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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion, 22 Jeffrey Street, Bridgetown, NS, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

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 Le Blanc, present

Also Present: CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; and other staff including W. Atwell, D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, H. Orde, and 1 member of the public.

Amendments

Under Late Additions: July 15, 2021 Letter from NS Environment and Climate Change

Order of the Day

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the Order of the Day as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Re: Regular Session June 15, 2021

MOTION 210720.01 Minutes 2021-06-15 Regular Session of Council

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Prout, to approve the minutes of the regular session of council held on June 15, 2021 as amended to address two housekeeping issues. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 210720.02 Minutes 2021-06-28 Special Session of Council

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to approve the minutes of the special session of council held on June 28, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout reported that Spurr Brothers Farm Market in Melvern Square has recently opened for business. He also called attention to the article in last week’s Annapolis Valley Register regarding Auntie Dorn’s Takeout and their charity work.

District 2 – Councillor Connell called attention to the Margaretsville walkway by the lighthouse, noting it has sitting areas and the public is welcome. He attended Grad Night for the Middleton Regional High

School. The Grads were happy they got to do *something* for graduation, and they had good comments on their future endeavours. Last month he visited the gymnasium in Bridgetown, noting it is a nice, clean facility, well run, and a fine example of volunteers running a facility. They ask for little from county and taxpayers. They are open 24 hours a day. Nice to have a facility like that that runs itself.

District 3 – Warden Parish noted it is quiet in District 3, the farming community of Annapolis County. The farmers are not complaining about the weather – the corn is high and the second cut of hay will be soon.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux (*as submitted*)

I will start with Granville Ferry Source Water repair. Staff and outside professionals have been working long hours at this District 4 Facility since a problem presented itself and now the repair is nearly complete. The County has been providing drinking water for pick up at the Annapolis Royal Fire Department through these challenging times. Getting the level of service back to Granville Ferry and the Town of Annapolis Royal as soon as possible has been the challenge. Repair to the storage tank should be complete and service back to normal by mid-week. I would like to thank the residents for their patience through this process. As well I would like to thank staff, independent contractors and all those involved for helping in any way to get this fix complete as quickly as possible.

Moving on to another water issue in District 4. The project of upgrading the water main size to resolve water pressure issues for the residents of Hillside Drive in Lequille. Currently there is an inadequate system owned by others. The residents are looking forward to benefits a new system may provide. The planning required to continue delivery of water from the Town of Annapolis Royal system to this subdivision is being worked on diligently by county staff. The residents affected by this will be updated as soon as outstanding details have been resolved in preparation for final agreements so the project may proceed.

Water delivery has been a major topic this month in District 4 as well as in other areas of the County.

Switching to The topic of Covid, I hope by the Province easing some restrictions placed on us for travel and gathering limits, that District 4 tourism businesses will have a much needed boost to help that sector of the economy.

Agriculture is an important service to our communities. Fresh produce is available daily from local producers. Please shop local and support the farmers of District 4.

The Annapolis River Causeway Park and Boat Launch has proved to be a great asset for river access for recreation and tourism. It continues to be an active area and a great resource in District 4.

To finalize my comments I would like to say planning is an essential requirement for both preventive maintenance and Economic Development. As we move forward let us all work together for maintenance of what we have and to promote new growth potential in the area. We need to make the best use of local resources. Please feel free to come forward and present ideas for development. District 4 and the rest of the County of Annapolis needs more growth.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted how exciting it is to see a lot more restrictions being lifted, they have been long awaited. She is glad to be back in this forum. Halls are able to be busy fundraising – there is a fundraising event at the Parkers Cove Fundy Thread and Thimble on Saturday July 30th. She attended the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee and the Habitation Community Area Advisory Committee. New families are moving in and as summer continues, she hopes to meet more and visit more. She has had conversations regarding the internet as there seems to be less activity 0 she

looks forward to answers. Campgrounds and vacation destinations welcoming visitors again – if you haven't already, check out the Crow's Nest in Hillsburn.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (as submitted)

I wanted to craft a haiku for the final installment of the trilogy on the Year of Sunflower saga, but will settle for mentioning that sunflowers are sturdy, long-shining and show up at various times and places. Annapolis Basin Conference is the very model of a positive, cooperative community business. Inter alia, it is currently letting the Fundy Y use Atlantis Hall for children's programming and have, throughout the pandemic, let them use other spaces for group activities that require large spaces. It has donated land for the hospice and let the Cornwallis Community Gardens Association use ABCC property. Canada Post is using ABCC land so the community has a safe, close spot to pick up mail.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson has also had calls and emails regarding internet concerns. He advises them that it is on schedule and to hold tight. Sports Hub activity is strong, and there are lots of people there, particularly when little ones are playing soccer. The whole facility is being used, both soccer fields, track, tennis courts. The pool opened on July 12th, that was a large task and he complimented the folks behind the scenes who worked hard to make that happen.

District 8 – Deputy Warden Gunn (as submitted)

It was a very interesting Canada day this year, not just because people are still distancing and we're coming out of a pandemic, but because many celebrations were subdued in recognition of a national reckoning of our country's treatment of its indigenous people. My hat is off to the community groups that weighed in on the issue and took the time and gave thought to these important topics and are doing so in the spirit of reconciliation, as they did at the Forrester's Hall in Clementsvale.

I wanted to express my appreciation to the Warden and CAO who met with me last month to discuss the finer points of the water situation in Bear River. I look forward towards a solution on this long-suffering matter.

A heart-felt thanks to the people who pick up trash as they walk down the road, or mow the stretch of grass between a sidewalk and the road, just to keep their community tidy. These acts of thoughtfulness really make a difference, are noticed, and are appreciated.

The Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association met and if you get a chance to see the Interpretive Centre in Yarmouth, be sure to go. They're on phase 2 of the online Interactive Science Atlas, which is expected to include additional chapters on Marine and Coastal aspects, First Nations science, and human ecology. This would include civic development plans, environmental impact analysis, stressor analysis, and other terms of interest. These are very interesting projects and I encourage everyone to check it out.

On a personal note, I finished another course in Municipal Governance at Dalhousie last month. The course was Municipal Law II, it was very interesting and relevant to so many topics we regularly discuss, and it wraps up a certificate I've been working on called Local Government Administration: Law and Ethics.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan added her delight that COVID restrictions are being lifted. She noted that there is a free concert at Nictaux Lions Hall on August 12t, featuring Janice Sheridan. All are welcome.

District 10 – Councillor Redden noted his great admiration of council's connection to community – it is a challenging aspect for him. Lawrencetown is still running vaccine clinics and continues to look for volunteers. A lot of people looking for reasonably priced accommodations, families and singles, and he

has noted an increase over past months. If you know of any available rental locations, there are a lot of people looking.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc also noted that she was happy for lifted restrictions and to see movement in the community. Things are different, and it takes a bit more effort to attend things such as weddings. Last week Three Rivers Community Hall hosted another successful pre-order pick up turkey supper as a fundraiser for the hall. And the bears are still active in the community. Things are getting to feel a bit more normal. A lot of houses have sold, leaving some in a position of not finding anything for rent. Have a great summer, enjoy the freedom.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re: Rescind and Replace Motion 210628.04 (*from 2021-06-28*)

MOTION 210720.03 Rescind and Replace Motion 210628.04

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to rescind motion 210628.04 and replace it with the following “that municipal council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Agreement of Purchase Sale of the Basinview Centre similar to what was circulated in-camera to council, to 4337611 NOVA SCOTIA LIMITED for a purchase cost of \$100,000 with an effective date of July 9, 2021; whereby the purchaser undertakes to use its best efforts to remedy structural issues associated with the facility and to provide the following list of services: restaurant, licensed daycare facility; pool and fitness centre; retail grocery store; pharmacy; hair/nail salon; licensed massage service; Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation retail store; medical clinic; and whereby the purchaser agrees that the property will not be sold for a period of seven years without the consent of the County. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-06-08)

• *Meetings in August*

MOTION 210720.04 No COTW in August

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council not hold Committee of the Whole in August. Motion carried unanimously.

• *Federation des Association de Familles Acadiennes Inc. – Request Letter of Awareness*

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide a letter of awareness to the Federation des Association de Familles Acadiennes Inc. for their funding application to ACOA to engage architectural and engineering consultants to develop plans and specifications for the renovation of a building at the Fort Anne National Historic Site where they hope to house a Centre for Acadian Families.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to amend the motion to add after Families, ‘*and further that council express its support for this project.*’ Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 210720.05 Fed des Association de Familles Acadiennes Inc. – Letter of Awareness for ACOA Grant Application

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide a letter of awareness to the Federation des Association de Familles Acadiennes Inc. for their funding application to ACOA to engage architectural and engineering consultants to develop plans and specifications for the renovation of a building at the Fort Anne National Historic Site where they hope to house a Centre for Acadian Families, and further that council express its support for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***West Paradise Community Hall – Application for Municipal Heritage Registration***

MOTION 210720.06 West Paradise Community Hall Application for Municipal Heritage Registration Referred to Heritage Advisory Committee

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council refer the West Paradise Community Hall request for Heritage Property Registration to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to municipal council regarding inclusion in the Annapolis County Registry of Heritage Properties. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Former BRES Redevelopment***

MOTION 210720.07 Former BRES Redevelopment – No Rezoning Action at This Time

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council take no rezoning action until such time as our real estate agent or a developer brings a proposal forward for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Entertainment House Municipally-Registered Heritage Property Request to Deregister Portion***

MOTION 210720.08 Entertainment House Municipally Registered Heritage Property – Public Hearing to Consider Deregistration of Portion

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council hold a public hearing on August 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to consider the deregistration of vacant lot PID #05108956. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition Grant***

MOTION 210720.09 Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition Grant Increase from \$5,000 to \$8,000

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide a grant to the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition as increased from \$5,000 to \$8,000 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Clean Annapolis River Project River Guardians Project Grant***

MOTION 210720.10 Clean Annapolis River Project River Guardians Project Grant Increase from \$5,000 to \$6,467.25

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council provide a grant to CARP River

Guardians Project as increased from \$5,000 to \$6,467.25 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the upcoming motions on grants, the Warden noted he would allow separate motions on individual grants where councillors wished to declare an interest.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Barteaux declared an interest in the Moschelle Community Hall item as he is a Director. He left the room and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion.

MOTION 210720.11 Moschelle Community Hall Grant \$1,200

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,200 to the Moschelle Community Hall as presented in Appendix B at COTW. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Barteaux resumed his seat at the table.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Prout declared an interest in the Melvern Square Community Hall item as he is a citizen volunteer. He left the room and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion.

MOTION 210720.12 Melvern Square Community Hall Grant \$2,400

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Melvern Square Community Hall as presented in Appendix B at COTW. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Prout resumed his seat at the table.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Sheridan declared an interest in the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation item as she is the Vice Chair. She left the room and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion.

MOTION 210720.13 Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation Grant \$10,000

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, second by Councillor LeBlanc in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation as presented in Appendix B at COTW. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Sheridan resumed her seat at the table.

- ***2021 Community Grants Program Allocations***

MOTION 210720.14 2021 Community Grants Program Allocations as Amended

Deputy Warden Gunn moved seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve the allocation of grants as presented in Appendix B from the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, and amended today by motions, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Application for Canada Community Revitalization Fund (Bridgetown Sports Hub Washroom Facility)***

MOTION 210720.15 Canada Community Revitalization Fund (BROSH) Approve Application

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council approve a funding application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for a new washroom facility and equipment storage space for the Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Release of Funds North Queens Fire Association***

MOTION 210720.16 North Queens Fire Association Release \$70,000 from Fire Services Capital Reserve

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize a withdrawal of \$70,000 from the Fire Services Capital Reserve for the North Queens Fire Association in the 2021-22 fiscal year to assist in pay out of the loan for the 2018 Pumper/Tanker. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

Late Additions

Re: July 15, 2021 Letter from NS Environment and Climate Change – The Warden noted he had received this letter which explains that the province is now working on regulations supporting the Coastal Protection Act, which was passed in 2018 to protect natural eco systems and to ensure new construction is built in safe places. Province will have on-line sessions on August 12 for our municipality. Staff may want to participate. Any comments can be supplied to NS Environment to later than mid-September. Please contact CAO Dick for more information.

In-Camera

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Prout to meet in-camera from 11:05 a.m. until 12:52 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2) (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Sheridan and Longmire the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Warden

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