That Municipal Council repeal the following policies of the former Town of Bridgetown in accordance with seven-day notice given on February 13<sup>th</sup>:

Policy #1 Complaints (January 6, 1969)  
Policy #2 Culverts (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #3 Equipment Rental (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #4 Accessibility Rebate Policy (April 15, 2009)  
Policy #5 Code of Conduct (April 15, 2009)  
Policy #6 Fire Call Public Works Employees (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #7 Special Council Meeting Minutes (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #9 Proclamations (August 24, 2011)  
Policy #12 Suspension of Driving Privileges (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #13 Tangible Capital Assets (August 24, 2011)  
Policy #15 Tariff of Fees and Expenses for Election Officials (August 25, 2008)  
Policy #16 Contractors on Town Property Not Hired by Town (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #17 Tree Committee Enforcement Resolution (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #19 Council Remuneration and Expense (January 22, 2013)  
Policy #20 Disclosure Minutes of Council and Committees (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #21 Naming of Streets (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #22 Hiring of Contractors Pursuant to WCA (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #23 Safety and Health (OH&S) (December 11, 2012)  
Policy #24 Council Meetings and Procedures (December 11, 2012)  
Policy #25 Conducting Meetings by Electronic Facilities (January 18, 2012)  
Policy #25 (2) Tax Exemption for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations (October 17, 2012)  
Policy #26 User Fees [MPS / LUB] (May 12, 2008)  
Policy # 27 Human Resources (October 17, 2012)  
Policy #28 Committee of the Whole (March 26, 2013)  
Policy #29 Wearing of Scents (April 8, 2003)  
Policy #32 Dog Registration Fees (April 11, 2005)  
Policy #33 Agents of the Town (May 9, 2005)  
Policy #34 Tax Collection (July 12, 2010)  
Policy #35 Deputy Mayor (December 11, 2012)  
Policy #36 Procurement (January 28, 2014)  
Policy #37 Documentation of Accounting Policies and Procedures (January 28, 2014)  
Policy #38 Debt Management (February 25, 2014)  
Moved: Councillor Hudson  
Seconded: Councillor Enslow  
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-09 Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policies Repeal

**Motion 240220.03 SR2024-09 Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policies Repeal**

That municipal council repeal AM-1.3.6.12 Lake Cady Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy, AM-1.3.6.13 Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy, and AM-1.3.6.15 Margaretville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy, pursuant to seven-day notice given on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Re: SR2024-10 2024 Election – List of Electors Information Sharing Agreement

**Motion 240220.04 SR2024-10 2024 Election List of Electors Information Sharing Agreement**

That municipal council use the provincial electors list as maintained by the Province of Nova Scotia, and authorize the CAO to sign the 2024 Information Sharing Agreement between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia (Chief Electoral Officer) and the County of Annapolis (Chief Administrative Officer).

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-11 AM-1.3.1 Presentation of Annual Reports Policy Repeal

**Motion 240220.05 SR2024-11 AM-1.3.1 Presentation of Annual Reports Policy Repeal**

That municipal council repeal AM-1.3.1 Presentation of Annual Reports Policy, in accordance with seven-day notice given on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-12 Release Capital Reserve Funds North Queens Fire Association

**Motion 240220.06 SR2024-12 Release Capital Reserve Funds North Queens Fire Association**

That Municipal Council authorize the withdrawal of \$80,000 from the Capital Fire Services Reserve Fund to the North Queens Fire Association in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Application - Grow to Gather Garden Association

**Motion 240220.07 SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Grow to Gather Garden Association**

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Grow to Gather Garden Association in the amount of \$1,950 to support their “Renewing the Gardens” program in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Programs Assistance Fund.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Application - Bear River Board of Trade

**Motion 240220.08 SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Bear River Board of Trade**

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Bear River Board of Trade in the amount of \$3,000 to support waterfront park landscaping in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Large Capital Pledge Grant.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Application - Middleton Swimming Pool Society

**Motion 240220.09 SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Middleton Swimming Pool Society**

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Middleton Swimming Pool Society in the amount of \$1,225 to support expansion and revitalization of aqua fitness classes in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Programs Assistance Fund.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Application - Middleton Railway Museum Society

**Motion 240220.10 SR2024-04(2) 2023-24 Community Grants Middleton Railway Museum Society**

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Middleton Railway Museum Society in the amount of \$5,000 to support a new 1950's transport trailer exhibit in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Small Project Matching Grants.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Application - Cottage Cove District Wharf Society

**Motion 240220.11 SR2024-04 (2) 2023-24 Community Grants Cottage Cove District Wharf Society**

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Cottage Cove District Wharf Society in the amount of \$10,000 to support upgrades and repairs to the Cottage Cove Wharf in accordance with AM-1.4.3 Harbour Authorities & Societies Capital Assistance Program, Large Project Capital Investment Grant.

Moved: Councillor Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-13 M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw New – First Reading

**Motion 240220.12 SR2024-13 M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw New First Reading**

That Municipal Council give First Reading to approve the new M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: Policy 104 Audit Committee Appointments

**Motion 240220.13 Policy 104 Audit Committee Appointments**

That municipal council appoint the following three citizen members to the Audit Committee, Erich Beifuss, Alexander Robert Cowan, and Melony Robinson, for a term ending November 30, 2024; and that municipal council appoint the following three councillors to the Audit Committee, for a term ending October 31, 2024, Deputy Warden Brad Redden, and Councillors Dustin Enslow and Wendy Sheridan.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Re: Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program Grant to DR. AC Silver - \$10,000

**Motion 240220.14 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Prog. Grant to DR. AC Silver \$10,000**

To recommend that Municipal Council approve a payment of \$10,000 to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation for the purpose of providing a grant to Dr. AC Silver, and further that the Foundation and doctor confirm receipt of the grant, in accordance with AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program Policy.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Re: FCM 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show Jun 6-9 Calgary AB

**Motion 240220.15 FCM 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show Calgary AB - Delegates**

That Councillors Dustin Enslow, David Hudson, and Michael Gunn, be selected as the delegates to the FCM 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show being held in Calgary, Alberta, from June 6-9, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

*Alternates:*

Councillors Barteaux, Redden, LeBlanc, and Longmire indicated an interest in being alternates, should any of the selected delegates be unable to attend. The first three names selected from a hat will be the alternates in the order drawn. Councillors LeBlanc, Redden and Longmire were selected as the alternates.

**Councillor Comments**

District 1 – Councillor Prout (*as submitted*)

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy African History Month. The theme this year aligns with the final year of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024. It is a time to reflect on the many contributions which have been made by people of African descent to our rich heritage and culture.

I hope that the residents of Annapolis County were able to enjoy our Nova Scotia Heritage Day which was held yesterday. This year the day was held in honor of William Hall, the son of former enslaved parents who settled in Nova Scotia after fleeing Maryland during the War of 1812. Mister Hall was awarded the Victoria Cross for his heroic actions at Lucknow in 1857.

With the storms which have battered our province these past few weeks, I am sure that we will all be happy to see more daylight as we move closer to the end of winter. The good news is that Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> followed by Spring nine days later. As Councillor Gunn would say, "It is time to order your seeds and to start thinking about planning your garden."

District 3 – Councillor Enslow hoped that all enjoyed Heritage Day yesterday. It was a busy month in District 3, and he attended a lot of meetings with citizens, including the well-turned-out ACOSS public meeting – impressed with the amount of engagement with the community and making that happen. Looks forward to working with them to make the SportsHUB successful. He noted two upcoming events: the Bridgetown Curling Club Bonspiel this weekend, and the March 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Lions breakfast.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux appreciated citizen engagement over the past month. The SOOF public meeting about moving forward, a good initiative – thanks to the people willing to take the time, effort, and dedication on this topic. He attended the Annapolis Pool public meeting, a budget meeting, Forestry Committee, SportsHUB meeting, and looks forward to the upcoming Climate Change committee. He thanked all the citizen members who serve on these committees.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire extended greetings from district 5, and thanked the Warden for the informative information he shares when he is opening the meeting, sharing our storied past. Yesterday was Nova Scotia Heritage Day, and she always learns something.

She noted the serious car accident that took place this past weekend, involving young children and their dad. Emergency attendance at the scene, a reminder that we don't all have the same services everywhere in this county - including cell service. Responders arrived at the church wondered why they couldn't just take them to the Annapolis hospital for care. No, cannot do that after hours. It took several hours to secure 3 ambulances, 2 came, and there was conversation around not ever having 3 or 4 available. Only by happenstance at 530 on Friday night, to see if services were available – Digby was making decision to close emergency services for the night, so the closest would have been Yarmouth or Kentville. There was nothing local available. One child was airlifted to Halifax, and they waited for subsequent ambulances. This incident could have required much more urgent support, it was lucky there was no fatality. She urged all to be aware what health care looks like now and to be aware of your options.

District 6 – Warden Morrison (*as submitted*)

Good to see that the new trails in Upper Clements continue to be popular with local and provincial groups – as well as with individuals. Just recently Hike Nova Scotia and Fundy Erratics Hiking Group hosted an event on the trails.

Upper Clements Picnic Park – across the road from the afore-mention trails – remains a source of public enjoyment all the year. The new sign certainly attracts attention.

The Deep Brook market, held in the Deep Brook Lions' Club building in Deep Brook continues to attract residents and visitors alike. It is open on Wednesday afternoons from three until five pm and now offers such take-away items as chili and corn chowder.

The Annapolis County Volunteer Recognition nomination process is now in full swing. March 4 is the deadline for submissions. Please contact 902 526-2907 for details.

The Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee will be meeting in Council Chambers at 6pm on Wed 21 Feb to consider the proposed new municipal Planning Strategy.

Saturday Breakfast Cornwallis Park continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson hoped all had a great Heritage Day with their families. This holiday was introduced in 2015 and each year honors a person or event as chosen by schoolchildren. This year recognizes William Hall. He attended the ACOSS public meeting last week, which was well attended, and good ideas were shared. Wishes them all success. He noted two events: the Saint James Anglican Church Lenten Chowders on February 23, March 1 and March 8. \$12 for take out, delivery, or pickup. Please order ahead as this is a popular event. Also, the Bridgetown Legion is hosing a Pub Night on February 26<sup>th</sup>, with burgers, fries, wings and live music. Open to all.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn (*as submitted*)

Good morning, and happy African Heritage Month.

Communications this month have been wide-ranging. Bear River water remains a topic of concern for 'downtown' Bear River, as was the need for a berm on the north east shore of the bridge which is susceptible to erosion during high tides. Sidewalks upheaval and pitting is another area of great concern, particularly for the elderly or those using wheelchairs.

A main area of concern has been service delivery and wait times for EHS. Emergency Health Service is of course a provincial matter, but as long as our Volunteer Fire Departments are having to pick up the slack, this matter affects our community at large in a significant way.

The basis of the Land Use Bylaw process was also raised, as was – again – the need for swimming lessons at Raven Haven, as the Western County would be without any lessons for children through the summer. I passed this suggestion on to our Recreation team in January on the day we heard the pool in Annapolis Royal was closing.

I've had several conversations with constituents about the ongoing farmers protests around the world, currently including over 20 countries, and how that might affect our local food producers. As well as doing all we can to support local farmers, I hope we can all take the time and opportunity to grow our own produce, whether in-ground gardening or hanging planters from a balcony, or by joining a community garden. Growing your own food is one of the ways we can mitigate the soaring food costs and food security.

Our Forestry Committee has met and are celebrating the achievement of ecological harvesting and management of a forested section in Greywood. I would like to thank all the groups who contributed to the great success, which includes the teams of people from the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute who sought the locations of rare lichens and habitats of birds and animals to protect: and that included recordings of night activity in the woods. Further, the Western Woodlot Services Cooperative sourced the appropriate equipment and foresters to do the job justice. We should be proud of our membership with this cooperative, and are certainly impressed with the results. The Forestry Committee is meeting again today to discuss another possible option for other forested lands in the stewardship of the County. Congratulations are due to Brenda Thompson, author of the newly released book "Enslavers of the Maritimes". Brenda is also author of "Finding Fortune" and "A Wholesome Horror" and is the founder of Moose House Publishing.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan continued to advocate for local food banks – please support them and become a member and/or volunteer. She noted the Nictaux Fire Department Bingo, with the next event on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden looks forward to spring next month. He noted an unnamed County resident who built a tiny home and took in a homeless person. Changes have been noticed in the person who was given the space. Financial, empathy and care is phenomenal.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc stated that Housing has already been highlighted, and that if you have housing, things seem to line up. She recognized the accident in district 5 and the ongoing problem to get required care. A difficult time, especially as it involves children. She added that the Three Rivers Community Centre hosted a games night on the weekend, and they will host again – please check their Facebook page for events.

### **IN-CAMERA**

To meet in-camera from 10:54 a.m. until 11:41 a.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Longmire  
Seconded: Councillor Prout  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.