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## GENERAL

The procedural requirements in the Policy are intended to complement and supplement, and not to replace, the requirements contained in applicable municipal legislation.

In this Policy, unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this policy shall have the same meanings as those defined in the *Municipal Government Act*.

- a) "business day(s)" means a day when the administrative offices of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis are open for business;
- b) "CAO" means Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
- c) "Chair" means the presiding officer;
- d) "Clerk" means the Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
- e) "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
- f) "Councillor(s)" include(s) the Warden and Deputy Warden;
- g) "majority" means more than one half of those present;

Although the *Municipal Government Act* does not provide a definition for *Member*, it is defined in this policy as follows:

- h) "member" means any person appointed to a committee

This policy shall be applicable for Committees of Council and Council meetings of Municipal Council, and include periods of adjournment to "in camera". The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provincial legislation or the bylaws, policies or procedures of the municipality.

## MEETINGS

Committees of Council and Council meetings shall be held in person in the Council chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS or an alternative location. Council and Special Council meetings can be conducted by video conference as outlined in the *Council Videoconferencing Policy, AM-1.2.0.1*.

All meetings of Committees of Council and Council, regular or special, shall be open to the public, and no person shall be excluded from a meeting that is open to the public except for improper conduct.

- 1) **INAUGURAL MEETING** - the Inaugural meeting of Council shall take place on the first business day following the 10-day appeal period of a municipal election. The Clerk shall preside as Chair of the meeting until such time as the Warden is elected.
- 2) **REGULAR MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** - meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.** with Notice of Meeting to the public at least five business days in advance, unless Council

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by resolution directs otherwise, in which case a notice shall be posted three or more days in advance of the meeting in the municipal office(s) and on the County website advising of the time and place.

There shall be no regular meeting during the month of August.

- 3) **REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL** - meetings of Council shall be held on the **third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM** with Notice of Meeting to the public at least five business days in advance, unless Council by resolution directs otherwise, in which case a notice shall be posted three or more days in advance of the meeting in the municipal office(s) and on the County website advising of the time and place.

There shall be no regular meeting during the month of August.

- 4) **SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR COUNCIL**

A special meeting may be convened by resolution or consensus at a previous meeting three or more days in advance of the special meeting, or by the CAO or Clerk in consultation with the Warden.

- 5) **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Committee(s) shall meet at such time and place which it sets at a preceding meeting or at such other time and place as municipal council, the committee's Chair, or a quorum of committee members may set by providing notice of meeting to all committee members at least five business days in advance. There shall be no regular meetings during the month of August.

- 6) **IN-CAMERA**

Such meetings may be closed to the public when the subject matter under consideration involves the following matters under Section 22(2) *of the Municipal Government Act*:

- a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property;
- b) setting a minimum price to be accepted by the municipality at a tax sale;
- c) personnel matters;
- d) labour relations;
- e) contract negotiations;
- f) litigation or potential litigation;
- g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege; and
- h) public security.

**When In-Camera matters are listed on the Committee of the Whole agenda, they will be the last order of business.**

**When In-Camera matters are listed on the Council agenda, they will be the last order of business.**

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Direction may be given to staff In-Camera; however, any motions forthcoming from In-Camera discussions must be added to the agenda under New Business and adopted during the open portion of the meeting.

Minutes of a closed meeting will be recorded, circulated physically by the Clerk, and approved at the next meeting. Approved minutes are signed by the Warden and Clerk and kept in the Clerk's office. Councillors may peruse the physical minutes at any time.

7) WARDEN'S ABSENCE

In the case of the absence of the Warden from the Municipality, the Deputy Warden shall act in the place and stead of the Warden, and shall have all the rights, powers, and authority of the Warden, while so acting.

8) CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER AND QUORUM

As soon after the hour fixed for the holding of the meeting, and quorum is present, the Warden shall take the Chair and call the meeting to order.

9) QUORUM

A quorum for Council and Committee of the Whole shall be the majority of councillors elected.

A quorum for other committees of council shall be a majority of the appointed members.

10) NO QUORUM

If no Quorum is present 15 minutes after the time appointed for a meeting, the Clerk or recording secretary shall record the names of the councillors/members present and the meeting shall stand adjourned until the date of the next regular meeting; or until otherwise scheduled.

11) THE CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING

It shall be the duty of the Warden or other presiding officer:

- a) to open the meeting by taking the Chair and calling the councillors or members to order;
- b) to announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon;
- c) to put to vote all questions which are regularly moved and seconded, or necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and to announce the result;
- d) to decline to put to vote motions which infringe the rules of procedure;
- e) to restrain the councillors or members, within the rules of order, when engaged in debate;
- f) to call by name any councillor or member persisting in breach of the rules of order of Municipal Council, thereby ordering them to vacate the Council chambers;
- g) to inform the Council, when necessary or when referred to, on a point of order;
- h) to permit the CAO or Clerk to speak on any point upon request;

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- i) to permit proper questions to be asked through the Chair of any official or employee of the County, or any member of the public in attendance, to provide information to assist in debate;
- j) to authenticate by their signature when necessary, the minutes of Committee of the Whole and Council; and
- k) to adjourn the meeting when business is concluded.

The presiding officer may state their position on any matter before the meeting without leaving the Chair, but only after all other councillor/member comments have been heard. It shall not be permissible for the presiding officer to debate the question without first leaving the Chair and after having appointed the Vice Chair to preside in their place during their remarks.

## 12) AGENDA

- a) any councillor, no later than six business days prior to a council meeting, may file in writing, an item for inclusion in the agenda under New Business. Items are to include background information and proposed motion.
- b) the business of the meeting shall in all cases be taken up in the order in which it stands upon the agenda unless otherwise decided by the councillors, and the Order of the Day amended.
- c) an item of business not listed on the Committee of the Whole agenda cannot be introduced at a meeting without the approval of the councillors **by majority vote.**
- d) the Clerk shall have prepared and provided electronically and in hard copy for the use of the councillors at the meetings of Committee of the Whole and Council an agenda under the following headings:

**AGENDA**  
**for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**to be held on Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_, 10:00 AM**  
**Council Chambers, Municipal Administration Building, 752 St George Street, Annapolis Royal**

Roll Call

Presentations

Disclosure of Interest

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Correspondence

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Staff Reports

Recommendations and Reports from Boards and Committees

Business Arising from the Minutes

New Business

In-Camera

5:00 Stated Adjournment

- e) The Clerk shall have prepared and provided electronically and in hard copy for the use of the councillors at the regular meetings of Council an agenda under the following headings:

#### **AGENDA**

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**to be held on Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_, 10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, Municipal Administration Building, 752 St George Street, Annapolis Royal**

Roll Call

Disclosure of Interest

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

COTW Recommendations

Business Arising from the Minutes

New Business

Councillor's Comments

In-camera

Adjournment

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**Adjournment** – the Warden or Chair shall declare the meeting adjourned.

**Approval of the Agenda** – the agenda, once approved by motion, confirms the Order of the Day.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes shall record:

- a) the place, date and time of meeting;
- b) attendance of councillors, present or absent; and
- c) all other proceedings of the meeting without note or comment.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to ensure that the minutes of the last regular meeting, and all special meetings held more than five days prior to a regular meeting, together with the agenda are provided electronically to each councillor not less than 48 hours before the hour appointed for the holding of such regular meeting.

**Business Arising from the Minutes** – the items listed in the order of the topics set out in the agenda of prior Committee of the Whole / Council meetings which have not been disposed of and the date of their first appearance on the agenda shall be noted and repeated on each subsequent agenda until disposed of, unless removed from the agenda by motion.

**Committee of the Whole Recommendations** – all recommendations discussed and debated at Committee of the Whole will be brought to Council as individual recommendations for decision by Council.

### **Correspondence**

All correspondence addressed to the county shall be distributed to the councillors and where in the opinion of the Clerk/CAO or a councillor it should be dealt with at a Committee of the Whole meeting, it shall be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Councillor's Comments** – comments of councillors will relate to special items of interest in the districts they represent, or in the municipality as a whole.

**Disclosure of Interest** – any councillor shall disclose any conflict of interest dealing either with any item on the agenda or with a matter discussed at a previous meeting from which the councillor was absent. Every councillor who is present when a question is put, shall vote thereon unless personally interested in a pecuniary sense, and shall leave the room before the matter is discussed.

**New Business** – items of new business, in writing and including background information and a proposed motion, received by the Clerk six business days prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting will be included in the agenda.

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**Presentations** – will take place at Committee of the Whole, following Roll Call. Presenters must register with the Clerk six business days prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting they wish to address.

Presenters will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes to address Committee of the Whole, unless extended by the Chair.

Council will not make a decision(s) at that time.

**Recommendations and Reports from Boards and Committees** – includes:

- **recommendations** from ad hoc and standing committees of Council, listed in Sections 48 and 49 this policy;
- **recommendations** from Advisory Boards and Committees (*Policies AM-1.3.6.1 to AM-1.3.6.16*); and
- **reports** from Joint, Regional and Community Organizations (*Policy AM-1.3.7*)

Recommendations and reports will be submitted to the Clerk by 4:30 PM six business days prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting and will be included with the agenda and circulated to councillors.

**Roll Call** – the Warden or presiding officer shall call the roll of councillors to verify attendance and to provide an opportunity to excuse, by motion, meeting attendance requirements of those councillors who wish to be excused. It is the duty of each councillor to advise the Chair of their absence and whether they wish to be excused in advance of the meeting.

**Staff Reports** – staff reports will be numbered by the Clerk, starting with the number “1” as the first report in each calendar year, with the prefix designating the year of the Committee of the Whole meeting, [i.e. SR2022-1 NAME OF REPORT]. Report numbers will re-start annually.

Reports will be submitted to the Clerk by 4:30 PM eight business days prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Reports will be prepared pursuant to directions and a template as determined from time to time.

**Urgent Business** – a matter deemed to be urgent by the Warden or CAO may be considered without notice at any time by a simple majority vote of Council.

## MOTIONS

### 13) WITHDRAWAL

- a) after a motion is moved and seconded it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Council but may, with the permission of the Council, be withdrawn at any time by the mover before decision or amendment.

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14) AMENDMENTS – a motion to amend

- a) shall receive disposition of Council before a previous amendment or the question,
- b) shall not be further amended more than once, and
- c) shall be put in the reverse order to that in which it is moved.

15) PRIVILEGE

- a) privileged motions take precedence over any or all of the motions listed before it. These motions include, in descending order of rank: Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn (highest ranking); Adjourn; Recess; Question of Privilege (noise, ventilation, introduction of a controversial subject in the presence of guests); Call for the Orders of the Day. When settled, the question so interrupted shall be resumed from the point where it was suspended.

16) LAY ON THE TABLE OR “TABLE”

- a) is the highest ranking of subsidiary motions. It is used to temporarily set aside an issue to take up something more urgent. This motion has no time reference; requires a mover and seconder; requires a majority vote; cannot be amended; and is not debatable.
- b) A question that has been “tabled” can be lifted from the table during the same session or until the end of the next regular business session if same is held before a quarterly time interval has elapsed. If not lifted within these time limits, the question dies, although it can be reintroduced later as a new question.

17) POSTPONE TO A DEFINITE TIME OR “DEFER”

- a) a subsidiary motion. It is used to set aside an issue to a specific date and time; requires a mover and seconder; requires a majority vote; may be amended and debated but only as to the time; cannot be interrupted.

18) COMMIT OR “REFER”

- a) a subsidiary motion. It is used to refer an issue to a committee or staff; requires a mover and seconder; requires a majority vote; may be debated.

19) POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

- a) the lowest ranking of subsidiary motions. It is used when Council declines to take a position on the main question. Its adoption kills the main motion for the duration of the session and avoids direct vote on the question.

20) RECONSIDER

- a) if a motion has been either adopted or defeated during a meeting, and announced from the Chair, a notice of an intention to move reconsideration can be made only on the same day on which the vote sought to be reconsidered was taken. If the motion was adopted, the motion to *Reconsider* can be made only by a councillor who voted in favour of the motion, or if the motion was defeated, then only by a councillor who voted against it. This motion can be seconded by any councillor no matter how they voted, and requires a majority vote.



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## 21) RESCIND OR AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED

- a) if it is too late to move to reconsider a motion, councillors can make either a motion to rescind or amend something previously adopted regardless of how they voted on the original motion. There is no time limit on making these motions. If previous notice is given, a majority vote is all that is required for adoption. However, if previous notice is not given of an intent to make one of these motions, so that councillors are not alerted ahead of time to the fact that the motion will be made, adoption of the motion requires either a two-thirds vote, or the vote of the a majority of the entire Council.

## Voting on Motions

### 22) Questions Stated

- a) immediately preceding the taking of the vote, the Chair or Clerk may state the question in the form introduced and shall do so if required by a councillor. The Chair or Clerk shall state the question in the precise form in which it will be recorded in the minutes.

### 23) No Interruption After Question

- a) after a question is finally put by the Chair, no councillor shall speak to the question nor shall any other motion be made until after the vote is taken and the result has been declared.

### 24) Voting

The usual form of voting on any question shall be by the Chairman calling for “yes” and “no”, but any Council Member, before or after a voice vote can call for, and obtain through the Chairman, a show of hands, and any two Council Members can call for, and obtain through the Chairman, a recorded vote with each Council Member’s vote entered into the minutes. A Councillor may request that their vote is recorded.

## Rules of Debate

- 25) Every councillor, prior to speaking on any question or motion, shall raise a hand and wait to be recognized by the Chair. When two or more councillors raise their hands to speak, the Chair shall designate the councillor who, in the opinion of the Chair, first raised a hand.
- 26) When a councillor is speaking no other councillor shall interrupt him/her except to raise a Point of Order.
- 27) Any councillor may require the question or motion under discussion to be read at any time during the debate but not so as to interrupt a councillor while speaking.
- 28) No councillor shall speak more than twice to the same question, without the leave of Council, except to explain a misconception of their remarks, but the mover of the motion shall have the right to reply and sum up in closing debate.

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- 29) When a councillor has been recognized as the next speaker, then immediately before speaking such councillor may ask a question of the Chair or an official of the Municipality on the matter under discussion but only for the purpose of obtaining information, following which the councillor shall speak.
- 30) The following motions may be introduced without written notice and without leave:
- a) a point of order or personal privilege;
  - b) to lay on the table (Table);
  - c) to postpone to a definite time (Defer);
  - d) to commit (Refer);
  - e) to postpone indefinitely;
  - f) to call the question;
  - g) to adjourn; and
  - h) to amend.

## **POINTS OF ORDER AND PRIVILEGE**

- 31) The Chair shall preserve order and decide questions of order.
- 32) It shall be the duty of the Chair, and the privilege of any councillor, to call any councillor to order, who violates any established rule of order. A point of order must be decided before the subject under consideration is proceeded with.
- 33) When a councillor is called to order, the councillor shall remain seated and silent until the point is determined, until called upon by the Chair to be heard on the point of order.
- 34) A point of order is not debateable amongst other councillors and is decided by the Chair, who may invite discussion in an effort to assist in making a ruling. Where the Chair permits discussion on a point of order, no councillor shall speak more than twice.
- 35) Decisions of the Chair on points of order or procedure, including an order expelling and excluding a person from the Council chambers pursuant to Subsections 39 and 40 are not debatable but are appealable to Council by any councillor. When an appeal is made from the decision of the Chair, the Chair shall simply put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"
- 36) If a councillor resists the rules of Council, wilfully obstructs the business of Council or disobeys the decision of the Chair, or of Council on appeal, on any question of order or practice or upon the interpretation of the rules of Council after being called to order by the Chair, or otherwise disrupts the proceedings of Council, the councillor may be ordered by the Chair to leave their seat provided that a majority vote of Council shall be required to sustain the expulsion.

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- 37) If the councillor refuses to leave their seat, the Chair may order the councillor to be expelled and excluded from the Council chambers.
- 38) Such councillor may, by vote of Council, later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting be permitted to re-enter Council chambers and to resume participation in Council's business with or without conditions.
- 39) Persons who are not councillors or employees of the County of Annapolis shall observe silence and order in the Council chambers, unless given permission to speak by motion. Any such persons disturbing the proceedings of Council shall be called to order by the Chair and, if they fail to comply, shall be ordered, by the Chair to be expelled and excluded from the Council chambers, provided that a majority vote of Council shall be required to sustain the expulsion.
- 40) Such member of the public may, by vote of Council later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting, be permitted to re-enter Council chambers with or without conditions.
- 41) An order of the Chair to expel a person from the Council chambers pursuant to Subsections 40 and 42 of this policy constitutes a direction from the County of Annapolis to leave the premises for purposes of the *Protection of Property Act* and other applicable laws.

## CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS

- 42) No councillor shall:
- a) use offensive or unparliamentary language in or against the Council, any councillor, or any staff;
  - b) speak on any subject other than the subject in debate;
  - c) criticize any decision of the Council except for the purpose of moving that the question be reconsidered;
  - d) disobey the rules of the Council or a decision of the Chair or the Council on questions of order or practice or upon the interpretation of the rules of the Council

- 43) When the Chair is putting the question, no councillor shall leave or make a disturbance.

## COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 44) **TERM OF APPOINTMENT** – except to the extent that the term of appointment is otherwise determined by statute, bylaw, or policy, councillors shall be appointed for two years, or the balance thereof, with the term commencing in December following each municipal general election or bi-annual election anniversary. Except as otherwise provided, no appointment shall cease until such time as a successor is appointed.
- 45) **PROVISIONS** – the following provisions shall apply to all Committees of Council, except where the policy specifically provides otherwise:

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- a) municipal council may replace at any time councillors who resign or who, in Council's opinion, are unable or unwilling to discharge their duties.
- b) if not appointed to a committee, the Warden shall be an *ex officio* councillor of the committee, with a voice but no vote. When attending as *ex officio* the Warden shall not be counted to establish quorum.
- c) a councillor is not entitled to additional remuneration for serving on the committee but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses for attending committee meetings, and mileage / kilometrage shall be paid at such rate as may be prescribed by municipal council in *Travel and Expenses Policy AM-1.8.1*.
- d) except to the extent that the Chair is otherwise determined by statute, bylaw, or policy, municipal council may appoint a person to serve as Chair of the committee, after seeking the advice of the Nominating Committee; but if municipal council does not appoint a Chair, the committee shall elect a Chair from one of its councillors.
- e) an *ex-officio* councillor of a committee shall not be eligible for election as Chair.
- f) the Chair shall be entitled to speak and to vote on any motion. Subject to the other provisions of this policy, the Chair shall have the same powers and responsibilities at committee meetings that are conferred upon the Chair at Council meetings.
- g) votes shall be recorded by a show of hands.
- h) the Clerk (or designate) shall call the first meeting of any committee after its appointment, upon the request of municipal council or a majority of the councillors of the committee. The CAO or Clerk or their designate shall Chair the meeting until a Chair has been chosen.
- i) the committee shall choose a scribe from one of its councillors, in which event the scribe shall be a full voting councillor of the committee. The scribe shall keep notes of the committee's meetings and ensure that the Clerk is provided with a copy of all approved minutes, which have been signed by the Chair.
- j) no order or authority to do any matter or thing shall be recognized as emanating from any committee, and all committee recommendations shall be referred to the Clerk in writing to be included with the Committee of the Whole agenda under Reports from Boards and Committees.

46) **AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL** - may be established by Council as deemed necessary and advisable to provide input on matters of timely consideration. Such a committee shall be for a limited time period as per its mandate determined by Council, and ceases to exist as soon as Council, through Committee of the Whole, receives and accepts a final report. Committees include:

- a) **Cornwallis Park & Area Asset Review Committee** – established to consider and make recommendations to Council pertaining to potential possibilities for current and future assets of Cornwallis Park and area (*MOTION 180717.28*);
- b) **Glyphosate Advisory Committee** – established to "... invite stakeholders to present to the committee in order to bring a recommendation to June 2021 Committee of the Whole ..." (*MOTION 201020.04*); and

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- c) **Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee** – established “with a mandate of physician recruitment and retention” (*MOTION 191119.09*); adopted descriptive mandate: To assist, as appropriate, in all aspects of recruiting and retention of medical personnel: physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and like medical professionals” (*MOTION 200218.07*).

47) **STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL** – may be established pursuant to Section 24 of the *Municipal Government Act*, or as otherwise determined by statute, bylaw or policy. Standing committees work on a continuous basis, and consist of councillors appointed by the Council. The committees include:

- a) **Committee of the Whole** – acts in an advisory capacity to Council, and meets to receive reports/recommendations from staff, and boards and committees.

It shall be the duty of Committee of the Whole to take action on such matters as are lawfully delegated to it by the County’s bylaws and policies, or by Council resolution, including but not restricted to:

- 1) ensuring regular, periodic and comprehensive review of all bylaws and policies of the County and such consideration shall be deemed as fulfilling the requirement for seven days’ notice to Municipal Council before a policy is passed, amended or repealed in accordance with Sub-section 48 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*; and
- 2) exercising any authority pursuant to Part XV-Dangerous or Unsightly Premises of the *Municipal Government Act* that is not delegated to the Administrator, as set out in relevant policy.

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole is the Warden, and the Secretary is the Clerk (or designate).

- b) **Nominating Committee**

- 1) at the Inaugural meeting, Council shall appoint three councillors to serve as members. The procedure for selecting councillors shall be the same as that used for selection of a Warden.
- 2) the Warden shall automatically be a regular, voting councillor of the committee.
- 3) the mandate of the committee is to discuss, consider, advise and make recommendations to Council through Committee of the Whole concerning the nomination of persons to various committees, boards, and commissions, except where municipal council determines that consideration by the Nominating committee is not necessary or advisable.
- 4) Council may, by resolution, accept, reject, or vary a report of the Nominating committee in whole or in part.
- 5) it shall, at least annually, review the status of councillor appointments to ensure equity of workloads among councillors.
- 6) All committees should meet within thirty days of being struck to determine a Chair and Vice Chair.

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- c) **CAO Review Committee** – shall oversee the performance review process for the CAO after consultation with Council.
- 1) consists of the Warden, Deputy Warden, and two other councillors.
  - 2) the Warden shall be the Chair of the committee.
  - 3) to the extent practicable, selection of the remaining committee councillors (in addition to the Warden and Deputy Warden) should reflect the gender diversity of Council's composition. Accordingly, the remaining committee councillors shall be selected by placing the names of councillors confirming an interest in a box and having two names drawn by a person chosen by the Warden.
  - 4) in accordance with sub-section 21(2)(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the CAO Review Committee may meet in closed session. The CAO will be requested not to attend the CAO Review Committee and council meetings where their performance is discussed; no other staff persons shall attend.
  - 5) the CAO shall be evaluated at least once a year, with a mid-year review if desired by the CAO, the CAO Review Committee or Council.
- d) **Economic Development Committee**
- 1) consists of three councillors and the Warden.
  - 2) the mandate of the committee is to advise and make recommendations to Council through Committee of the Whole concerning the drafting, implementation, amendment, and facilitation of an Annapolis County Economic Development Strategy.
- e) **Fire Services Committee**
- 1) consists of two councillors as well as two or more invited representatives of the Annapolis County Fire Services Executive as appropriate.
  - 2) the mandate of the committee is to advise and make recommendations through Committee of the Whole to Council concerning fire services funding and such other matters as are necessary and expedient for the provision of fire suppression and prevention services in the municipality.
  - 3) meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Chair.
- f) **Fences Arbitration Committee** – committee continues pursuant to Section 4 of the *Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act*.
- 1) consists of one member from the municipality appointed by the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and one member appointed by the council of the municipality
  - 2) the member appointed by the council of a municipality pursuant to subsection (1) may be an employee of the municipality and shall be the chair of the committee
  - 3) the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and the council of the municipality shall each appoint an alternate member to serve on the committee when requested to do so by the member appointed by the council of the municipality or the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, as the case may be
  - 4) the members of a committee hold office for a term of not more than four years

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- 5) Two members of the committee constitute a quorum
- 6) the annual honorarium for the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture appointees shall be \$50 per meeting attended. If the Fences Arbitration Committee does not meet during the calendar year, the appointees shall receive an honorarium of \$50.
- 7) Members of the committee and alternate members of the committee appointed pursuant to this Section shall be residents of the municipality for which the committee is established. 2

g) **Forestry Advisory Committee** – shall exist as an advisory committee of Council.

- 1) consists of not more than four councillors.
- 2) its purpose is to consider and make recommendations regarding forestry matters.
- 3)

#### **48) REPEAL**

AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings Procedures Policy, adopted by Municipal Council of the County of Annapolis on September 19, 2023, is hereby repealed.

<p>Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book</p> <p>I certify that this policy was adopted by Municipal Council as indicated below:</p> <p><i>Seven (7) Day Notice..... April 9, 2024</i></p> <p><i>Council Approval..... April 16, 2024</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Carolyn Young              Clerk           </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>April 17, 2024</u>              Date           </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">At Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia</p>	
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#### **AMENDMENTS:**

##### **October 25, 2022:**

Article 3 – change fourth to third; and

Article 12 – Change Council Agenda from COTW Consent to COTW Recommendations; and change the Definition for Committee of the Whole Consent to Committee of the Whole Recommendations – all recommendations discussed and debated at Committee of the Whole will be brought to Council as individual recommendations for decision by Council.

##### **May 16, 2023:**

Subsection 47 a) 1) – add “and such consideration shall be deemed as fulfilling the requirement for seven days’ notice to Municipal Council before a policy is passed, amended or repealed in accordance with Sub-section 48 (1) of the Municipal Government Act;”

##### **September 19, 2023:**

Added:

In Article 3 Regular Meetings of Council

“There shall be no regular meeting during the month of August”; and

In Article 5 Committees of Council Meetings

“There shall be no regular meetings during the month of August.”