

**2023-05-16 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, May 16, 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, absent
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

Re: Excuse Absence

To excuse Councillor Enslow of meeting attendance requirements.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Also Present: CAO Chris McNeill, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson, A. Atwell, L. Bent, D. Campbell, A. Lewis, C. Mason, N. McCormick, E. Melanson, B. Olsen, D. Patterson, N. Whitman, and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

None

Order of the Day

Request to add an item In-Camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations

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

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Minutes

2023-04-18 Regular approved with no errors or omissions

2023-04-19 Special approved with no errors or omissions

2023-04-26 Special approved with no errors or omissions

Re: 2023-05-09 Special - Councillor Hudson noted he had asked for his ‘no’ vote to be recorded in motion 230509.03 Collection of Area Rates.

MOTION 230516.01 May 9, 2023 Special Council Minutes – Approved as Amended

That the minutes of the special council meeting held on May 9, 2023, be revised to show Councillor Hudson's recorded 'no' vote for motion 230509.03 Collection of Area Rates.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-05-09

- ***SR2023-42 Tom's Cool Bus Vendor on Municipal Property Application***

MOTION 230516.02 SR2023-42 Tom's Cool Bus Vendor on Municipal Property Application

That municipal council authorize the Clerk to issue a 2023-24 Vendor on Municipal Property permit to Tom Marshall for the operation of Tom's Cool Bus Canteen at the Annapolis River Causeway Park in accordance with *S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw*, and permit the canteen to stay at the park overnight for the May-October season, subject to reasonable requests from the Municipality to move it from time to time.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

- ***SR2023-43 Lawrencetown VFD Release of Funds***

MOTION 230516.03 SR2023-43 Lawrencetown VFD Release of Funds

That Municipal Council authorize a withdrawal of \$407,272.50 from the Fire Services Capital Reserve to the Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Department in the 2023-24 fiscal year to assist with the purchase of their tanker.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

- ***SR2023-44 Bridgetown VFD Request to Call for Quotes***

MOTION 230516.04 SR2023-43 Bridgetown VFD Acknowledge Call for Quotes

That municipal council acknowledge that the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department is proceeding with obtaining quotes for a replacement of their pumper.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

- ***SR2023-45 M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw 1st Reading***

MOTION 230516.05 SR2023-45 M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw 1st Reading

That municipal council give first reading to *M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw*.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

- ***SR2023-46 AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy Amend***

MOTION 230516.06 SR2023-48 AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy Amend

That municipal council amend *AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings - Procedures Policy* by adding the words “*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*” in Subsection 47 a) 1); 7-day notice.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

- ***SR2023-47 Participate in Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program (MPAL) - Active Living Coordinator Position***

MOTION 230516.07 SR2023-47 Participate in MPAL Program – Active Living Coordinator

That Municipal Council authorize that the County join the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program (MPAL), partnering with the Province of Nova Scotia to hire an Active Living Coordinator who will develop and implement a physical activity strategy.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

- ***Municipally-Registered Heritage Property (MRHP) St. John’s Anglican Church – Application for Alteration***

MOTION 230516.08 MRHP St. John’s Anglican Church – Application for Alteration

That Municipal Council allow the replacement of the existing light green asphalt shingles to a copper green colour metal roofing material for the municipally-registered heritage property St. John’s Anglican Church & Columbarium at 694 Highway 201, Moschelle and to advise the contractor of the heritage status of the building.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

- ***Name Change Consideration for Heritage Advisory Committee***

MOTION 230516.09 Name Change Consideration for Heritage Advisory Committee – Refer to Heritage Advisory Committee

That municipal council refer the matter of *changing the name of the Heritage Advisory Committee to the Heritage & History Committee* to the Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendation back to Council.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

- ***Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve – Sponsor Lunch for June Board Meeting***

MOTION 230516.10 Sponsor Lunch for Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve June Board Mtg.

That municipal council approve funds to sponsor a light lunch for the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve board meeting being held on June 14th at the Upper Clements Hall.

Moved: Councillor Gunn
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan
Motion carried

New Business

Re: Warden's Update to May 2023

Re: SR2023-48 Brooklyn Street Sewer and Water

CAO McNeill noted that council had asked for a report on the clarity, background, and fairness of the *M13 Brooklyn Sewer and Water Connection Charges Bylaw*.

MOTION 230516.11 M13 Brooklyn Sewer and Water Connection Charges Bylaw – Initiate Repeal

That staff prepare a report to repeal *M13 Brooklyn Sewer and Water Connection Charges Bylaw* and start a process with the Town of Middleton regarding a new water agreement.

Moved: Councillor Connell
Seconded: Councillor Gunn
Motion carried.

Re: 2023-05-16 Memo – Volunteer Week Selection Committee – N. McCormick noted that the Volunteer Selection Committee is made up of 2 councillors, a community member, and a representative from the Town of Middleton. Please contact Nadine if you would like to volunteer to participate, please contact her directly. She would welcome all who want to participate.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Good day from District 1. I hope that all the Mothers in our communities were able to celebrate Mother's Day this past weekend. With the days finally warming up, it is wonderful to see the lawns turning green and the trees 'leafing out'. With Victoria Day quickly approaching it will soon be time when all gardeners will want to have their seeds planted, and after another ten days or so, will want to have their plants set out after the risk of frost has abated.

Please remember to exercise caution on our local roads as a number of farm vehicles and equipment will be on the move to prepare and to plant the fields of our many farms in Annapolis County.

A quick update on the Rainbow Riders Gymnastics & Trampoline Club in Middleton and the ten athletes from that club who qualified for Team Nova Scotia in Trampoline and Tumbling. They finished the 2023 Eastern Canadian Gymnastics Championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec on Sunday and they did very well. Rylee Armstrong of Spa Springs was the Flag Bearer for the Nova Scotia Team. I will have a more detailed report on this subject at the regular Council meeting in June.

District 2 – Councillor Connell reported that fund-raising breakfasts are starting – Margaretsville Fire Hall on the first Saturday of the month, and at the Port George Regional Recreation Centre on the first Sunday of the month. The Port George Jamboree is returning in July. We need to talk about promotion of volunteerism, fire services have asked us to consider doing something to promote volunteers, something out of the ordinary – radio ads, etc. for committees and groups. Spring is here.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux noted that community halls are becoming more active. Moschelle Hall hosts a Card Night on Thursday nights. There will be a pancake breakfast on May 27th. Cycles are now on the road – please be aware to help prevent accidents. Also bikers need to be aware. Drive safe. It has been a dry spring – be aware of posted burn bans, check before you burn. Lots of valuable volunteer time is spent fighting fires. Hopes for rain for fire conditions, wells and gardens. Transplants are now available at the Thexton's Greenhouse in Lequille.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire also hopes for rain as it is extremely dry. Need to be mindful of fire bans, a burden on fire services. Attended lots of luncheons, meeting old and new friends. Need to support and recruit more volunteers. Attended the Atalanta Hospice Gala – amazing support that night. Lots of musical jams take place in her district. Come to the Crow's Nest in Hillsburn for great seafood, and check out local farm stands on your drives, i.e. - Mackenzie Mountain Road. Shop truly local.

District 6 – Warden Morrison (*as submitted*)

Attended Cornwallis Community breakfast - had a good opportunity to see and speak with many members of the extended community for the first time in years. Everyone has a story about the pandemic, how it affected them, how their lives changed and how they will relate to future activities. A member of County staff, with spouse, attended - a warm and welcome sight!

The next breakfast will be on Saturday 10 June.

The Cornwallis Park annual yard sale will be held on Saturday 3 June. This event attracts folks from throughout our county as well as from other municipalities.

A few days ago, Elizabeth and I met two mothers and their children who were just entering one of the big fields at Cornwallis. They were there to play baseball and then go hunting for sea glass. This was not a rare occurrence as many individuals and families take advantage of the facilities on a regular basis.

The Upper Clements Picnic Park is attracting many visitors, including tourists. It is an attractive place in many respects and the local supporting organization and staff are to be commended for hard and productive work.

We all look forward to Saturday 24 July and the opening of the magnificent trails on the other side of Highway 1 from the picnic park.

This is gardening season. I have been told by those in the know that we ought to be sure not to be too hasty.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson wished a belated Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. A song out by Luke Bryan says 'I believe most people are good, and most mommas oughta qualify for sainthood'. There is a Roast Pork Supper on June 3 at the West Dalhousie Hall, with the proceeds going to Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue, which began in West Dalhousie. On May 20th there is a plant and bake sale at the West Paradise Community Hall, with the proceeds to support the hall. On May 20th there will be an Open House fundraiser from 9-1 at the Paradise Heritage Centre Restoration Project.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn (*as submitted*)

Happy No-Mow May to all. I'd just like to remind everyone that the County has opted to "lead by example" with regards to not using Glyphosate on County-owned land. Remember that for home-use, there are always alternatives.

I've received communications about the following topics this month:

- Bear River water, and the dire need and responsibility for the County to address the lack of potable water in downtown Bear River;

- The condition of the Virginia Road left by logging trucks, as well as the lack of life-sustaining refuge blocks of forested tree-stands for wildlife in government owned land; and
- Commending the County for recognizing the importance of protecting our woodlands, and for setting an example with the upcoming Greywood location.

In other news, it being Mental Health Awareness month, I'd like to commend the Bear River & Area Health Clinic for becoming the first Virtual Care Hub in the Western Zone. That began in July of 2022, but for those interested in Virtual Care, there is an information session at the library in Digby on Warwick Street. The session runs from 2 to 3:30 on June 13th but registration is required by June the 11th.

The Forrester's Hall in Clementsvalle is offering a cold plate take-out supper on June 23. Check out their Facebook page for more information. The next Market day at the Forrester's Hall will be Saturday May 27th.

There will be a guided walk at Mickey Hill this Sunday at 10:30am, hosted by the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute. Check out their Facebook page and Eventbrite page to register for the event.

Gardening season is upon us, and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to get out there and work a piece of land for a garden. Growing food is not just good for your health and budget, but it combats food insecurity and is good for your mental health as well.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan called attention to recent and ongoing wildfires and burn bans which affect our firefighters and volunteers. Bingo is starting in Nictaux on Saturday, May 27th, and every other Saturday.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden recognized patient and tolerant mothers. He added that the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate an anniversary on June 17 and will have their new pumper on display. Preparations are well underway for the Annapolis Valley Exhibition in August.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc also offered belated Mother's Day wishes. She Spent day with her grandchildren and children. Three Rivers Community Centre had successful fund-raising turkey supper last week - stay tuned for more and check their website. All appears to be calm, people are out doing yardwork and gardening and children are out and about playing on bikes. Have a great spring and enjoy it until summer arrives.

In-Camera

That municipal council meet in-camera from 11:02 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.