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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 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 – Alan Parish, 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: Interim CAO Doug Patterson; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson, N. Barteaux, L. Bent, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, C. Mason, N. Whitman, and Jim Young; 11 members of the public.

PRESENTATION

Re: Speeding in Granville Ferry – Sandy Sokolik presented the views of the residents of Granville Ferry regarding speeding in the community. She challenged the people in the room to reduce the speed limit.

Warden Parish thanked her for the presentation, noting municipal government can’t change speed limits, but can advocate for the change.

Notice of Motion

Council will bring a motion in November to purchase speed signs.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Agenda Approval (Order of the Day)

Request to add under New Business: 6.8 2022-10-24 Letter of Response Minister Environment & Climate Change.

Request to add to In-camera (c) personnel matters

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

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

• *2022-09-27 Regular Council*

MOTION 221025.01 Minutes 2022-09-27 Regular Session Council

That the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on September 27, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2022-10-11

• *AM-1.4.15 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy*

MOTION 221025.02 AM-1.4.15 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy

That municipal council remove section 5.2 from the *AM-1.4.15 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried unanimously.

• *SR2022-10 - MacBeth's Grooming & Kennel Boarding - Application to Amend Development Agreement for 10301 Highway 201, Meadowvale, PID 05292347*

MOTION 221025.03 Consider Application to Amend Development Agreement for 10301 Highway 201 Meadowvale PID 05292347

That Municipal Council consider the application submitted by Harry Wilson September 28, 2022 to amend the Development Agreement for MacBeth's Grooming and Kennel Boarding, to allow for the future expansion of the business; and adopt a public participation process involving the referral of the application to the East End Area Advisory Committee and the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for their review and recommendation; and hold a PAC-sponsored public meeting near the community of Meadowvale on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7 pm, at Three Rivers Community Hall, 41 Messenger Road, Torbrook Mines.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order

Councillor Redden noted it is current policy to have consent agenda. The Warden suggested moving item 5.9 to this point and then continue.

Amend the Order of the Day

To amend the order of the day to move item 5.9 to address at this time

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Motion carried unanimously.

- *SR2022-14 AM-1.2.0 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Policy Amend*

MOTION 221025.04 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* as follows:

Article 3 – change fourth to third; and

Article 12 – Change Council Agenda from COTW Consent to COTW Recommendations; and Change the Definition for Committee of the Whole Consent to Committee of the Whole Recommendations – all recommendations discussed and debated at Committee of the Whole will be brought to Council as individual recommendations for decision by Council.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

- *SR2022-11 Queen Street Project Additional Funding*

MOTION 221025.05 Queen Street Project Additional Funding

That Municipal Council approve the transfer of a maximum of \$175,000 from the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF- formerly Gas Tax) in relation to the budget overage for the Queen Street Infrastructure Project.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

- *Non-Paving Aspects – Parking Lot Granville Street, Bridgetown Funding*

That municipal council approve \$25,000 to complete non-paving aspects of the parking lot next to the former Town Hall, to come from the sale of the former Town Hall property.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

To amend the motion to remove the words '*to come from the sale of the former Town Hall property*' and replace it with '*to come from Gas Tax*'.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Deputy Warden Gunn

Motion lost, 2 in favour, 9 against.

The question was called on the original motion.

MOTION 221025.06 Non-Paving Aspects Parking Lot Granville Street Bridgetown Funding

That municipal council approve \$25,000 to complete non-paving aspects of the parking lot next to the former Town Hall, to come from the sale of the former Town Hall property.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

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

- *SR2022-12 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend (Deletion)*

MOTION 221025.07 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend (Deletion)

That municipal council amend *AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy* by:

Deleting the annual allocation for Annapolis County Barristers' Society - Lovett Library.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried unanimously.

- *SR2022-12 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend (Change)*

MOTION 221025.08 AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy Amend (Change)

That municipal council amend *AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy* by increasing the annual allocation for Trans County Transportation Society from \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

11:35 a.m. – 11:43 a.m.

- *2022-23 One-Time Grant to TCTS*

MOTION 221025.09 2022-23 One-Time Grant to TCTS

That Municipal Council approve a 2022-23 one-time grant of \$20,000 to the Trans County Transportation Society in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried unanimously.

- *SR2022-13 Community Grant Application Victoria Vale Baptist Church / Parker Hall*

MOTION 221025.10 Community Halls and Centres Assistance Grant – Victoria Vale Baptist Church / Parker Hall

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,200 to the Victoria Vale Baptist Church / Parker Hall to support roof repairs from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried unanimously.

- *Bridgetown Area Advisory Committee Extend Citizen Appointment Brandon Lake*

MOTION 221025.11 Bridgetown Area Advisory Committee Extend Citizen Appointment – Brandon Lake

That Municipal Council extend the citizen appointment of Brandon Lake to the Bridgetown Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

- *Annapolis County / Lunenburg County Mutual Aid Agreement Approve*

MOTION 221025.12 Annapolis County / Lunenburg County Mutual Aid Agreement Approve

That municipal council approve the Annapolis County and Lunenburg County Mutual Aid Agreement as recommended by the Annapolis REMO Advisory Committee.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

- *Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw Map Amendment – First Reading and Public Hearing*

MOTION 221025.13 Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw Map Amendment First Reading and Public Hearing

That Municipal Council give First Reading of its intent to amend the Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw Map to rezone the land identified as parcel PID 05149976 at 271 Granville Street in the Community of Bridgetown, from the Institutional (I1) Zone to the Downtown Commercial (C1) Zone; and to set Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for the public hearing at a special session of council.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Motion carried unanimously.

- *AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy Suspend*

MOTION 221025.14 AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy Suspend

That municipal council suspend *AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy* pending declaration by the government of a State of Emergency.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against.

- *Nova Scotia – Maine Ferry*

MOTION 221025.15 Nova Scotia/Maine Ferry Letter to Premier et als

That municipal council write a letter to the Premier, with copies to all other MLAs, stating inter-alia that the Yarmouth Ferry is a valuable resource; it creates positive effects for our province and its citizens and we strongly support its retention.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Motion carried unanimously.

- *CAO Selection Working Group – Amend Membership*

MOTION 221025.16 CAO Selection Working Group Amend Membership

That municipal council amend the makeup of the CAO Selection Working Group to replace Councillor Barteaux with Councillor Hudson.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously.

• *SR2022-15 Seaside Communications Payment*

MOTION 221025.17 Seaside Communications Payment

That Municipal Council authorize the payment in the amount of \$177,410.30 to Seaside Communications to be expensed from the Sale of the Internet funds.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Cost of Internet

It was the consensus that staff review the Xplornet contract regarding the service price they are advertising.

LUNCH

12:07 p.m. – 1:33 p.m. with all councillors present as previously noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Re: SR2022-16 Nictaux Wastewater Treatment Plant - Screener

That Municipal Council approve \$98,294.59 for screener supply and installation cost for Nictaux Wastewater Treatment Plant to be deducted from the sewer capital reserves.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

To amend the motion to delete '*from sewer capital reserves*' and add '*to come from gas tax*'

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion lost, 3 in favour, 8 against.

The Question was called on the original motion.

MOTION 221025.18 Nictaux Wastewater Treatment Plant Screener

That Municipal Council approve \$98,294.59 for screener supply and installation cost for Nictaux Wastewater Treatment Plant to be deducted from the sewer capital reserves.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: SR2022-17 Compost Cart Funding

MOTION 221025.19 Compost Cart Funding

That Municipal Council approve the transfer of a maximum of \$20,000.00 from the Canada Community-Building Fund to purchase additional compost carts.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: SR2022-18 Capital Commitment – Enabling Accessibility

MOTION 221025.20 Capital Commitment – Enabling Accessibility

That Municipal Council approve a maximum of \$20,000, 20% of the total request, in capital funding contingent on successful application approval from the Enabling Accessibility Fund.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: SR2022-19 AM-1.4.25 Closure of Portion of Park Street Bridgetown Policy New

MOTION 221025.21 AM-1.4.25 Closure of Portion of Park Street Bridgetown Policy New

That municipal council approve *AM-1.4.25 Closure of Portion of Park Street (Bridgetown) Policy* as circulated; 7-day notice.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Session of Council

Municipal council called a special session on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 9 a.m. immediately preceding Committee of the Whole in order to approve the AM-1.4.25 Closure of Portion of Park Street Bridgetown Policy.

Re: Special Committee of the Whole

Municipal Council called a Special Committee of the Whole in order to meet in-camera on a personnel issue and have a presentation regarding Kings Transit on Monday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m.

Re: SR2022-20 Kings Transit Deficit and Funding

MOTION 221025.22 2022-23 Kings Transit Operating Deficit and Funding

That Municipal Council authorize an increase to the 2022/23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$39,584 for a total budget of \$604,291 to be funded from the operating reserve (ORES).

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Redden

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Information Report 2021/22 Audit Update – circulated for information.

Re: IMSA Pilot Project Update (verbal)

The Warden provided a verbal report on the IMSA Pilot Project meeting held last Wednesday, highlighted briefly as follows:

- This council decided not to participate
- The other municipal units are proceeding with application for \$11.9 million for the electrification of the fleet and are increasing the amount that they will pay.
- We have never been briefed on this
- If we want to join in the future, we can. It leaves room for negotiation because other municipal units will want us in because it would reduce what they will pay
- Kings transit will own the buses.

Re: Response from Minister Environment and Climate Change – A letter dated October 24, 2022 was received from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change responding to council's letter dated September 13 requesting a moratorium pending a report on aerial spraying. Warden Parish read the letter.

Recess

3:31 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Councillor Comments*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

Fall has arrived. While it can be a time of wonderful excitement for many, I believe that this fall may well be a time of extreme financial difficulties for a number of our fellow citizens. The combination of recent back-to-school expenses, the steadily rising cost of food and gas, along with the doubling of heating fuel costs may well mean a "perfect storm" of hardships for a number of those living in the Annapolis Valley.

In addition to continuing to support our local businesses and farm markets, I would like to respectfully suggest that anyone who is able to financially do so, please consider making a donation to any of our local Food Banks and/ or any one of our wonderful service clubs who will be called upon to assist those of our fellow citizens who will be in need of help.

District 2 – Councillor Connell missed the Strategic Planning meeting as he was attending a breakfast meeting in the Town of Middleton as a business owner in the town. He attended the Middleton Fire Department awards banquet and brought greetings from county. He commended the Middleton Fireflies who presented a \$10,000 cheque to the fire department. Margaretsville hold their breakfast on the first Saturday of the month, and Port George has a breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Spurr Brothers farms has opened a new building in Wilmot, featuring a farmers market and tap area with their new cider.

District 3 – Warden Parish – not a lot in District 3. The Clarence U-Pick is in full swing. Lovely October, District 3 looks beautiful.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux reminded all that hunting season starts on Friday - be aware of hunting and wear orange so you will be seen. Appreciated the Granville Ferry presentation this morning. He thanked the community groups which are still very active in trying to have the aerial spraying regulations changed. Thanks to the many community volunteers – please support local community halls when you can. He reminded of the mapping meeting on Friday 28th at Granville Centre Hall.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire appreciated the facility tour of the County – she learned a lot. Be prepared for winter weather and check on your neighbours. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Annapolis County Bohaker Trail Walk on Sunday, October 30th. Has been receiving complaints about the overgrown ditches. Lobster season recently opened and visibility of the large trucks and buses is difficult at corners. Take advantage of the local garden goods still available! Be vigilant when out walking in this great fall weather with hunting season starting on Friday, and vigilant as well on Halloween.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (as submitted)

16 Oct, attended gathering of community folks and the 50 or so Ukrainians resident in Cornwallis Park at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre. They are finding jobs locally or other places in Nova Scotia

and quickly becoming part of the fabric of our society. I have been in contact with others in various areas of the province and what is happening here is happening there as well.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library has a new CEO - Julia Merritt of Stratford, Ontario. I, and others on the Board of Trustees of AVRIL met with her over the weekend. She will assume her duties early in December.

Cornwallis Park Community Centre, Felker Hall, monthly breakfast Saturday 12 November.

Annual Friends of the Annapolis Library gigantic book sale 0900 Sat 19 Nov, gymnasium of former Academy.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson reported that the Bridgetown Community Development Committee met with CAO. They are planning an opening for Queen Street on December 2nd and will call it ‘Lighting Up The Town’. Plans include a Santa Claus parade, draws, vendors games and prizes. They intend to invite people from across the county and the new warden will be asked to cut the ribbon.

District 8 – Deputy Warden Gunn (*as submitted*)

Wishing everyone a Happy Mi’kmaq History Month. There was a beautiful Treaty Day celebration on October 1st at Keji, followed on the 2nd by the launching of the birchbark canoe made on site by Todd Labrador. Both days had spectacular weather, and were appreciated by all.

Milford Harvest Fest was a hit mid October, and I’m really hoping we’re soon going to hear about the fall pie sale, brought to us by the same folks who run Maplefest at Milford Hall.

The good folks at Forester’s Hall in Clementsvale have been working hard to raise funds for heat pumps, general repairs, playground equipment, a digital sign, and the skating pad. The Fall Fest in the Vale raised \$500, and they are already taking orders for the Clementsvale Calender and Memory Tree lights. Also upcoming is the kid’s dance, the Monster Ball, this Saturday.

November 26th will be a busy day in District 8 since there’s the Bear River winter craft fair, the Bear River East Christmas Sale, and the Christmas market at the Forester’s Hall.

The Bear River Fire Department breakfast on the first Saturday of the month is always a hit, so if you come to town early morning, please join us there.

Councillors toured the County infrastructure, and it was very interesting to learn about the continuing maintenance and processes that the County staff have to go through to provide services to our constituents. I want to thank the staff that hosted us at each location and explained what the particulars of each site. I’m looking forward to future determinations of how we can best use the available facilities and resources owned by the Municipality.

I’ve heard from a number of people across the County about their concern for glyphosate spraying in the County, and I’ve been busily passing out contacts at the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment and Health Canada. People ultimately need to pressure the federal government as well, as they provide approval for the spray.

I attended a Southwest Nova Biosphere committee meeting, and you’ll be receiving my report during the November Committee of the Whole.

I have asked the acting CAO about the delay in addressing the motion of Council to staff regarding the ecological forestry initiative from nearly a year ago. This inaction has significantly held up the Western Woodlot Services Cooperative, of which we are a member, from beginning to address the trial 30 hectare site in Greywood. I have been assured that an update is forthcoming.

It was my great pleasure to represent the County this past weekend at 14 Wing Greenwood during the “Meet the Doctors and Nurse Practitioner” event hosted by the Mid-Valley Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. I was pleased to bring the “good news story” of the afternoon to those

assembled, as our Council via committee is creating policy to financially support health care practitioners moving to the County. We do this by supporting the various hospital foundations present in our region.

Last night, I was joined by Councillor Morrison in Clementsville as we attended the first Boundary Review presentation by our staff. I strongly encourage the citizens of the County to attend these very informative sessions whereby our Clerk describes the process that the County is required to go through, and our cartographer explained the proposed district divisions and how they were created. I encourage citizens to take part in these sessions that were widely advertised by mail and online. This is YOUR County, and this process will greatly affect the future of our Council.

A quick reminder that the first garbage day in November is the new date for the big garbage collection. And to end, I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Please watch out for our little ones roadside, and enjoy our community spirit throughout Annapolis County.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan reminded everyone that there are people in need this season and volunteers are continually needed to help with fundraising efforts.

District 10 – Councillor Redden noted that Springfield Fire Department held a banquet and the County awarded long term service awards - 2 for 40-plus years and one for 50-plus years of service. In awe of this commitment to community.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc reported that the Three Rivers annual turkey supper was well attended. The hall is well lit with activities and people. There is an upcoming yardsale and many other activities - check their Facebook page for more information. Thank you to staff for the county facility tour, very interesting and informative. Happy Halloween.

IN-CAMERA

That municipal council meet in-camera from 4:22 p.m. 5:20 until in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege and (c) personnel matters of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn,

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

That municipal council adjourn its session at 5:20 pm until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 15, 2022.**

Moved: Deputy Warden Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried unanimously.