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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.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: Interim CAO Doug Patterson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson, A. Atwell, L. Bent, D. Campbell, S. Hudson (10:45 a.m.), N. McCormick, E. Melanson, Janice Young (10:54 a.m.) and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

Order of the Day

Request to add 22(2)(c) personnel to In-Camera.

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

Moved: Councillor Sheridan Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

In-Camera

That municipal council meet in-camera from 10:05 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(c) personnel and (d) labour relations of the Municipal Government Act.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Minutes

2023-03-14 Municipal Council Special, approved with no errors or omissions

2023-03-21 Municipal Council Regular, approved with no errors or omissions.

2023-03-21 Public Meeting, approved with no errors or omissions

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-03-17

SR2023-23 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend

MOTION 230418.01 SR2023-23 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend

That municipal council amend AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy by:

 listing the Visitor Information Centres annually receiving funding, in accordance with 7-day notice given on March 17, 2023.

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

SR2023-28 AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy Amend

MOTION 230418.02 SR2023-28 AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy Amend That Municipal Council amend AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy by adding Port Royal Lighthouse Association – AAN 03390721, Bridgetown Curling Club – AAN 00475602 and removing Bridgetown Curling Club – AAN 00475602 from the partial tax exemption, pursuant to 7-day notice given on March 17, 2023.

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

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SR2023-35 Granville Street Parking Redevelopment

That municipal council hold a public meeting in the community of Bridgetown to discuss Granville. Street Parking Redevelopment project:

Moved: Councillor Enslow Seconded: Councillor Connell

To amend the motion to change 'Granville Street Parking Redevelopment Project' to 'use of funds from the sale of the former town hall'

Moved: Councillor Enslow Seconded: Councillor Hudson Motion carried.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 230418.03 SR2023-35 Granville Street Parking Redevelopment / Use of Funds from Sale of Former Town Hall

That municipal council hold a public meeting in the community of Bridgetown to discuss use of funds from the sale of the former town half

Moved: Councillor Enslow Seconded: Councillor Connell Motion carried

SR2023-34 NS UARB Submission Boundary Review

MOTION 230418.04 SR2023-34 NS UARB Submission Boundary Review

To authorize the Warden and Municipal Clerk to submit an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NS UARB) to confirm the number and boundaries of polling districts at 11, and to confirm the number of councillors at 11 pursuant to Section 369 of the Municipal Government Act.

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Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

SR2023-28 (2) AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy Amend

MOTION 230418.05 SR2023-28 (2) AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy Amend

That Municipal Council amend *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy* by adding, Carleton Road Industries Association – AAN 01127705, in accordance with 7-day notice given on April 11, 2023.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

SR2023-30.2 AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy Amend

MOTION 230418.06 SR2023-30 AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy Amend

That municipal council amend AM-1.2.3 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy as revised and circulated, pursuant to 7-day notice given on April 11, 2023.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

SR2023-36 MRHP St. John's Anglican Church Application for Alterations

MOTION 230418.07 SR2023-36 MRHP St. John's Anglican Church Application for Alterations

That Municipal Council refer the substantial alteration application for the replacement of the existing green asphalt shingles to black metal roofing material for Municipally-Registered Heritage Property St. John's Anglican Church, 694 Highway 201, Moschelle, to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc Motion carried.

SR2023-37 Former Upper Clements Park Structure

That Municipal Council authorize staff to proceed with the cleanup of the remains of the structure that was destroyed by fire on March 30, 2023 at the former Upper Clements Park with funding to come from operational reserves.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Gunn

To amend the motion to insert after March 30, 2023 'and that the stones be preserved.'

Moved: Councillor Gunn Seconded: Councillor Prout

Recess:

11:08 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.

Councillor Gunn withdrew the amendment.

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To amend the motion by adding at the end 'and that the stones be preserved for future use'

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

To amend the amendment by adding 'and that they be preserved for sale'.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion withdrawn.

Councillor Gunn called for the question to be put. 9 in favour, 2 opposed.

The question was called on the amendment.

Motion carried.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 230418.08 SR2023-037 Former Upper Clements Park Structure

That Municipal Council authorize staff to proceed with the cleanup of the remains of the structure that was destroyed by fire on March 30, 2023 at the former Upper Clements Park with funding to come from operational reserves, and that the stones be preserved for future use.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

MOTION 230418.09 Staff to Bring Information Report on Stone Collected

That municipal council direct staff to bring an information report on how much stone was collected from the former Upper Clements site.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

SR2023-38 2023-24 Sewer Rates County

MOTION 230418.010 SR2023-38 2023-24 Sewer Rates County

That Municipal Council authorize an increase to the County Sewer Rate of 2% resulting in a flat rate annual charge of \$590.39 per equivalent unit.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

SR2023-38 2023-24 Sewer Rates Bridgetown

MOTION 230418.011 SR2023-38 2023-24 Sewer Rates Bridgetown

That Municipal Council authorize an increase to the Bridgetown Sewer Rate of 2% to both the base and variables rates resulting in a base rate of \$13.08 per quarter and \$2.12 per cubic meter.

Moved: Councillor Hudson Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

Moment of Silence

At noon, Councillor Prout requested that municipal council join him to observe a moment of silence to join other Nova Scotians to honour the victims and survivors of the 2020 mass shooting and to reflect on the tragedy.

SR2023-39 Letter of Awareness Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena

MOTION 230418.012 SR2023-39 Letter of Awareness Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena That municipal council provide a letter of awareness to the Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena to accompany their 2023-2024 Recreation Facility Development Grant application, noting that no funding has been requested from the municipality for their Warm Room Extension and Insulation project.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Speeding in Granville Ferry – Letter to Minister

MOTION 230418.013 Speeding in Granville Ferry – Letter to Minister Public Works
That municipal council request the Minister of Public Works to review the speed limit of 80km and the passing zone approaching the community of Granville Ferry from Victoria Beach with a view to eliminate the passing zone and/or reduce the speed on this approach, and to review the speed limit in the community of Granville Ferry.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

SR2023-28 (3) AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy

MOTION 230418.014 SR2023-28 (3) AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy
That municipal council accept late applications from Atalanta Hospice Society AAN#09-148-698, AAN#09-149-295; and The Friends of Margaretsville Lighthouse AAN#03-390-594, and add them to AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy for 2023-24, in accordance with 7-day notice given on April 11, 2023.

Moved: Councillor Connell Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

New Business

Re: Warden Report to April 2023

Re: SR2023-40 Mountains and Meadows Offer to Purchase Portion of PID05142039

MOTION 230418.015 SR2023-40 Mountains and Meadows Offer to Purchase Portion of PID 05142039

That municipal council approve the Mountains and Meadows Care Group offer to purchase a portion of PID 05142039 in the amount of \$85,000 including terms as outlined in the letter dated March 22, 2022.

Moved: Councillor Enslow Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Councillor Comments

District 1 - Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Councillor Prout noted he was sad to report on racist graffiti that recently appeared on the road and signage at the junction of Hwy 221 and Stronach Mountain Road in District 1. He is saddened and disappointed by this action. On behalf of his residents, he apologized for this action and the harm it has caused. He strongly condemns this act and noted that racism has no place in our community, county or province.

Good morning and greetings from District 1. The 2023 Eastern Canadian Gymnastics Championships are being held in Sherbrooke Quebec in May. The Rainbow Riders Gymnastics & Trampoline Club in Middleton has ten athletes who have qualified to compete based on the scores they achieved in competitions held in the last few months. These ten athletes will join twenty-nine others from around the province and compete as Team Nova Scotia in Trampoline and Tumbling. Included in these ten local athletes are Annapolis County youth: Rylee Armstrong from Spa Springs, MacKenzie Roach from Wilmot, Coco Kucharski from New Albany, and Addison Roscoe from Paradise. Other team members include Charlotte Green, Leanne Bent, Lola Hutchison and Addisyn Spinney from Kings County along with Zara Kenley and Laurelle Comeau from Digby County. The team coaches are Carol McGean and Carol Anne Prost. I am sure that we wish them all the best as they represent Nova Scotia.

Looking forward, I would encourage everyone to take part in any local activities on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd. In addition, a reminder that Wednesday, April 26th is Administrative Professionals Day. These are truly the people who are the backbone of our companies, schools, businesses and governments including our own county.

Finally, I would encourage everyone to support our local markets, flower shops and nurseries as they help us to prepare for the upcoming gardening season. AND Auntie Dorns on Highway 1 in Wilmot will be opening on Thursday, May 4th.

- District 2 Councillor Connell noted that spring is here, and brings lots of activities in our communities. Hopes everyone supports events in the county. Margaretsville has a breakfast on the 1st Saturday of the month, and on the 1st Sunday is breakfast in Port George. The Farm Café at NSCC Middleton is hosting a pay-what-you-can meal on Wednesday, April 26th from 2-6 pm. Enjoy the weather.
- District 3 Councillor Enslow noted a busy month, lots of meetings. Has enjoyed working together as a team. Past month attended various events and businesses in his district, and met with new citizens. Attended the Lion's breakfast which happens the 1st Saturday of the month at the Bridgetown Legion. He has visited, Arlington site, and is providing updates to his constituents to be open and transparent—and is receiving positive feedback. He noted the huge lineups at Pearls in Paradise. 4H meets at the Clarence Hall on Thursdays. The Bridgetown And Area Chamber had its AGM on April 20 at Lunns Mill. There is an Earth Day workshop taking place at the Bridgetown Library from 1130-2 on April 22nd. He also noted the various job opportunities in municipality and at the county.
- District 4—Councillor Barteaux get out and support communities—farms, recreational events, community associations. Halls have current events—check them out in all our districts. Be part of being vibrant and productive.
- District 5 Councillor Longmire visited Bear River and ate the Breakfast Burger at Myrtle and Rosies outstanding. Visited the shops in Bear River and purchased a drum. Fundy Thread and Thimble hosted a bake sale for accessible ramp and steps and heating source for their hall. Shaffners Point lighthouse Association still active raising funds. Their lobster roll fundraiser held on April 7 sold out, and items were

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raffled. It is important to volunteer, and celebrate your volunteers. Motorcycles – be aware of them – please don't put your grass on the roadways. Beautiful weather, enjoy.

District 6 - Warden Morrison

Briefed participants at meeting of Cornwallis Park Community Association on 13 April and exchanged views on various municipal matters - referred them to County staff.

Attended Cornwallis Community Centre lunch on 15 April, thanking community volunteers.

Clementsport Legion "Frenchy's Fashion Show", evening of Friday 21 April.

Dinner theatre returns to Clementsport Legion Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May - directed, as usual by Dr. Simon Bonnington

Cornwallis Community Garden Association is gearing up for a bumper season; adult gardeners, including some Ukrainians, as well as school children. Stay tuned for information on the Garden Party to be held in August - post-COVID resumption.

Frank & Dora's Eating Palace in Deep Brook is now open.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted April is Autism Awareness month – shout out to everyone who is caring for loved ones for whatever reasons. This commitment needs to be commended. Their lives are quite different.

District 8 - Councillor Gunn (as submitted)

Good morning, and happy Earth Month.

My phone calls and communications this month almost all related to the lack of potable water in downtown Bear River, and there is a concern that we are again changing hands and gaining another CAO, yet the prospect of getting water to the Annapolis side is not advancing. For a few years now, the County Council has agreed that this issue is of utmost importance, and the people of Bear River want us to remember to see this issue through, imminently.

We have a busy week coming up in District 8.

Saturday is the long anticipated return of Maplefest, the annual fundraiser for the Milford Community Hall. There are two sittings, noon to 2 and 4 to 6, if you'd like a fantastic meal and great company.

Saturday is also the Earth Day waterfront clean up in Bear River, between 9 and noon, for any interested volunteers.

The following Saturday, April 29, is the Spring Market at the Forrester's Hall in Clementsvale, and between 10 am and 2 pm you'll find seeds, starters for your garden, baked goods and more.

Also in Bear River on Thursday the 27th at 3pm is a meeting with the Bear River Economic Development Society. This Society, like many in our area, is being driven by an ageing group who are for the most part in their seventies and they are tired. They would like to engage some younger people who can take the lead. They want to discuss ways to increase volunteerism with the residents and to bring more tourism through the area.

I'd also like to promote something happening in District 6 at the Upper Clements Community Hall on Saturday the 22nd as it relates to FORESTRY. Between 1 and 6pm, there will be a series of films and discussions relating to forestry, species conservation and other topics relating to ecology. It is organized through cooperation of environmentally active groups in the area, and they are hoping to encourage citizens to participate in local initiatives. I strongly encourage anyone interested in environmental issues to join in and see how you can participate.

He added that citizens will get a chance to comment to UARB regarding 11 districts.

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District 9 – Councillor Sheridan noted her thanks to staff today as we went in a lot of circles – their patience is appreciated! Turkey dinner at Lions Hall in Nictaux – April 23rd at 5:00. Up and coming next month – bingo will be starting ate Nictaux fire hall.

District 10 - Deputy Warden Redden (as submitted)

Upcoming events in District 10:

Springfield Fire Hall Breakfast Saturday April 22nd, 8am to 11am 12\$ Large8\$ Small Bacon Pancakes, Sausage etc.

Lawrencetown Area Seniors Association, 130pm May 8th, Downstairs at the Lawrencetown Legion Annapolis Valley Exhibition August 18th Yuk Yuk's line up Peter Anthony, Travis Lindsey, Francis Weber. Annapolis Valley Exhibition August 19th is the Main Musical Event at the River Side stage, Grammy Nominated singer-songwriter BIG REVEAL coming on May 1st

Lawrencetown Consolidated School Spring Bingo, Friday, May 5th 6pm

Spring field Loop Yard Sale, Springfield Ridge Rd. and Lake Pleasant. May 20th. Sign up at Tammy's Store Brickton Hall, Jam Sessions Wednesdays, 7pm

District 11 — Councillor LeBlanc spring is in the air, people are outside, children's voices can be heard playing, and people are walking and preparing gardens. It's nice to see. All the ice-cream business are opening. Reminder — second week of spring clean-up — put your stuff out in case someone else can use it.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk