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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom Teleconference, 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 LeBlanc, present

**Also Present:** CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including W. Atwell, L. Bent, and D. Campbell.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

Councillor Hudson disclosed an interest in Item 9.1 Facilities Operation Agreement Bridgetown Community Recreation Association.

### **Agenda Approval**

A request was made to add 8.3 under New Business to convene a Fire Services Committee meeting at the request of Annapolis County Fire Service Association.

Councillor Prout moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that municipal council approve the Order of the Day as amended, including a presentation from Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities following the Adoption of the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

#### **MOTION 220315.01      Minutes 2022-02-15 Regular Session Council**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on February 15, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION 220315.02      Minutes 2022-03-01 Special Session Council**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the minutes of the Special Session of Municipal Council held on March 1, 2022, be approved as amended on page 4, the to correct the count on the Amendment Re Bridgetown Area Community Rate – Include Debt to *Motion lost, 1 in favour, 10 against*. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Presentation**

Re: Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Reorganization - 2022 Plan for Organizational Changes – Executive Director Juanita Spencer and Board Member and VP of NSFM Brenda Chisholm Beaton, presented an overview of five proposed changes as supported by the Board: Guiding Principles, Recognition of Municipal Units as Members, Caucuses, Creation of Regional Electoral Boundaries, and Resolutions and Statements of Municipal Interest.

The Warden thanked them for the presentation and comments, noting he looks forward to the Conference.

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Re: C6 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw – Final Reading (from 2022-02-15)

### **MOTION 220315.03 C6 Emergency Management Bylaw – Final Reading**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that Municipal Council give final reading to approve the *C6 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw*, pursuant to first reading having been given on February 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Councillor Comments**

*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

With the arrival of Daylight Saving Time combined with the pending arrival of Spring next Sunday, I believe that I speak for the majority of residents when I say that we are ready for a welcome change of the season. Goodbye, (hopefully), to winter.

Since our last Regular Council meeting I have attended the Monthly Board meeting of TCTS along with a meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighborhood Watch group. In addition, I have answered numerous emails and spoken with a number of residents on a variety of topics of concern.

*District 2 – Councillor Connell noted a busy month on the phone due to rainfall amounts. Transportation had challenges and roads are closed. People are frustrated. It was overall a good month, glad to see snow going away and spring is around the corner. He looks forward to the lifting of COVID restrictions and a better spring*

*District 3 – Warden Parish noted his district has been fairly quiet. It has been a long winter for most and he is looking forward to the change in seasons. Burn restrictions start today. Councillor Hudson and he met with a group in Bridgetown who hope to put in a proposal on the former Town Hall building.*

*District 4 – Councillor Barteaux reported the Granville Centre Hall Association thanked the municipality for grant money, enabling needed improvements to the hall. Spring – pothole season is extreme and damaging vehicles. Progression of COVID is improving, and he hopes that continues. Hopes for a better tourist season this year. He has had calls regarding internet because of delays and people are anxious to get hooked up.*

*District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted the presence of new spring birds singing today! Change of season – it's wet and chilly but not snow. Potholes are daunting, but we do choose to live in a northern climate! Port Wade Lower Granville Hall is hosting Cabbage Dinner Pick-Up only on March 17<sup>th</sup>, tickets for sale in Annapolis Royal. Seaside has been very busy in this district and she is on the list!*

*District 6 – Councillor Morrison (as submitted)*

Clementsport Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has received a most welcome grant from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency to be applied to energy-saving projects.

I attended a zoom meeting of the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library (Warden and possibly others attended as well). Levi Cliche of the Clean Annapolis River Project spoke of the history of the river, the situation with the power plant, and future considerations. I sent him an email and we discussed tourism, including boat rides. I hope some enterprising individuals will run with (row with) this matter.

Great article in Chronicle-Herald and in Annapolis Valley Register concerning the new art gallery in Cornwallis Park. The owner operator - Tripp- is making further progress and will reopen on Mother's Day.

Deep Brook/Waldeck Lions club is having a roast pork supper Saturday 26 March.

Clementsport branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is having the second in a series of afternoon socials on Friday 25 March followed by a supper.

The very popular dinner theatre will return to the Clementsport Legion on the evenings of Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May. The evenings will feature four short plays directed by Dr. Simon Bonnington and a wonderful dinner prepared by the Legion cooks. More details to follow.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson attended 2 meetings, with the Warden in Bridgetown with the Bridgetown Development Group, a good meeting, presented with a proposal. Had a second meeting with that group in Annapolis with CAO. Good exchange of information and an agreement to meet quarterly. St. James Anglican Annual Lenten Chowders, March 25 and April 8 – homemade fish chowder, rolls and desserts, take out only, \$12. April 17-23 is Volunteer Week, county and the County is currently soliciting nominations. Many dedicated volunteers to be recognized. Get your nominations in as early as possible. For more information contact Nadine Barteaux at the county office. Re COVID restrictions we have lived with restrictions for 2 years and need to move on and live with COVID as it is still around. An internet shows there are 50,000 cases in NS, 5% of population, which is probably much higher as all cases are not likely reported. Should continue to follow current protocols to protect ourselves and others. Continue to be careful or restrictions may return.

*District 8* – Deputy Warden Gunn a slow month but has received calls from Maitland Bridge regarding the Canada Post request for proposals for a new Postmaster. Let's continue to treat each other with respect for their thoughts, opinions, and ideas.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan gave a 'shout out' to district 6 regarding the recent news article on ABCC receiving refugees. Proud to see that article. Looks forward to meeting in person after restrictions have lifted.

*District 10* – Councillor Redden reported that the Lawrencetown Pool Society meets tonight at 630 at the library. On April 3 from noon -130 there is a seed swap and social, and on April 5 from 5 7 pm Brickton hall hosting an open house. Annapolis Valley Exhibition is planning a very busy summer – not quite back to normal, being cautious, but busy, with the RCMP Musical Ride as a feature in June. He encouraged all to participate in a number of upcoming bio-blitzes in the county this spring.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc also noted the ABCC news. Upcoming changes for COVID, we have to adapt to this way of living, and be vigilant on how others feel about masks, etc., we need to adapt and move forward. She reported that Auntie Dorn's is tentatively reopening mid-April! On March 5<sup>th</sup>, she had the pleasure of attending and presenting a certificate from the County to Mrs. Ethel McLean on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Torbrook Mines.

#### *Process for Referrals to Committees*

The Clerk noted the process regarding referrals to committees. The Warden noted it will be addressed when it comes up on the agenda.

**New Business**

Re: Bear River Water – the CAO noted confirmation was only received yesterday regarding the ICIP process. He had a proposed motion which is required in the application if council wished to move forward with an application.

**MOTION 220315.04 ICIP Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality Stream Application - Potable Water Distribution System Expansion for Bear River**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that Municipal Council support and approve the completion of an application for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Green Infrastructure (ICIP) Environmental Quality Stream for the Potable Water project titled: Potable Water Distribution System Expansion for Bear River; and that Municipal Council supports Municipal financing of the remaining 26.67% of project costs not covered by ICIP and charge back the financing to the residential and commercial users of the water service through a Local Improvement/Betterment charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Volunteer Recognition Selection Committee – Staff is looking for two councillor volunteers to participate on the Volunteer Recognition Selection Committee. Councillors Longmire and Redden volunteered and will contact staff.

Re: Fire Services Committee – Councillor Redden stated that the Fire Services Association contacted him requesting that the Fire Services Committee meet to discuss issues. He added that he will proceed according to policy.

**Reports and Recommendations****Declaration of Interest?**

Councillor Hudson declared an interest in the following matter; he is the Treasurer for the Bridgetown Community Recreation Association.

*Councillor Hudson was placed in the waiting room at 11:26 a.m. and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion.*

Re: Committee of the Whole (February 8, 2022)

**9.1 Facilities Operating Agreement Bridgetown Community Recreation Association****MOTION 220315.05 Facilities Operating Agreement Bridgetown Community Recreation Association**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that Municipal Council approve the Facilities Operating Agreement with the Bridgetown Community Recreation Association (BCRA) for the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena, Bridgetown Centennial Pool, and the Bridgetown Memorial Ballpark. Motion carried unanimously.

*Councillor Hudson returned to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.*

Re: Committee of the Whole (March 8, 2022)

- AM-2.1.22 Inclement Weather Unsafe Travel Conditions Policy Amend

**MOTION 220315.06      AM-2.1.22 Inclement Weather Unsafe Travel Conditions Policy Amend**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Prout, that municipal council amend *AM-2.1.22 Inclement Weather/Unsafe Travel Conditions Policy* in accordance with seven-day notice given. Motion carried unanimously.

- *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy Amend*

**MOTION 220315.07      AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy Amend**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council amend *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy* by moving Middleton & District Lions Club – Property #903-228-819 from District #8 to District #9; moving The Keith Lodge Property #804-561-856 from District #9 to District #8; and adding Bear River Board of Trade, Lot 95-1CDEF, 100 Wharf Street Property #807-029-330 to District #8 pursuant to seven-day notice given. Motion carried unanimously.

- *AM-2.4.1 Performance Evaluation Policy Repeal*

**MOTION 220315.08      AM-2.4.1 Performance Evaluation Policy Repeal**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council repeal *AM-2.4.1 Performance Evaluation Policy* in accordance with seven-day notice given. Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against.

- *Fire Services Capital Withdrawal Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department*

**MOTION 220315.09      Fire Services Capital Withdrawal Annapolis Royal Fire Department**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize a withdrawal of \$220,000 from the Fire Services Capital Reserve to the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department to assist in the rebuild of a top mount pumper. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Annapolis County and Kings County Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement*

**MOTION 220315.10      Annapolis County and Kings County Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Kings, Town of Berwick, Town of Kentville, Town of Wolfville, County of Annapolis, Town of Annapolis Royal, and Town of Middleton. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Community Grants Program Current Applications*

**MOTION 220315.11      Community Grants Program - Port George Regional Recreation Commission, Lawrencetown and Area Seniors Association Clementsvalle & District Recreation Association**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council approve the allocation of grants from the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, for a total of \$6,446 as follows:

\$2,400 Port George Regional Recreation Commission;

\$1,646 Lawrencetown and Area Seniors Association (LASA); and

\$2,400 Clementsvalle & District Recreation Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

- *Fire Services Capital Withdrawal Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department*

**MOTION 220315.12      Fire Services Capital Withdrawal Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council authorize the Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Department to proceed with obtaining quotes for a replacement tanker. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Fire Services Capital Withdrawal North Queens Fire Association*

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize the North Queens Fire Association to proceed with the acquisition of a replacement Utility/Rescue Vehicle and funds to come from the 2021/22 Fire Services Capital Reserve in the amount of \$40,000 with the option to withdraw additional funds from the Capital Reserve when funds are made available in future capital reserve funds.

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to amend the motion by deleting '2021/22'.

***Deputy Warden Gunn took the Chair – at 11:44 a.m.***

Warden Parish commented that the amendment is that 2021/22 is the source and asked if there is a separate reserve every year or is it on ongoing? Staff replied that this is a static reserve with a running tally for each fire department. The fiscal year was included because that is what is available for them in this fiscal year. They apply based on their needs and availability of funds.

***Warden Parish resumed the Chair at 11:46 a.m.***

The Question was called on the amendment. Motion lost, 3 in favour, 8 against.

The Question was called on the original motion:

**MOTION 220315.13      Fire Services Capital Withdrawal North Queens Fire Association**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize the North Queens Fire Association to proceed with the acquisition of a replacement Utility/Rescue Vehicle and funds to come from the 2021/22 Fire Services Capital Reserve in the amount of \$40,000 with the option to withdraw additional funds from the Capital Reserve when funds are made available in future capital reserve funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- *2022 Mandatory Boundary Review*

**MOTION 220315.14      2022 Mandatory Boundary Review**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council authorize staff to conduct the 2022 mandatory review of the polling districts and to follow the criteria established by the Utility & Review Board (UARB), preparing information on status quo (eleven), nine, and seven districts for presentation to the public; and that municipal council determine the scope of the public participation process to allow the residents of the County of Annapolis to have input in the boundary study. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Support for Ukraine*

**MOTION 220315.15      Support for Ukraine**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council send a letter to express to the ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, and to all Ukrainians everywhere,

its complete support as Ukraine defends its democratic independence against an unlawful invasion of its democratic homeland. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Donation to Red Cross for Ukraine*

**MOTION 220315.16     \$500 Donation to Red Cross for Ukraine**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council make a donation of \$500 to the Red Cross to assist Ukrainians in this time of need with the money to come from the grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Reports**

Re: Visitor Information Centre Annapolis Royal – to receive for information in accordance with *AM-1.3.1 Presentation of Annual Reports Policy*. Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors Leblanc and Longmire, municipal council adjourned its session at 12:02 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**

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**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**

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing