

**Summary of Motions**  
**2020-12-21**  
**Special Session of Council**

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Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Monday, December 21 2020, at 10:00 a.m., by Zoom Teleconference, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency [updated July 29, 2020 (*see attached*)]

- Present:**
- District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
  - District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
  - District 3 – Alan Parish, Warden, 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, Deputy Warden, present
  - District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
  - District 10 – Brad Redden, present
  - District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

**Also Present:** A/CAO Dawn Campbell, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (H. Orde), Solicitor D Ingersoll.

The Warden noted this meeting was called in order to meet in-camera for a personnel matter.

**Point of Personal Privilege**

Councillor Leblanc noted her concern at last meeting because she didn’t know who would be there. Warden Parish ruled that it was not a point of privilege as it is not about today’s meeting.

**In-camera**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, to meet in-camera from 10:06 a.m. until 11:16 a.m., in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) personnel and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Amend Order of the Day**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to amend the Order of the Day by adding Personnel Matter and Message of Condolence as New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 201221.01 Personnel Matter**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, that Municipal Council approve a payment from the general operating fund in respect of the personnel decision taken by Council on December 15, 2020, with payment of funds to be confirmed by the solicitor to the Warden. Motion carried unanimously.

**A Statement on Behalf of the Municipality from the Deputy Warden**

It was with great sadness that we learned about the fishermen lost on our shores this week, and know that there are now six families in Southwest Nova Scotia – and their larger communities - whose lives have changed forever. You have our deepest condolences, and since so many of us have worked in that livelihood or were raised in those families, we feel the loss as our own. Our hearts are with you.

And our great appreciation goes to the Search and Rescue teams who worked tirelessly for days, often through horrible conditions, who at first hoped to bring home rescued fishermen, but then hoped to bring

home some closure. Yours is a tremendously challenging job – one that often ends in heartbreak – and we appreciate your risks and efforts to bring some comfort to the affected families.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors Barteaux and Sheridan, the special session of council adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**

**Direction of the Minister**  
**under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
- ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
- ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

**A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.**

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

**Original signed by**

Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing