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Minutes of the regular **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S.

**Roll Call:** District 1 – Bruce Prout, present  
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present  
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present  
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present  
District 5 - Gregory Heming, present  
District 6 - Alex Morrison, present  
District 7 – Warden Timothy Habinski, Chair, present  
District 8 - Michael J Gunn, present  
District 9 - Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Deputy Warden Martha Roberts, present, and  
District 11 - Diane LeBlanc, present

**Also**

**Present:** CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Clerk requested that a time-sensitive item be added to Item 6 Municipal Solicitor’s Report for discussion while the Solicitor is present – an email from Marcia Sanford dated January 19, 2020 regarding Clementsvale Falls Property on Tax Sale List.

Councillor McNeil requested the addition of 11 Hillside Drive to Item 11 Late Additions - a time-sensitive issue on-going from spring of 2019.

It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

#### **MOTION 200121.01 Minutes Regular Session 2019-12-17**

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to approve the minutes of the regular session of Council held on December 17, 2019, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION 200121.02 Minutes Special Session 2020-01-14 (China)**

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Heming, to approve the minutes of the special session of Council (China) held on January 14, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **In-camera**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Heming, to meet in-camera from 10:09 a.m. to 10:58 a.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e) contract negotiations and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

Re: Whole Truth Visioning and Mapping – Michel Palmer presented on the Triad Model of working together - a new way of thinking. Start where you are, see where you want to go, and how to map that process. Sociocracy – committees empowered by citizens, not governed by council, so that ultimately, decisions are owned by citizens. This process is inclusive – council needs to invite the public into the circle.

Warden noted that he sees parallels in poetry. How we understand things. We do this at some level already. When designing vision and mission statement we utilized this. Need to take from concept to visualization. He noted council has been given a lot to think about, of how the concept can be used here. He thanked Mr. Palmer for his presentation.

**In-camera**

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to meet in-camera from 11:25 a.m. to 12:29 p.m.. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e) contract negotiations and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Change Order of the Day**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that the Order of the Day be changed to add Hwy 8 Capital Budget under Late Additions, and to move item 8A Local Procurement Spending Analysis under New Business to be discussed immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

***Declaration of Interest***

Councillor Heming declared an interest in the following item “Local Procurement Spending Analysis” by the Centre for Local Prosperity. He is the president of centre, and author of the study being presented. He left the room at 12:30 and did not participate in any way.

Re: Local Procurement Spending Analysis – Bob Cervelli attended by phone to answer any questions regarding the October presentation, which was circulated in the agenda package.

**MOTION 200121.03    Local Procurement Spending Analysis Project**

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Prout, to proceed with the Local Procurement Spending Analysis at a cost of \$1,500 to be taken from Economic Development, and up to 4 hours of staff time. Motion carried, 7 in favour, 3 against, (McNeil Roberts Gunn).

**LUNCH**

A lunch recess was declared by Warden at 12:55 p.m. All returned as previously noted at 2:03 p.m. except Warden Habinski and including Councillor Heming. The Deputy Warden presided in the Chair.

**Solicitor’s Report**

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to approve the Solicitor’s 14 January 2020 report, to which solicitor/client privilege applies. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Marcia Sanford Email Dated January 19, 2020 – Clementsvale Falls Land on Tax Sale

**MOTION 200121.04 Marcia Sanford Email Dated January 19, 2020 – Refer to Solicitor**  
Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to refer the Marcia Sanford email dated January 19, 2020, to the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

*Warden Habinski returned and took the Chair at 2:05 p.m.*

### Councillor's Comments

*District 3 – Councillor Fowler hopes everyone has a great 2020, had nothing to report.*

*District 2 – as submitted by Councillor MacDonald*

At my house in Port George, I hosted Christmas this year for my Extended Family. Very traditional and lotsa fun.

I am anxiously awaiting for this cold weather to break.....as pretty as the “Bay Steamers” are, I’ve taken a picture and am ready to move on.

I’m anxiously awaiting for the day when our “fibre project” runs along the shore for our residents to enjoy.

*District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc looks forward to a positive 2020. Hopes everyone remains safe on snowy roads, and that all are prepared for winter conditions.*

*District 6 – as submitted by Councillor Morrison*

And so, this is 2020!

We begin the year with the hope that this year our strategic vision and concrete decisions will continue to be 20-20 and in the best interests of our citizens. Perhaps at times, matters may seem a bit blurry, and often they are. We must blink, clean our eyes and move ahead with determination, care and compassion.

My niece, Ashley Morrison, daughter of Susan and Paul, arrived home to Cape Breton from the Middle East. She has been stationed in various countries for a number of years and her main responsibilities were devoted to helping refugees and displaced persons as they struggle to establish or restore an even keel for their future lives. Elizabeth and I had lunch with the three of them the Sunday of the big storm in Cape Breton 5 January. She has now deployed to a European country to assist new arrivals. We believe she is indicative of the type of young Canadian who acts with care and compassion for the good of our world and we are very proud of her.

Weekly Wednesday morning community coffee breaks at the Clementsport Legion have resumed, Cornwallis Park community breakfasts continue to be held the second Saturday of each month, Clements Historical Society meets first Wed each month at 2pm in Clementsport Legion, Deep Brook Lions Club activities continue at a brisk pace, benefits for folks in various kinds of need continue to be well-attended and supported, Deep Brook Hall flea market is open on Saturdays, the Basinview Centre “coffee, cards and chat” folks gather and exchange news and stories of all kinds.

Members of the Cornwallis Community Gardens Association are pouring over seed catalogues and writing orders for standard and exotic seeds. Elizabeth McMichael has returned as General Manager after a two-year sabbatical and will be working hard with a devoted management and maintenance team.

As we hold our heads high and look to the future: let us be united in our desires.

*District 8 – Councillor Gunn will not have a report until after next month.*

*District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts hopes for a year of prosperity and looking forward to working with council.*

*District 5* – Councillor Heming noted that the Habitation Community Area Advisory Committee has been meeting. Staff have been professional to work with.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan no upcoming events. Still working with Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation regarding the new facility. She encourages all to donate by searching on the Soldiers Memorial Hospital website.

*District 4* – Councillor McNeil had nothing to report

District 1 - Councillor Prout – thanked councillors and staff who have made the transition to a new career easy. He attended a levee in Margaretsville, and a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Brian Salsman, where he enjoyed meeting people from the community. He also attended Marilyn Wilkins’ funeral last week. It was good to see so many faces. He remarked he has big shoes to fill as she was a tremendous councillor.

*District 7* – Warden Habinski noted that he is excited about the year ahead. He looks forward to watching all the planning manifest into projects. We have been tested on our commitment and endurance. Hold together and deal together to see great things happen in this county.

**New Business**

Re: Family Matters (the Annapolis County Family Resource Centre - Grant Application

**MOTION 200121.05 Family Matters (the Annapolis County Family Resource Centre) Grant – \$2,000**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the 2019-20 budget, to Family Matters (the Annapolis County Family Resource Centre) in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, Community Programs Assistance Fund, to assist with costs associated with Food Skills Programing for families in Annapolis County. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Volunteer Week Selection Committee – staff are looking for two volunteers to sit on this committee, to meet on the February 19<sup>th</sup>, with storm day on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Warden Roberts and Councillor Sheridan volunteered.

**Reports and Recommendations**

Re: Committee of the Whole January 14, 2020

- *Three-Year Agreement with Nova Scotia SPCA as Rescue Agency for Abandoned and Stray Companion Animals 2020-2023*

**MOTION 200121.06 Three-Year Agreement with NS SPCA as Rescue Agency for Abandoned and Stray Animals 2020-2023**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign a three-year agreement with the Nova Scotia SPCA for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023, for the transfer and rehoming of abandoned and stray companion animals. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Port George Regional Recreation Centre Grant*

**MOTION 200121.07 Port George Regional Recreation Centre Grant - \$2,400**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 from the 2019-20 budget, to the Port George Regional Recreation Centre in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program, to assist with costs associated with repairing the paved driveway and parking lot. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education (AVRCE) Lawrencetown Consolidated School Grant***

**MOTION 200121.08 AVRCE Lawrencetown Consolidated School Grant - \$1,500**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500 from the 2019-20 budget, to Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education Lawrencetown Consolidated School in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, Community Programs Assistance Fund, to assist with costs associated with a Bikes at School Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Advance from Operating Reserve to Purchase New Plotter***

**MOTION 200121.09 Advance from Operating Reserve to Purchase New Plotter**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve an advance from the Operating Reserve in an amount up to \$15,600 (\$13,500 plus tax and incidentals) to cover the cost to purchase a replacement plotter printer for the Civic Addressing Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis County Water Utility Cornwallis Park Water Transmission Main Upgrade***

**MOTION 200121.10 AC Water Utility Cornwallis Park Water Transmission Main Upgrade**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council approve funding for the Cornwallis Park Water Transmission Main upgrade as follows: \$225,000 from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) Grant; \$157,524.05 from the Gas Tax Reserve; and \$127,895 from the Annapolis County Water Utility Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Updated Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail Brochure***

**MOTION 200121.11 Updated Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail Brochure**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole that municipal council have staff include the Southwest Nova Biosphere logo included when updating brochures. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Response to Hubble December 10, 2019 Email***

**MOTION 200121.12 Response to Hubble December 10, 2019 Email**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council authorize the Warden to send a response to the December 10, 2019 Hubble email. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue***

**MOTION 200121.13 Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide up to \$5,000 to

Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue on an as-needed basis as determined by the CAO, to be funded from the Recreation and Culture reserve, and to be used for support of expenses during searches. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Re: Municipal Affairs and Housing December 11<sup>th</sup> – acknowledging council’s recommendation for Mr. Clyde Barteaux to continue serving on the Board of the Western Regional Housing Authority and confirming his appointment for a three-year term February 7, 2020 to February 7, 2023. Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001 December 16<sup>th</sup> – inviting Council to their New Year’s Day Levee. It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Upper Clements & District Community Association December 31<sup>st</sup> – of appreciation for grant funding for, and pictures of, the half-roof that was replaced. Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Exhibition – in appreciation for additional funding provided. It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Cornwallis Park Community Association January 14<sup>th</sup> – of thanks for the grant received for upgrades to the Felker Hall Community Centre kitchen, along with photos of the work. Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes January 16<sup>th</sup> – requesting Council to declare March as Epilepsy Awareness Month, and March 26<sup>th</sup> as Purple Day.

**MOTION 200121.14 Amend AM-1.2.5 Declaration of Proclamations**

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, to amend AM-1.2.5 Declaration of Proclamations to add March as Epilepsy Awareness Month and March 26<sup>th</sup> as Purple Day. Motion carried unanimously.

**Additions**

Re: Hillside Drive – an email dated November 22, 2019 from Gene and Susan Hay was circulated by Councillor McNeil.

**MOTION 200121.15 Hillside Drive Email Dated November 22, 2020 from Gene and Susan Hay – Refer to CAO**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to refer the matter to the CAO. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Highway 8 Capital Project

**MOTION 200121.16 Highway 8 Capital Project**

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that the municipality participate in the Province’s paving project on Highway 8 for a cost up to \$200,000 from the Gas Tax Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Workshop List – a list of workshops had been circulated to councillor mailboxes. It was the consensus to add to February Committee of the Whole for discussion and development of a schedule.

Re: PAC Recommendation – Schell Bridgetown LUB Amendment Application – Councillor Fowler asked about the PAC recommendation, if it was coming to February Committee of the Whole. February Committee of the Whole does not give enough time for the advertising requirements. Discussion was held regarding holding the Public Hearing on February 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillor McNeil and Deputy Warden Roberts, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**