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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom teleconference, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

The Warden noted he was pleased when Dr. Strang indicated we could meet in person again, however, today we are in an ice storm and pleased to be able to meet via zoom.

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: A/CAO Louis Coutinho, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff including; W. Atwell, D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis.

Amendments

Under *Late Additions*: Deputy Warden Gunn requested to add Set Dates for Committee Meetings (Forestry Adhoc, Glyphosate Adhoc).

Approval of the Agenda (Order of the Day)

Upon motion of Councillor Leblanc, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, the Order of the Day was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

African Heritage Month

Warden Parish noted that after 23 years of being invited by the community of Inglewood in celebration of African Heritage Month, COVID has pre-empted Council to send our apologies, with regrets, for council to meet there this year for its February 16th regular session of municipal council.

The February 2021 African Heritage Month theme is Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act. In recognition of this, he has signed the African Heritage Month proclamation, and it has been posted in the lobby in the municipal administration building, Annapolis Royal, as well as on our Facebook and Twitter pages. In accordance with policy, we strive to post all of our proclamations in this way on the first of the month.

Recreation staff have also produced a few exciting virtual events this year for African Heritage / Black History month;

Readings: Brenda J Thompson, local author of *Finding Fortune: Documenting and Imagining the Life of Rose Fortune* is sharing her novel by way of readings narrated by Rose Fortune direct descendant Micha

Cromwell. These videos will be posted to Facebook on Friday February 5, 12, and 19 at 10:00 a.m. and on Friday February 26, a video will be featured as provided by the Explorer and The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, and

A virtual discovery of the history of the Black Loyalists in Annapolis County - Throughout the county there were many thriving early settlements. With help from our friends at MAPANNAPOLIS we discover some of their stories. Click the link below to learn more about this important heritage in our county. <https://annapoliscounty.ca/.../1628-celebrating-black>

Minutes

Re: Regular Session January 19, 2021

MOTION 210216.01 Minutes 2021-01-19 Regular

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to approve the minutes of the regular session on January 19, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout gave a shout out to and thanked snow plow operators, local snow removal companies, and friendly neighbours who helped us all get dug out last week.

District 2 – Councillor Connell continues to get calls regarding internet – frustrated because Outram has Bell FibreOp and Margaretsville has nothing. Also lots of communication and congratulations and well wishes on bringing the county back on track to get rid of law suits. There are a lot of people watching us. Glad that the citizens are watching to see us work on their behalf.

District 3 – Warden Parish has received many comments applauding council for work we are doing. In District 3 the big issue is the Arlington C&D site. He has arranged a meeting tomorrow with Councillor Redden and the owners of the site to review what has gone on and future operations.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux continues to get questions on internet. Lines have been installed, and target dates on the site for timing of hook up are on the website, but the POP centres have to be up and running before connection. People are anxious to be hooked up! Celebrated Heritage Day yesterday, now back to winter today.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire gave a huge thank you for snow removal – tremendous amount to remove. Shore Rd west still struggle with plows stopping at the stop sign – plows going to the west arrived late in the afternoon. Citizens are concerned with the lines that were painted on the newly-paved Parker Mt Rd late last fall they are not visible now. There is a concern with a property on Shore Rd West that was purchased by Small Crafts and Harbours to create a dump for rotten seaweed. Concerns over this development. Continued talk about internet.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

Charlene Walker of Clementsport, baker extraordinaire and manager of Cornwallis Pop-up Summer market has produced very delicious, very rich Valentine's cupcakes. I distributed some to staff last week and today was to be the turn of Council. Alas! Notwithstanding the theories of Buckmaster Fuller concerning time and space travel, I am unable to distribute. Rest assured, I will find other takers.

I attended monthly Board meeting of Cornwallis Park Community Association. Topics included nominations for Annapolis County Volunteer of the Year, desire for more playground space and equipment, need for two more dog-waste collection bins, and suggestions for a Summer Fling social occasion. I will assist by making necessary introductions and in other ways as well.

Following a short pause, Wednesday morning coffee sessions at the Clementsport Legion are in session again and are open to all.

I attended the AGM of the friends of the Annapolis Royal Library. That organization is in very good shape, sponsors speakers, book sales and very generously provides many types of support to the library. If you are not a local library member, please consider joining. Membership is free and opens many opportunities.

The AGM for the Library Boards Association of NS will be held on 17 Feb and I will chair in my capacity as President. The following night I will attend the regular meeting of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library System.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson echoes comments regarding snow removal. Quiet in District 7. Emails and calls on various matters, including the old elementary school and local tax rate.

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

I'd like to begin by expressing appreciation for how the County has been recognizing African Heritage Month. While it is unfortunate that we can't meet up at the Inglewood Community Hall, I'm pleased to see the work of Author Brenda Thompson featured on our website, read by local talent Micha Cromwell. Thank you to the staff at the County who helped bring the life of Rose Fortune to our screens, for our information and enjoyment.

Another shout out to Nadine Barteaux, our Recreation and Special Projects Officer, who will be making the Annapolis County Events Guide digital this year. I believe this will be a great asset for community groups to be able to keep event listings current and publicized, and will be kept up to date on the County website. I strongly encourage community organizers to keep Nadine informed about upcoming happenings.

Communications from constituents this month were in three categories:

1. Missed garbage pick-up, due to spare drivers not continuing down an unpaved road;
 2. Correspondence and calls about park lands to be developed by the Municipality. These would be the Picnic Park in Upper Clements and the recently acquired waterfall site off Powerlot Road; and
 3. A general appreciation for the efforts made by Council and our Interim CAO to inform all about the issues and increase transparency, particularly with relation to the state of finances in the County.
- And one final note of thanks to those who made the skating rink in Clementsvale a reality this year. It's great to have a place where people can safely get out and enjoy themselves ... and stay active. He added that he count of people who watched the video, averaged about 30. That number is growing, but the number isn't listed anymore. Curious to know how many are watching.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan – ongoing meetings with Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation regarding the ongoing fundraising campaign. Staff have done an excellent job on highlighting importance of volunteers in our communities.

District 10 – Councillor Redden (*as submitted*)

The iconic Shakes on Main has reopened Monday to Friday for all your nostalgic dinning needs, There is a new drug store open in Lawrencetown, with plans for a clinic. There is a position for a physician advertised for the village of Lawrencetown also, hopefully it fills quickly.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc attended orientation for Kings Transit Board this month. It is a whole new board, so it was interesting. Lots of snow, great clearing but the subdivision is not cleared as quickly as residents would like. Driveways don't get plowed until the street is done. Great news – Three Rivers Community Centre has received a grant from the NS Community Health Board enabling them to provide a six-week chair yoga program – free of charge, with all COVID protocols followed. Kudos to staff on the virtual events prepared for heritage day, African heritage month, events listings, volunteers, etc.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

New Business

Re: Volunteer Week Selection Committee – staff circulated a memo looking for two volunteers to sit on the selection committee. Councillor Longmire and Deputy Warden Gunn volunteered and will contact staff.

Re: CAO January Monthly Report - for Information – the A/CAO circulated his monthly report which was too late for the agenda package at February Committee of the Whole. Councillor Hudson moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: NS Municipal Affairs and Housing Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan

MOTION 210216.02 Warden and Clerk to Sign ICIP Water Distribution Upgrades Project #05-18-0053 Amendment #2

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) Water Distribution Upgrades Project #05-18-0053 Amendment #2. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Information Report Supplementary Information on Legal Expenses – The CAO noted in his haste to provide the report to COTW, he had omitted the general services paid for, that is \$286, 616, so the new total is \$1,322,082. Just making sure that council is aware of this inadvertent omission. It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Reports

In accordance with *AM-1.3.1 Presentation of Annual Reports*, the following were submitted:

Re: Annapolis Basin Conference Centre – Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County 4-H Club – It was moved by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Federation of Agriculture – Councillor Sheridan moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Fire Services – It was moved by Councillor Barteaux, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue – Councillor Barteaux moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 210216.03 Letter to Province Supporting GSAR Funding Request

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister responsible for Emergency Management to support Ground Search and Rescue's request for more funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens – Councillor Barteaux moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Detachment, RCMP – It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Exhibition – Councillor Redden moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Regional Library – it was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Macdonald Museum – An annual report was not received.

Re: Southwest Nova Transition House Association (Juniper House) – An annual report was not received.

Re: South West Nova Biosphere Reserve Association – Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Olympics Annapolis County – It was moved by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Trans County Transportation Society – Councillor Prout moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Community Supports – It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Visitor Information Centre Annapolis Royal – Councillor Barteaux moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Visitor Information Centre Bear River – Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Visitor Information Centre Bridgetown – It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Visitor Information Centre Lawrencetown – Councillor Redden moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Visitor Information Centre Middleton – It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-02-09)

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

MOTION 210216.04 AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Dep Warden and Councillors Policy - Amend

In accordance with seven-day notice having been given, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council amend AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy by deleting in Section 7: “*subject to providing*

proof that he / she has established an instrument such as a Tax Free Savings Account or other suitable investment instrument for this purpose.” Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Strike Adhoc Bridgetown Community Rate Review Committee***

MOTION 210216.05 Strike Adhoc Bridgetown Community Rate Review Committee

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council strike an Adhoc Bridgetown Rate Review Committee to review the Bridgetown rates.

After lengthy discussion, Councillor Redden moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the motion by bringing the matter back to September Committee of the Whole. **Motion withdrawn.**

Point of Order

Councillor Redden stated that he wasn't permitted to state the amendment made. This is a problem with the procedure. He didn't get to speak the amendment although his name was put to the motion.

The question was called on the original motion as stated. **Motion lost.**

MOTION 210216.06 Adhoc Bridgetown Community Rate Review Committee – to September COTW for Discussion

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the matter of striking an adhoc Bridgetown community rate review committee come back to COTW in September for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden stated that the following two topics will be included for discussion in September: Makeup of Adhoc Bridgetown Community Rate Review Committee and Duration of Bridgetown Community Rate Review Committee (Adhoc).

- ***Discontinuous Road Sections Longley Mountain Road (0614)***

MOTION 210216.07 Discontinuous Road Sections Longley Mountain Road (0614) Staff Initiate Review

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council initiate the review process to allow staff to research the discontinuous road sections of Longley Mountain Road (0614) as per AM-1.4.5 Road Naming and Community Adjustment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy Amend***

MOTION 210216.08 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy - Amend

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with seven-day notice having been given, that municipal council amend AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy by increasing the exemption amount to \$325 and increasing the allowable income amount to \$26,500. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AIM Network Proposed Asset Management Funding***

MOTION 210216.09 AIM Network Proposed Asset Management Funding

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize staff to proceed with an

application for \$50,000 in funding through the Municipal Asset Management Program for development of a tailored asset management program to be supplied in partnership with the AIM Network, and that the municipality will fund the remaining costs of \$12,500 through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AIM Network Proposed Asset Management Grant Application***

MOTION 210216.10 AIM Network Proposed Asset Management Grant Application

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council direct staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Asset Management Inventory and Preliminary Capital Projections; and

commit to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

Activity 1: Prepare an inventory of all major assets including water, roads, storm, trails, sidewalks, parks, fleet and municipal-owned building and structures; set up in spreadsheet and GIS; and, undertake condition assessments.

Activity 2: Prepare State of Infrastructure Report and a Preliminary Capital Program.

Activity 3: Develop standard operating procedures to operationalize activities and provide staff training on updating and maintaining data and reports; and

commit \$12,500 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Lawrencetown Consolidated School Request Letter of Awareness/Acknowledgement***

MOTION 210216.11 Lawrencetown Consolidated School – Letter of Awareness/Acknowledgement for RFD Grant Application

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council provide a letter of awareness/acknowledgement of the Lawrencetown Consolidated Elementary School application for a Nova Scotia Recreation Facility Development Grant for their Community Play Structure project. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Homelessness in Annapolis County***

MOTION 210216.12 Letter to MAH and Dept. of Health Re Homelessness in Annapolis County

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send a letter to Hon. Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Hon. Leo Glavine, Minister of Health, expressing our concern over the number of citizens in the Annapolis Valley who are struggling with finding adequate housing, especially during these winter months, and to call attention to the dire need for more affordable low cost housing options for citizens in the Valley area. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Picnic Park at Upper Clements***

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council direct that the CAO conduct a study of the Upper

Clements Picnic Park within the context of making the area more attractive to the general public and that recommendations be submitted to April Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the motion by deleting the word 'April' and inserting the word 'May'. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION 210216.13 Picnic Park at Upper Clements – Staff Report to May COTW
Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council direct that the CAO conduct a study of the Upper Clements Picnic Park within the context of making the area more attractive to the general public and that recommendations be submitted to May Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Annapolis County Climate Change Action Summit Final Report***

MOTION 210216.14 Annapolis County Climate Change Action Summit Final Report – CAO to Locate and Circulate to Councillors

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council ask the CAO to locate the final report of the Annapolis County Climate Change Action Summit and distribute to members of council. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Annapolis Basin Conference Centre***

MOTION 210216.15 Annapolis Basin Conference Centre – Letter of Appreciation

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council send a letter of appreciation to the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre for its service in providing facilities for a number of county meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Western Regional Housing Authority Board – Recommendation for Ministerial Appointment***

MOTION 210216.16 Western Regional Housing Authority Board – Recommend Nicola Vance-Lousada to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as County Representative

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council recommend Nicola Vance-Lousada to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for ministerial appointment as the Municipality of the County of Annapolis's representative on the Board of the Western Regional Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

LUNCH

Upon motion of Deputy Warden Gunn and Councillor Barteaux, a lunch break was taken from 12:14 p.m. until 1:20 p.m., with all returning as previously noted.

Reports and Recommendations (cont'd)

• ***Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (NOT MORE THAN 4 citizens)***

MOTION 210216.17 Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Appoint Harold Baker for Additional Two-Year Term Ending November 30, 2022

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council waive by resolution the

restriction regarding consecutive appointments, and appoint Harold Baker as a citizen member of the Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (satisfying Section 28(5) of the policy) for an additional two-year term ending November 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee (NOT MORE THAN 4 citizens)***
MOTION 210216.18 Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee – Appoint Harold Baker for Additional Two-Year Term Ending November 30, 2022
Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council waive by resolution the restriction regarding consecutive appointments, and appoint Harold Baker as a citizen member of the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee (satisfying Section 29(3) of the policy) for an additional two-year term ending November 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- ***Amend Citizen Advisory Committee Policies to Allow for Greater Citizen Participation***
MOTION 210216.19 Amend Citizen Advisory Committee Policies to Allow for Greater Citizen Participation
In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, municipal council ask staff to amend all citizen advisory committee policies to allow for greater citizen participation - of all residents, not only property owners - where it is possible to do so. Motion carried unanimously.
- ***Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee (NOT MORE THAN 6 citizens) Thanks for Interest***
MOTION 210216.20 Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee – Letter of Thanks to Kevin Burnell
Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send a letter to Kevin Burnell thanking him for his interest in becoming a member of the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee, and welcoming an application when he is qualified to do so. Motion carried unanimously.
- ***Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee (NOT MORE THAN 6 citizens)***
MOTION 210216.21 Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee – Appoint Benjamin Forsyth For Two-Year Term Ending November 30, 2022
Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council appoint Benjamin Forsyth as a citizen member of the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee (satisfying Section 29(d) of the policy) for a two-year term ending November 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- ***Re-Advertise to Fill Citizen Vacancies on the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee***
MOTION 210216.22 Re-advertise Citizen Vacancies on Cornwallis Park AAC and Heritage Advisory Committee
Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council re-advertise to fill citizen vacancies on the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Heritage Advisory Committee (3 citizens)*

MOTION 210216.23 Heritage Advisory Committee – Letter Advising of Upcoming Advertisement to Stephen Hawboldt

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council send a letter to Stephen Hawboldt advising the vacancy on the Heritage Advisory Committee is being re-advertised and encouraging him to re-apply; and further that the Recording Secretary contact the persons who previously indicated an interest to encourage them to apply. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (NOT MORE THAN 2 citizens) Policy AM-1.3.6.9*

MOTION 210216.24 Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Letter of Thanks to David Gartley

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send a letter to David Gartley thanking him for his application, explaining that technically he does not qualify to become a citizen member, and advising steps are being taken to try to change the policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Former Bridgetown Elementary School*

MOTION 210216.25 Former Bridgetown Elementary School - CAO to Report to April Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council request the CAO to bring a staff report to April COTW regarding the history and status of the former Bridgetown elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Communities Culture and Heritage*

MOTION 210216.26 Warden and Clerk to Countersign Letter Dated February 3, 2021 from Communities Culture and Heritage

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, to authorize the Warden and Clerk to countersign the letter dated February 3, 2021, as requested by Nova Scotia Communities Culture and Heritage. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: Clark Rutherford Memorial School 2020-12-14 – Letter of concern regarding the state of Labrador Lane and the need for repairs, and requesting council to visit and see the condition of the road and that a re-paving project be planned.

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to receive for information.

Staff noted that Labrador Lane is not a county road – it was not part of the turnover in 1996.

The question was called on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal 2021-01-15 – Letter of response regarding McGinty Road and Easy Street, advising no calls or complaints had been filed on either road in 2019 or 2020, and thanking council for forwarding their concerns.

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Paradise Community Hall 2021-02-01 – Letter of thanks for grant funds received. Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Timothy Habinski 2021-02-01 – Letter addressed to L. Coutinho, Acting CAO, expressing concerns over various matters. It was moved by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: NS Municipal Affairs and Housing 2021-01-22 – The federal government, through the province, has provided funding to municipalities under the Safe Restart Agreement. The County of Annapolis has received \$713, 798, \$99,000 of which is designated for transit. Staff is trying to determine what it can be used for. Councillor Longmire moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: DM Karamanos 2021-01-31 – A letter of support for the Gordonstoun School. It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Prout, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Twelve Baskets Food Bank 2021-01-31 – A letter of thanks for the donation received. Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation 2021-02-01 – A letter of thanks for the \$50 donation to the Primary Health Care Centre Fundraising Campaign, made in memory of Bert Balcom. Councillor Sheridan thanked council once again for the donation in her father's memory. It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend the Order of the Day

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the Order of the Day by moving Late Additions to be the next item for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Late Additions

Re: Set Dates for Committee Meetings – Deputy Warden Gunn noted two committees that need to have work completed – the Glyphosate Committee (Adhoc) is to have work done by July so it needs to meet. He would like to set dates for the Glyphosate Committee (Adhoc) and Forestry Committee to meet in March and April.

The Clerk noted that all meetings of committees of council are open to the public, which may pose a problem. Glyphosate wants to call in various speakers. If the committee meets in chambers, can't the other presenters join via zoom? And so the public

The Warden added that the recording material is set up in Bridgetown. At least one other municipality is holding public meetings in person - if you want to come, you register and sign up. Assumes that if the number is such to meet it goes ahead. There needs to be a protocol about these meetings. Forestry may not have a lot of public interest. But other committees might.

The CAO commented that because it has come up a few times today, he will check with the Director of Legislative Services on how best to accommodate committee meetings and will bring options back to March Committee of the Whole. He invited councillors to submit any ideas directly to him.

In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor Longmire, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to meet in-camera from 2:13 p.m. to 4:54 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors Barteaux and Sheridan, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 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