

**2023-09-19 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10:06 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 via Zoom
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 N. McCormick, D. Ryan, and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Order of the Day

The Clerk requested to add under New Business: **6.2** SR2023-73 5-Year Capital Investment Plan; and **6.3** SR2023-74 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan; and under In-Camera: **8.3** 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation.

To approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Minutes

2023-07-18 Regular Minutes - approved with no errors or omissions.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-07-1

Re: SR2023-46(4) AM- 1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy – Amend

Motion 230919.01 SR2023-46 (4) AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy

That municipal council amend *AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy* by adding:

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; in accordance with seven-day notice given at September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-64 Bridgetown - Use of Reserve Funds

Motion 230919.02 SR2023-64 Bridgetown – Use of Reserve Funds

That Municipal Council use the proceeds from the sale of the former Town of Bridgetown Town Hall to fund the re-development of the lands adjacent to the former Bridgetown Town Hall owned by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis as a paved parking area with associated amenities; and that Municipal Council authorize the withdrawal of up to \$186,702 from the Capital Reserve to be used for this purpose; pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-65 Arlington Forest Protection Society – Request Letter of Support

That the Municipality of the County of Annapolis send a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia outlining its support for the Arlington Forest Protection Society's advocacy work surrounding the protection of old growth forests and request that specific Society and general community consultations take place in Annapolis County this fall prior to the Province of Nova Scotia's development and approval of a comprehensive or long-term ecological forestry approach for Nova Scotia's forests; in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

To amend the motion by striking the word '*growth*'

Moved Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

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

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Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-66 S1 Solid Waste-Resource Bylaw NEW – 1st Reading

Motion 230919.04 SR2023-66 S1 Solid Waste-Resource Bylaw NEW – 1st Reading

That Municipal Council give first reading to *S1 Solid Waste-Resource Bylaw*, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-67 Habitation Community Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw

Motion 230919.05 SR2023-67 Habitation Community Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw - To the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

That Municipal Council convene a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on October 5th at 7pm, at the Lower Granville Community Hall for consideration of the Habitation Community Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Planning documents, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-68 Nictaux & District Fire Department – Release of Funds

Motion 230919.06 SR2023-68 Nictaux & District FD Release of Funds

That Municipal Council authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Capital Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Nictaux & District Volunteer Fire Department in the 2023-24 fiscal year, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-69 AM-1.4.20 Waste Management Site Tipping Fees Policy – Repeal

Motion 230919.07 SR2023-69 AM-1.4.20 Waste Management Site Tipping Fees Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-1.4.20 Waste Management Site Tipping Fees Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice given at September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-70 Policy 102 Personnel – New

Motion 230919.08 SR2023-70 Policy 102 Personnel - New

That Municipal Council approve Policy 102 - *Personnel* in accordance with seven-day notice given at September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-71 East End Servicing Study

Motion 230919.09 SR2023-71 East End Servicing Study

That Municipal Council authorize an additional \$97,218 in funding from county water and sewer reserves for the expanded scope of the East End Servicing Study, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-72 Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub – Lease

Motion 230919.10 SR2023-72 Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub - Lease

That Municipal Council approve a five-year renewable lease agreement between the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Annapolis County Outdoor Sports Society (ACOSS) to oversee the management of the Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub, and that the proposed lease agreement be amended to add *7C Section vi requiring them to have Directors and Officers liability insurance*, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-18 (2) Fire Services Review

Motion 230919.11 SR2023-18 (2) Fire Services Review

That Municipal Council authorize an additional \$14,000 in funding as an unfunded liability for the awarding of the Fire Services Review contract, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

Re: Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee (not more than 3 citizens)

Motion 230919.12 Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee – Citizen Appointments

That Municipal Council appoint Maurya Braun, Clifford Drysdale, and Gregory Heming as citizen members of the Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee (satisfying Section 28(2) of the policy) for a term ending November 30, 2024, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

Re: Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee (3 councillors)

Motion 230919.13 Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee – Councillor Appointments

That municipal council appoint Councillors Longmire, Barteaux and Enslow to the Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee for a term ending November 30, 2024, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan
Motion carried.

New Business

Re: Wardens Update September

Re: SR2023-73 5-Year Capital Investment Plan

Motion 230919.14 5-Year Capital Investment Plan

That municipal council adopt the proposed 2023-2028 Capital Investment Plan.

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

Re: SR2023-74 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan

Motion 230919.15 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan Vision 2027

That municipal council adopt the proposed 2023-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan.

Moved: Councillor Enslow
Seconded: Councillor Gunn
Motion carried.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Hopefully everyone has been able to enjoy some of our summer which is rapidly coming to a close. Despite the abundance of rain in August and September, the County has hosted a number of successful events. The Port George Jamboree was very well attended. The Annapolis County Exhibition was a huge success with large crowds, along with the many exhibits and events. The Bridgetown Ciderfest set the pace for our many upcoming fall events. In addition, several of our communities and service clubs were responsible for numerous smaller events throughout the county.

With September, the new school year has begun. I would like to wish all of our students, parents and teachers a great year.

With all of the challenges which were faced by Atlantic Canada over the past weekend associated with Hurricane Lee, I would like to thank the hard work and dedication of our power crews, first responders, fire-fighters and others who helped us do deal with the storm. I would also like to specifically thank our County Public Works and REMO staff for their efforts during this time.

Finally, as we move into our next season, I would encourage us all to continue to support our local farmers, eateries and businesses while also providing help to those of our fellow citizens who are facing difficulties during these challenging times.

District 2 – Councillor Connell reported a busy August even with no meetings. He spent time with family and friends and attended lots of events: Margaretsville Days Car Show (very busy, great success), Annapolis Valley Exhibition, Port George Jamboree, and the Wharf Rat Rally. All the events were well attended. He also visited the county's newest park in Cornwallis the Fundy Tidal Park - very impressed with the park and the water access for disabled. Lots of good comments on social media. Nice addition

to our county. Fundraisers - first Saturday of the month is the breakfast in Margaretsville, and the first Sunday of the month breakfast in Port George.

District 3 – Councillor Enslow – many parents are glad that school is back in session! Busy summer attending many events. Lots of functions and people in attendance – getting back to pre-covid attendance - nice to see. Lots of new people are moving here from all over. Attended: Riverfest – phenomenal, Ciderfest was a great success, Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department 150th anniversary, and Canada Day in Port Lorne. Enjoyed delivering grant cheques to various communities. Groups are very thankful for this county assistance. Bridgetown Lions first Saturday freewill breakfast – it’s filling!

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux changing season-means kids are back to school – please be careful for their safety and be aware of their presence on our roads. Hurricane season brings challenges with cancelled events, he hopes they get rescheduled as they are usually fundraisers and are a great way to get together. Hopes events are not disrupted by any more storms – we were fortunate this time with hurricane Lee.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire (as submitted)

The summer came in with a storm and has left us this past weekend with yet another. I do hope everyone was able to prepare for the unexpected, and that the damage and power outages were minimal. Always a good idea to look in on neighbors. REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) is a great resource that we have here in the County of Annapolis.

No matter where you are, if you have internet you will be able to access the information on storms and much more. There are many other ways to find the information that can best help you find storm alerts/updates, how to prepare, along with condition of roads and interrupted services and comfort centers by following NS EMO website, twitter, there is a newsletter that one can sign up on, on the county website, Annapolis REMO twitter, there are other community newsletters throughout the communities, radios always provide updates. Neighbors – building good relationships with neighbors so you can count on one another is so important.

This summer was exciting! We saw many festivals and several new parks open. In July the Upper Clements Trail and then in August, the Annapolis Basin Tidal Beach Park. Beautiful spaces that await your visit.

District 5 offers a beautiful scenic drive on both sides of the North Mountain and as the leaves begin to change it is sure to be spectacular. Up and down District 5 there is a wide variety of artisans. Holly Everett is known for her folk style paintings and has an endearing shop located on Parker Mountain Rd as you head over from Hwy 1. Sylvia Slater Pauls located in Parker’s Cove she is an artist and painter of landscapes in acrylic and sometimes aqua oils. Her style can be classified anywhere from impressionism to photorealism. Her art is showcased on both her fb page and website. Right now, she has 2 paintings showcased at Kings Theatre lobby gallery in Annapolis Royal until October.

There are several roadside farm stands with fresh veggies and fruit, the Habitation is worth a visit and of course the Crows Nest, which is known for serving some of the very best seafood.

Oh and if you can, don't forget to stop by the Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail this Fall.

The Port Royal Lighthouse Association continues their work with many volunteers, painting shingles, corner boards and much more in preparation for completing the beautiful Schaffner’s Point Lighthouse in Port Royal.

Many calls continue with concerns and challenges faced in our communities from long grasses on the roadside and ditches that are densely filled with growth. All of this makes it concerning when driving

out of driveways, as well as, navigating corners. If you have concerns please be sure to call Public Works TIR at 902-532-2844.

September welcomes back students and with this comes busier roads as school buses are transporting to and from schools and activities. Please be sure to slow down.

District 6 – Warden Morrison

Glad that ABCC has made its Master plan public to develop 400 residential units. Will be interesting to participate with them and watch it develop.

Fundy Tidal Park – spent a few hours there and chatted with locals and others. The contractor hired to clean sanitation facilities was a very dedicated young man, with a positive outlook on doing that work.

Frank & Doras – very aware of the new park!

Cornwallis Park Community Association Hall – held an open house to meet and greet new Ukrainian citizens. Many came from far and wide to have a chat.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson hopes there was no serious damage from Tropical Storm Lee more than some loss of power. On July 28th he and the Warden presented grant cheques to community groups. He took his turn manning the County booth at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition; attended Ciderfest 8-10 September, which was well attended and very successful, with many activities including buskers, gymnastics, street parade, car show, games and demonstrations at Jubilee Park, and lots of food choices! Enjoyed watching the kids line up to eagerly see the reptiles. It was enjoyed by all.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn (as submitted)

Thursday is the International Day of Peace, as is celebrated by the United Nations. The theme this year is Sustainable Development, and with that in mind I'd like to give an update on the progress of the Sustainable Forest Management our County is implementing in Greywood. Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute has completed the biodiversity assessment and have identified what can be sustainably harvested. The intent is to begin this fall. This is great news, and an excellent case of Leading By Example, and I'm delighted it's happening in District 8.

I joined the industrious group of people of the Milford Hall for a meeting and will be part of the fall clean-up crew and part of the kitchen staff of the upcoming Harvestfest. I also joined an event hosted by the Bear River Board of Trade promoting Bear River as a tourist destination and aims to combine the efforts of all community groups to do so. This is an excellent case of putting heads together with a common purpose, and I applaud their dedication and effort. Good things will come of this.

In other local news, I was happy to be part of the team from the County who minded the Annapolis County booth at the Lawrencetown Exhibition. I had a lot of great conversations with the visiting patrons, was delighted to give away prizes, and would really like to commend the staff that made things run so smoothly. It was a great event, and they really made it easy for the rest of us.

Upcoming is the community yard sale at Forrester's Hall in Clementsvale on September 30, and today is the opening parade of the Queens County Exhibition, which runs all week and is always a good time for local participants and those from neighbouring counties.

Saturday September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and Kejimikujik National Park has advised that no regularly scheduled programming will be happening on this day of reflection and unification.

I hope everyone's garden survived the storm and that you all enjoyed a bountiful growing season through the summer.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan reported that Hurricane Lee affected the Nictaux Falls community park with lots of tree debris – thanks to community volunteers for putting it all back together. The Volunteer Expo this weekend on Saturday at Bridgetown Regional Community School – she is looking forward to the great opportunity to match volunteers with groups. The Middleton & District Lions are hosting a ticket auction on October 14th.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden – (as submitted)

I have had conversations with residents in the area of Springfield, including Ridge Road and Cherryfield Road about which recreation facilities they use. They indicated to me greater than 25 facilities outside of our county which they use on a somewhat regular basis. This does not include, “everything in Bridgewater” which is several more. I was surprised at the number of facilities in the area. It punctuated for me how much our residents work and play across municipal boundaries. In turn demonstrating how important inter-municipal co-operation is.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc spent time at the Port George Jamboree - it was busy! Good to see people attending from everywhere. Nova Scotia was hit again with another storm and we fared better than expected. She thanked REMO and Public Works who are always ready for these situations. Three Rivers Community Hall Facebook page has all of their upcoming events. Thanked staff for great news stories on our County Facebook page – park openings and cheques being presented. She wished all students and teachers a great, safe school year. Learn as much as you can. We are in fall clean up. She continues to get lots of phone calls about ditches being overgrown and unsafe as they obscure lines of sight, and urged everyone to call the appropriate number so that they know. Have a great September.

In-Camera

That municipal council meet in-camera from 10:56 a.m. until 12:28 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2) (e) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk