

**2023-01-17 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, January 17, 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 – VACANT
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present (at 10:02 a.m.)
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: Interim CAO Doug Patterson; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson (via Zoom), W. Atwell, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, N. McCormick, N. Whitman, and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Approval - Order of the Day

Request to remove 6.2 CAO Review Committee
Request to add In Camera 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation
Request to add under New Business Information Report: Data from Traffic Cameras in Granville Ferry

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

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Deputy Warden Redden

Motion carried.

Minutes

• 2022-12-20 Regular Council

MOTION 230117.01 Minutes 2022-12-20 Regular Session Council

That the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on December 20, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-01-10

SR2023-1 Boundary Review and Governance Submission

System of Governance

MOTION 230117.02 SR2023-1 System of Governance – Maintain Warden System

That municipal council maintain a warden system of governance.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against.

SR2023-1 Boundary Review Submission to NS Utility and Review Board

MOTION 230117.03 SR2023-1 Boundary Review Submission to NS Utility and Review Board

To authorize the Municipal Clerk to commence submission proceedings to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) to consider the number and boundaries of polling districts and councillors at **11** pursuant to Section 369 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried, 9 in favour, 2 against.

SR2023-2 Release Capital Reserve Funds Springfield Fire Department

MOTION 230117.04 SR2023-2 Release Capital Reserve Funds Springfield Fire Department

That Municipal Council authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from Capital Fire Services Reserve Fund for the Springfield & District Volunteer Fire Department to complete the loan for their tanker/pumper.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

SR2023-4 2022-23 Community Grants Town of Annapolis Royal Application

MOTION 230117.05 SR2023-4 2022-23 Community Grants Town of Annapolis Royal Application

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,850 to the Town of Annapolis Royal to assist with the Pierre Dugua Day Inauguration Weekend events from the Marketing and Promotion Partnership Programs in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

SR2022-36 AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy Amend

MOTION 230117.06 SR2022-36 AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy Amend

That municipal council amend *AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors* as circulated in accordance with 7-day notice given.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

SR2023-05 AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy

MOTION 230117.07 SR2023-05 AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy

That Municipal Council amend *AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy* by increasing the exemption amount to \$400 and increase the allowable income amount to \$27,500; and to include the definition of total income to be equal to Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) total income (line 15000), in accordance with 7-day notice given.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

REMO Comfort Centre Agreement Template

MOTION 230117.08 REMO Comfort Centre Agreement Template

That Municipal Council approve the "Annapolis REMO Comfort Centre Agreement template" as recommended to all Annapolis County REMO councils.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

AM – 1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy Repeal and Replace

MOTION 230117.09 AM – 1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy Repeal and Replace

That Municipal Council repeal and replace AM – 1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy as updated in accordance with 7-day notice given.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee NEW

**MOTION 230117.10 Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee
NEW**

That Municipal Council create a new committee called "Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee" to address related issues as referred to it by council; to be made up of 3 councillors, and 2 citizen members who preferably own land abutting the river.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against (Gunn)

Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee NEW – Terms of Reference

**MOTION 230117.11 Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee
NEW – Terms of Reference**

That municipal council refer the new Annapolis County Environmental Impact and Climate Change Committee to staff to develop a terms of reference and other associated administrative matters.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against.

New Business

Re: 2023-01-03 DRAFT Letter to TIR (*from December Council 221220.42*)

MOTION 230117.12 2023-01-03 Draft Letter to TIR Referred to Fire Services Committee

To refer the 2023-01-03 draft letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to the Fire Services Committee for review and recommendation.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

Warden Morrison welcomed Dept. Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Advisor Jason Haughn to the meeting (10:30 a.m.)

Re: Information Report: Data from Traffic Cameras in Granville Ferry – circulated at the meeting.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

MLA Annapolis Carmen Kerr is currently collecting signatures to see that the Emergency Room at Soldiers Memorial Hospital remains open. It can be signed at MLA office in Middleton or at several business. Please consider signing it.

District 2 – Councillor Connell

The Port George Community Hall has received a grant for an emergency generator.

We have been deprived of information regarding the ER Closure at Soldiers. Embarrassed by a question asking what county is doing about the closure. We should be getting phone calls, citizens are concerned. This issue is important to our residents and we should ask Carme Kerr to come give us a briefing on what is happening, as we are dangerously close to maybe not being able to do anything. EHS is not delivering any more patients to the ER in Middleton, they go to either Digby or Kentville/Halifax. If we lose our ER in Middleton, we will be in trouble. Please sign the petition. Need to stand ground to keep what we have. Let's be part of the solution. Our citizens have asked what we are doing about it.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux

Hopes for a productive 2023.

Attended New Year's Day Levees, good food and conversation.

If we get winter, county has a free loan program for winter equipment

Encourages support of our volunteers, a vital part of activities and services. Encourages all citizens to join a volunteer group.

Glad to see speed data being collected in Granville Ferry, hopes it resolves some speeding issues

Health care in the county is at a critical level. Have already lost Annapolis Royal, would like to see that come back. Hard to reverse those decisions. This is a critical time for lack of care at emergency rooms and ambulance services.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire

This is a serious health care crisis. Push emails and letters to MLA and demand answers. We were not included in any decisions made or informed of any changes. Models don't work for all. Deaths are happening. Before going for care, be sure you check if the centre is open. 911 is your best effort for an emergency, but is not a timely service. Go prepared to wait at an emergency room.

Write letters to MLA Kerr or Premier Houston. Don't hesitate, ideas and thoughts matter.

Free loan program for winter activities – sure the snow is coming!

Port Royal Lighthouse Association has been applying for grants to refit the lighthouse. Successful for a provincial grant for a generator.

Roads and maintenance – an enormous concern. Winter looks different than it used to. Black ice and unpredictable temperatures. Parkers Cove wharf is undergoing serious refit – proceed with caution as there are many large vehicles travelling the roads.

District 6 – Warden Morrison (as submitted)

2023 - a new year. Best wishes to those who have made resolutions and to those who will succeed in adhering to them - for longer or shorter periods.

Erica Phillips has recently become President of Cornwallis Park Community Association and will be touching base with county staff on various matters of interest to the community.

Saturday 8 Feb is date of next Cornwallis Park community breakfast.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson

Echoes comments on health services, this is a serious issue with health care services at a critical point.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn

Encourages everyone to think about gardening season, only a few months away.

Sign the petition that Carmen Kerr is circulating.

Cuts in service levels from province. Why pay for services we don't receive.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan

Echoes the comments on health care concerns – sign the petitions and reach out to the MLA.

The Middleton District Lions Hall is having a turkey dinner on February 12 at 5pm – eat in, take out is available.

- District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden

The Lawrencetown Area Seniors Association (LASA) meets second Tuesday of the month, all welcome.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc –

Health care, as already stated, is a concern for all. Many questions - we need to work together

Three Rivers Community Hall - activities each weekday, check the website, always something to do.

Bring a friend.

In Camera

To meet in-camera from 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Deputy Warden Redden

Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**