

**2023-12-19 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, December 19, 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: CAO Chris McNeill, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including L. Bent, D. Campbell, N. McCormick, B. Olsen, Jim Young; and 1 member of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Order of the Day

The Clerk requested to add under New Business item 6.5 2023-12-14 Planning Advisory Committee Recommendation

To approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Minutes

Re: 2023-11-21 Regular Minutes - approved with no errors or omissions.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-12-12

- ***SR2023-85 Policy 105 Low Income Tax Exemption NEW***

Motion 231219.01 Policy 105 Low Income Tax Exemption NEW

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 105 Low Income Tax Exemption*, pursuant to seven-day notice given on December 12th.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

- **SR2023-86 Policy 106 Municipal Traffic Authority NEW**

Motion 231219.02 Policy 106 Municipal Traffic Authority NEW

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 106 Appointment of a Traffic Authority*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on December 12th.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- **SR2023-87 Municipal Capital Growth Fund Submission Bear River**

Motion 231219.03 SR2023-87 Municipal Capital Growth Fund Submission Bear River

That Municipal Council support the submission of an application to the Municipal Capital Growth Fund in the amount of \$1,704,000 for 50% of the construction phase of the Bear River Water System Project, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

- **SR2023-88 Occupational Health and Safety Policy – Re-Adopt**

Motion 231219.04 SR2023-88 Occupational Health and Safety Policy Re-Adopt

That Municipal Council re-adopt *AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on December 12th.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

SR2023-89 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**Motion 231219.05 SR2023-89 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

That Municipal Council authorize that Valley Waste-Resource Management opts-in and registers for EPR for Packaging & Printed Paper by the December 31, 2023, deadline on behalf of Annapolis County, and designate Valley Waste-Resource Management to consult with the PRO and Divert NS to negotiate the transition to full EPR for PPP on the behalf of Annapolis County, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

SR2023-90 CPI Wage Increase**Motion 231219.06 SR2023-90 CPI Wage Increase**

That Municipal Council approve an increase to all non-union salaries in the amount of 3.2%, effective January 1, 2024, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against.

New Business

Re: Warden's December Update

Re: SR2023-80 C8 Electronic Voting Bylaw New Final Reading

Motion 231219.07 SR2023-80 C8 Electronic Voting Bylaw New Final Reading

That Municipal Council give final reading to enact *C8 Electronic Voting Bylaw*, which repeals *C8 Alternative Voting Bylaw*, pursuant to first reading given on November 21, 2023.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried, 8 in favour, 3 against.

Re: SR203-91 Trans County Transportation Society Funding

Motion 231219.08 SR2023-91 Trans County Transportation Society Funding

That Municipal Council approve entering into the draft funding agreement with Trans County Transportation Society.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee (not more than 3 citizens, 1 vacancy) – Recommended Citizen Appointment

Motion 231219.09 Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee – Citizen Appointment

That Municipal Council appoint Danny Phinney as a citizen member of the Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee (satisfying Section 28(2) of the policy) for a term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Leblanc

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: 2023-12-14 Planning Advisory Committee Recommendation

Motion 231219.10 County-Wide MPS / LUB First Reading

That municipal council give first reading of its intent to adopt the County-Wide MPS LUB as presented., and set a Public Hearing date of THURSDAY, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Administration Building, with a storm date of January 22, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Season's Greetings from District 1. It has been an interesting last few weeks with the Holiday Season approaching. On November 28th I attended a Community Group Information Session regarding Funding at the Nictaux Fire Hall with Councillor Sheridan, along with a number of Staff and a number of members of the public. On November 30th a second PAC meeting concerning the Habitation Area MPS/LUB was held in Lower Granville.

December activities included the Greywood Site Visit, a Police Advisory Board meeting, as well as a PAC meeting to discuss the Draft County-wide MPS/LUB Plan.

I would like to wish my fellow Council Members, County Staff, and all the residents of Annapolis County a happy holiday season. With the Holidays quickly approaching, may you and your families have a wonderful time as you celebrate your family traditions. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Kwanzaa!

At this time of great need for many of our fellow citizens, please consider, if you can, supporting one of our many Food Banks, service clubs or community groups who are trying to provide assistance to those in need. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!

District 2 – Councillor Connell offered Seasons Greetings from district 2. It is a busy time of year so be alert so that tragedies don't happen. Past year has been enjoyable to be a councillor. We've accomplished a lot thanks to staff and council. Hopes to keep this trend in the new year. Merry Christmas.

District 3 – Councillor Enslow hopes all fared well in the storm last night. Thanked crews working on the issue. Few events attended:

- Light up the Town – 2000 people, it was packed. A few sport tournaments helped the crowds. He will get a report from the Chamber on what was spent in the community. Enjoyed serving hot chocolate. A great sendoff of fall into winter.
- Served at the Lions breakfast the next day serving 170 plus meals.
- 8 months as councillor – thank you to everyone and council for embracing him.
- Happy holiday season to all.
- Remember this is the season of giving, keeping in mind different organizations and enjoy your break.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux seasons g from District 4, happy holidays. Lots happening – craft fairs with good turnouts, even though COVID is still here, it has not stopped us from getting back to normal this year. Hopes everyone is enjoying ongoing festivities. Travel conditions have been good, hopes that continues. Drive carefully to stay safe. Hopes storms are few – last night was a tremendous wind storm – hopes it is not a trend! Busy year coming to an end. It has had its challenges – we dealt with a lot. Next year will have more to deal with. Thankful for power here at the office.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted that Christmas is upon us. Many challenges for many families in our county. Busy attending events and celebrations, one to note is the Port Royal lighthouse. Exciting to know it has come to completion. Thanks to dedicated people who made this real. Encouraged akk to reach out to neighbours or organizations – several Christmas dinners happening for those who cannot afford one. Also support food banks. Frugal Moms is an amazing group, supporting 300 plus families. Thank you. Merry Christmas, blessing in the new year. Safe travels wherever you go.

District 6 – Warden Morrison reported it has been a good year and Council relations have been enjoyable over the past year. In 2023, we saw:

- Opening of new trail system in Upper Clements, positive response from county and province.
- New Tidal View Park in Cornwallis Park is attracting a lot of attention.
- Cornwallis Community Garden Association has been turned over to a new organization.
- ABCC has put out a master development plan which is being considered in the review of zoning in Cornwallis Park.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson –wished all a Happy Christmas and enjoyable holiday with families. If anyone is travelling, please drive safely.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn thanked all who organized all the events throughout the county. Thanked staff and the Wester Woodlot Services Cooperative for the site visit in Graywood. Wished all in District 8 a Merry Christmas with all good things to come in 2024. In the spirit of recognizing December 10th as the 75th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, he hoped for a stop to the bloodshed around the globe. Only 1 earth, and it is being demolished. Peace on Earth to all.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan – echoed remarks about foodbanks. They are all lacking support. Any other organizations, please help. Happy holidays to staff. Happy new year to all.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden rejoices with the return of the sun and looks forward for the wonderful new 'lap' about to begin.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc – wished citizens, staff, councillors and families peace, joy, good health and laughter with family and friends. Be safe. Happy holidays to all, Joyeux noel et bonne annee a tous.

Warden Morrison noted we have spent a good year, with a competent CAO, staff who are interested in what they do, and a council that has been making efforts to cooperate in a positive way. Merry Christmas to all.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



Warden


Municipal Clerk