

**2022-12-20 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, December 20, 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 – VACANT
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 (10:08 am)

Also Present: Interim CAO Doug Patterson; Deputy Municipal Clerk Wanda Atwell; other staff including A. Anderson, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, N. McCormack, Janice Young; 1 member of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Approval - Order of the Day

Request to add under New Business Item 6.iv District 3 Special Election Alternative Voting Bylaw

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

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Minutes

• *2022-11-08 Special Council*

MOTION 221220.01 Minutes 2022-11-08 Special Session Council

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on November 8, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion approved.

• *2022-11-15 Regular Council*

MOTION 221220.02 Minutes 2022-11-15 Regular Session Council

That the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on November 15, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Councillor Prout
Seconded: Councillor Hudson
Motion approved.

- *2022-11-22 Special Council*

MOTION 221220.03 Minutes 2022-11-22 Special Session Council

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on November 22, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan
Motion carried.

- *2022-11-28 Special Council*

MOTION 221220.04 Minutes 2022-11-28 Special Session Council

That the minutes of the special session of Municipal Council held on November 28, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan
Seconded: Councillor Longmire
Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2022-12-13

- *SR2022-31 Grant Port Royal Lighthouse Society*

MOTION 221220.05 SR2022-31 Grant Port Royal Lighthouse Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Port Royal Lighthouse Association to assist with their “Set the Stage” (phase 1) for major repairs and restoration of the Schafner Point (Port Royal) Lighthouse from the Capital Projects Assistance Program – Small Project Matching Grants in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy.

Moved: Councillor Longmire
Seconded: Councillor Prout
Motion carried.

- *SR2022-32 Bear River Water Assessment*

MOTION 221220.06 SR2-22022-32 Bear River Water Assessment

That Municipal Council approve the reallocation of a maximum of \$50,000 from the county water reserves to fund an assessment and detailed design for a residential water system in Bear River.

Moved: Councillor Gunn
Seconded: Councillor Connell
Motion carried.

- *SR2022-23 Sewer Invoice Town of Annapolis Royal– Defer Decision Re Payment for Sewer Services*
MOTION 221220.07 SR2022-23 Sewer Invoice Town of Annapolis Royal Defer Decision Re Payment for Sewer Service

That Municipal Council defer the decision regarding payment to the Town of Annapolis Royal for sewer services to be paid following the completion of the recommendation from the consultant.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

- *SR2022-34 AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy Amend*
MOTION 221220.08 SR2022-34 AM-2.7.1 OHS Policy Amend

That municipal council amend *AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy* by adding the words “and near miss” in Sub-section 3 (7) in accordance with 7-day notice given on 2022-12-13.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *SR2022-09 AM-7.3.1 Publication and Signage Policy Amend*
MOTION 221220.09 SR2022-09 AM-7.3.1 Publication and Signage Policy Amend

That Municipal Council amend *AM-7.3.1 Publication and Signage Policy* by making the changes as circulated and recommended by the Working Group, pursuant to 7-day notice given on 2022-12-13.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

- *SR2022-37 Nova Scotia Power Inc. Easement 2239 Virginia Road, PID 05057211*
MOTION 221220.10 SR2022-37 NSPI Easement 2239 Virginia Road PID 05057211

That Municipal Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign an easement to Nova Scotia Power Inc. for PID 05057211 for the sum of \$1.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *SR2022-36 Remuneration Increase for Councillors*
MOTION 221220.11 SR2022-36 Remuneration Increase for Councillors

That municipal council approve a cost of living increase of 1.7% for councillors commencing January 1, 2023.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

- *Enter Agreement with Western Woodlot Services Cooperative to Harvest on PID 05091152*

MOTION 221220.12 Enter Agreement with Western Woodlot Services Cooperative to Harvest on PID 05091152

That the municipality enter the agreement with Western Woodlot Services Cooperative to ecologically harvest the county's land in Greywood on PID 05091152.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

• *Proceeds from Harvest Activity be Placed in Separate Fund for Further Ecological Practices*

MOTION 221220.13 Proceeds from Harvest Activity to be Placed in Separate Fund for Further Ecological Practices

That the proceeds from the ecological forestry activity be put in a separate fund to be used for further ecological practices.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

• *Accessibility Advisory Committee Letter of Thanks*

MOTION 221220.14 Accessibility Advisory Committee – Letter of Thanks

That municipal council thank the Accessibility Advisory Committee for its work and for the committee to be assured that council will bear its recommendations in mind for future deliberations.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *Annapolis REMO Agreement to Use NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus*

MOTION 221220.15 Annapolis REMO Agreement to Use NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus Approve

That Municipal Council approve the "Agreement to use the NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus for an Emergency Shelter, Coordination, Comfort and/or Reception Centre" as recommended to all Annapolis County REMO councils by the Annapolis REMO Advisory Committee

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

• *Development Agreement Application – MacBeth's Grooming and Kennel Boarding – First Reading*

MOTION 221220.16 Development Agreement Application MacBeth's Grooming and Kennel Boarding First Reading and Public Hearing Set

That municipal council give first reading of its intent to support the Development Agreement amendment application submitted by Harry Wilson to amend the MacBeth's Grooming and Kennel Boarding Development Agreement by permitting the future expansion of the business on the property located at 10301 Highway 201 (PID 05292347); and set a Public Hearing for this matter on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

- *Extension of Citizen Member Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee*

MOTION 221220.17 Extend Citizen Member Appointments to Accessibility Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council extend the citizen appointments of Timothy Atkins, Lester Bartson, Christine Garde, Tina Hiltz, Brenda MacDonald Lona, and John Smith to the Accessibility Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

- *Extension of Citizen Member Appointments to the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee – Waive Restriction*

MOTION 221220.18 Waive Restriction to Extend Citizen Appointments to Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council waive the restriction regarding consecutive appointments and extend the citizen appointments of Lynette Gilks and Phil Milo to the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

- *Citizen Member Appointments to the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee*

MOTION 221220.19 Citizen Member Appointments to Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council appoint Brian Reid as a citizen member of the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *Extension of Citizen Member Appointments to the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee – Waive Restriction*

MOTION 221220.20 Waive Restriction to Extend Citizen Member Appointments to the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council waive by resolution the restriction regarding consecutive appointments, and extend the citizen appointments of Harold Baker, and William Street, to the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

- *Citizen Member Appointments to the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee*

**MOTION 221220.21 Citizen Member Appointments to Margaretsville Water Supply Area
Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024**

That Municipal Council appoint Heber Janes as a citizen member of the Margaretsville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

• *Audit Committee*

MOTION 221220.22 Citizen Member Appointment to Audit Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council appoint Erich Beifuss as the citizen member of the Audit Committee for a one-year term ending November 30, 2023.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

• *Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillor Seek Applicants*

**MOTION 221220.23 Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillor
Seek Applicants**

That the Councillor of District 7 seek and encourage applications from citizens in the Bridgetown Water Supply Area, and failing receipt of applications by January 6, 2023, that Municipal Council re-advertise to fill vacancies on the Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign*

**MOTION 221220.24 Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on
Electronic Sign**

That Municipal Council direct staff to advertise Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee vacancies on the community electronic sign at the Bridgetown Sports Hub.

Moved: Councillor Hudson

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

• *Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillors Seek Applicants*

**MOTION 221220.25 Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee –
Councillors Seek Applicants**

That the Councillors of Districts 4 and 5 seek and encourage applications from citizens in the Granville Ferry Water Supply Area, and failing receipt of additional applications by January 6th, 2023, that Municipal Council re-advertise to fill vacancies on the Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

- *Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign*
MOTION 221220.26 Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign
That Municipal Council direct staff to advertise Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee vacancies on the community electronic sign at the Bridgetown Sports Hub.
Moved: Councillor Barteaux
Seconded: Councillor Longmire
Motion carried.
- *Heritage Advisory Committee*
MOTION 221220.27 Citizen Members Heritage Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024
That Municipal Council appoint Elaine Bergen, Jerry Alan Dick, and Anna Roch as citizen members of the Heritage Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.
Moved: Councillor Connell
Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc
Motion carried.
- *Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee*
MOTION 221220.28 Citizen Members Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024
That Municipal Council appoint Gail Longmire as a citizen member of the Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (satisfying Section 28(d) of the policy) for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.
Moved: Councillor Gunn
Seconded: Councillor Longmire
Motion carried.
- *Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillors Seek Applicants*
MOTION 221220.29 Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillors Seek Applicants
That the Councillors of Districts 6 and 8 seek and encourage applications from citizens in the Lake Cady Water Supply Area, and failing receipt of additional applications by January 6th, 2023, that Municipal Council re-advertise to fill vacancies on the Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.
Moved: Councillor Gunn
Seconded: Councillor Connell
Motion carried.
- *Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee - Advertise on Electronic Sign*

MOTION 221220.30 Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign

That Municipal Council direct staff to advertise Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee vacancies on the community electronic sign at the Bridgetown Sports Hub.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

• *Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Waive Restriction*

MOTION 221220.31 Waive Restriction for Citizen Members Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

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 29(d) of the policy) for an additional two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

• *Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillor Seek Applicants*

MOTION 221220.32 Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillor Seek Applicants

That the Councillor of District 2 seek and encourage applications from citizens in the Margaretsville Water Supply Area, and failing receipt of additional applications by January 6th, 2023, that Municipal Council re-advertise to fill vacancies on the Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign*

MOTION 221220.33 Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Advertise on Electronic Sign

That Municipal Council direct staff to advertise Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee vacancies on the community electronic sign at the Bridgetown Sports Hub.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *Planning Advisory Committee Waive Restriction*

MOTION 221220.34 Waive Restriction Citizen Members Planning Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council waive by resolution the restriction regarding consecutive appointments, and appoint Carolyn Hubble and Rachel Humphreys as citizen members of the Planning Advisory Committee for an additional two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
 Seconded: Councillor Sheridan
 Motion carried.

• *Planning Advisory Committee*

MOTION 221220.35 Citizen Member Planning Advisory Committee to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council appoint Raymond Edward Johnson Jr as a citizen member of the Planning Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
 Seconded: Councillor Hudson
 Motion carried.

• *Cornwallis Park & Area Asset Review Committee (Adhoc) - Dissolve*

MOTION 221220.36 Cornwallis Park & Area Asset Review Committee Adhoc - Dissolve

That Municipal Council dissolve the adhoc Cornwallis Park & Area Asset Review Committee.

Moved: Councillor Gunn
 Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc
 Motion carried.

• *Councillor Appointments to Committees of Council, Advisory Boards and Committees, and Joint, Regional or Community Organizations*

MOTION 221220.37 Councillor Appointments to Committees of Council, Advisory Boards and Committees, and Joint, Regional or Community Organizations to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council approve the 2022-2024 Councillor Appointments as detailed for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
 Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc
 Motion carried.

Prout – District 1 Forestry Advisory Police Advisory Board Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board Trans County Transportation Society	Connell – District 2 Fences Arbitration Fire Services Heritage Advisory
District 3 vacant; Special Election January Fences Arbitration (alt) Heritage Advisory	Barteaux – District 4 Economic Development Committee Forestry Advisory Physician Recruitment & Retention
Longmire – District 5 CAO Review Committee Physician Recruitment & Retention REMO Advisory Committee	Morrison – District 6 Warden is ex-officio to any committee of council to which s/he was not appointed. Has a voice but no vote)
Hudson – District 7 Fire Services Forestry Advisory	Gunn – District 8 Forestry Advisory Physician Recruitment & Retention Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve

Sheridan – District 9 CAO Review Committee Economic Development Committee Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation	Redden – District 10 Economic Development Committee Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society Lawrencetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee
LeBlanc – District 11 Heritage Advisory Committee Physician Recruitment & Retention Police Advisory Board	

• *Letters of Thanks to No-Longer-Serving Citizen Members*

MOTION 221220.38 Letters of Thanks to No-Longer-Serving Citizen Members

That Municipal Council send letters of thanks to no-longer-serving citizen members of the following committees: Accessibility Advisory, Audit, Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory, Heritage Advisory, Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory, Lake Cady Water Supply Area Advisory, Margaretsville Source Water Protection Advisory and Planning Advisory.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *Police Advisory Board Waive Restriction*

MOTION 221220.39 Waive Restriction Citizen Member Police Advisory Board to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council waive by resolution the restriction regarding consecutive appointments, and appoint Dane Berringer as a citizen member of the Police Advisory Board for an additional two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

• *Police Advisory Board*

MOTION 221220.40 Citizen Member Police Advisory Board to November 30, 2024

That Municipal Council appoint Paula Montgomery Pettit as a citizen member of the Police Advisory Board for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

• *AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy - Amend*

MOTION 221220.41 AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy - Amend

That Municipal Council amend AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy in accordance with 7-day notice given on 2022-12-13.

Moved: Councillor Prout
Seconded: Councillor Longmire
Motion carried.

• *Letter to NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal*

**MOTION 221220.42 Letter to NS Dept. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal –
Cooperation with Fire Departments**

That municipal council send a letter to Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking for their department to give some cooperation to fire departments during fatalities on their highways.

Moved: Councillor Connell
Seconded: Councillor Gunn
Motion carried.

New Business

As Committee of the Whole Recommendations were completed well in advance of the first order of New Business - a scheduled Presentation to begin at 1:30 p.m. - by consensus Council agreed to take up the addition to the agenda made this morning.

Re: District 3 Special Election Alternative Voting Bylaw

Councillor Hudson spoke about the *C8 Alternative Voting Bylaw* passed August 2020 in advance of the 2020 General Election. In his view passage of the bylaw at that time was appropriate given the restrictions in place; however, there are no restrictions now. He believes the method of voting should be approved by Council.

That the special election in January 2023 for District 3 be conducted using paper ballots.

Moved: Councillor Hudson
Seconded: Councillor Gunn

The Interim CAO was asked by the Warden to speak to Council concerning electronic voting – background and benefits.

Maria Hagen, District 3 resident wished to speak.

That Maria Hagen, District 3 resident be permitted to address Council.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan
Seconded: Councillor Longmire
Motion carried.

Ms. Hagen advised she is against electronic only voting. First, she cannot be convinced that her vote was registered as she voted. Second, Council recommended to change her voting procedure. She doesn't think Council has the constitutional right to do that. In the last election she was not aware of public electronic voting at halls. That makes paper voting mute. People do not trust electronic voting. Council needs to ask the Citizens of Annapolis County how they want to vote. She voted by phone in the last election, but under duress. She thanked Council for allowing her to speak.

The question was called on the motion. The motion was defeated.

Recess

11:03 am to 11:15 am with all returning as previously noted.

MOTION 221220.43 Special Election District 3 – Add In-Person Paper Ballot Option

THAT the special election to be held in District 3 in January 2023 be conducted electronically, by telephone, and, in person by paper ballot.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

It has been an interesting last few weeks with the Holiday Season approaching. On November 17th I attended the sod-turning ceremony at the site of the newest park in Annapolis County in Cornwallis. On December 2nd I was pleased to attend the re-opening of Queen Street in Bridgetown. On this past Thursday I was able to take part in a ZOOM meeting concerning Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment along with a number of other Councillors and Staff.

I would like to wish my fellow Council Members, County Staff and all residents of Annapolis County a Happy Holiday Season. As the holidays will soon be upon us, may you and your families enjoy a wonderful time as you celebrate your family traditions, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Kwanzaa.

I would humbly suggest that if anyone knows of someone in their community who may be celebrating the Holidays alone this year, please consider extending an invitation to them to enjoy a holiday meal with you and your family.

Merry Christmas!

District 2 – Councillor Connell (verbal)

Didn't get to Grand Opening of Queen Street Bridgetown, but arrived at 6:30 pm. It was well attended. Biggest joy was people were able to get together; you could see this in kids' faces during parade and tree lighting. Some normality for families. Did some shopping to support local vendors. Ran out of sausages while in line up. Wish all a Merry Christmas throughout the County. One simple message - Be Kind.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux (verbal)

Attended various events. Wish Council, staff and residents Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and that the coming year be filled with prosperity.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire (verbal)

Season upon us. Wish each and every citizen, councillor, and staff Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and Happy New Year. Stay safe on the roads while travelling to wherever the day has you going so you can enjoy the pomp and circumstance of season. Don't forget the vulnerable; if you can, extend a hand peeling veggies on December 24 in Bridgetown for the free Christmas Dinner Take Out or by offering your own home up. All do their part. The Official Opening of Queen Street was excellent.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (as submitted)

Many Christmas and other holiday recent celebrations.

Just to mention three: community gift exchange at Cornwallis Park Community Centre, Children's parties at Cornwallis Park Community Association, and Clementsport Legion, attended by adults and children of our extended area, including our Ukrainian residents.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson (as submitted)

To begin I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers in the county. These are the people that make things happen. They freely give their time and, in some cases, their own money to support the groups they are associated with. On this note I wish to congratulate Nancy Price, Stuart Ascot, Sharon Kittleson and Heather McCormick. These individuals recently received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals at a ceremony hosted by MLA Carman Kerr. This award is given in recognition of individuals who have dedicated their time and talent to the service of family, community and the county and to recognize the outstanding service of Nova Scotians who have done much to build and enhance the province.

The Bridgetown Christmas Dinner is back once again this year. The dinner is free to everyone. It will be a take-out dinner and can be picked up at the Bridgetown Fire Hall on Christmas Day. Please call either Maureen or Jerry Publow at 902-665-4431 to put your name on the guest list and to confirm a pick-up time. While not necessary, free will offerings will be accepted. If you would like to volunteer for the Christmas eve dinner preparation, please contact either Maureen or Jerry.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas with your families and friends.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn (as submitted)

Happy solstice to all, and we'll all look forward to the days getting longer after tomorrow!

I received communications from constituents about two main topics this past month, the lack of in-person voting in the upcoming by-election, and how the lack of water in Bear River has affected individuals and the community.

In November, I attended a "Rules of Order" workshop that outlined effective meeting management with 3 from Council and one staff member. I'll look forward to when we implement some of what we learned with Council.

As a member of the CAO recruitment team, we met with the recruitment facilitator and outlined the particular skills and abilities that would be a suitable match to work with Annapolis County, and I look forward to meeting the candidates.

Last week, I attended a meeting with a few other members of Council assessing the "Housing Needs" for Annapolis County. I was delighted to have a branch of government reach out to County representatives to ask about what we knew to be the housing requirements for our area. I look forward to seeing the Province implement our many suggestions.

And before we head into the busiest holiday season, I'd like to thank all the volunteers in community halls, churches, galleries and homes who have worked tirelessly to bring us community breakfasts and suppers, soup kitchens, musical performances, special visits with Santa, tree lighting ceremonies, exhibitions, dances, outdoor skating opportunities, and - - most importantly - - home cooked gatherings for family and friends. Because volunteers are the very heart of our homes and community.

Wishing everyone Merry Christmas and please have a very safe and happy holiday, and we'll see you in the New Year.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan (verbal)

Thanks to volunteers especially those doing Christmas Day in many communities across the county. Wish all a safe and happy holiday and New Year.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden (verbal)

Rejoice in the return of the sun tomorrow, and wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous next lap around it.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc (verbal)

Here we are again in December; there was lots to do in 2022. Cherish friends, family, and loved ones. Take time to help. Thank you to Council, staff and residents of Annapolis County for working to make the County better. Happy Holidays. Stay safe. Bonne Annee, Joyeux Noel.

Lunch

12: 05 pm to 1:30 pm with all returning as previously noted.

New Business (cont'd)**Re: Presentation of Draft Strategic Plan – Porter O'Brien Consultants**

County of Annapolis Strategic Plan - Poster

County of Annapolis Strategic Plan – Short Version

County of Annapolis Strategic Plan – Long Version

Warden thanked Jackie for her presentation. This review has been necessary; thinking about the plan, thinking in isolation about the plan. In the fullness of time the CAO will get back to you, and we will likely have another go.

Jackie requested any information surrounding accessibility policy such as font type and size, colours, etc; permission to go outside the county's brand book to take to graphic designer; and comments back to make final adjustments, in order to present the document for final approval.

IN-CAMERA

In accordance with Sections 22(2)(c) personnel matters and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Back in open session at 2:06 pm to attend to the following matter.

Re: Congratulations to Debra Ryan on Being Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal

Warden noted he believed people with special abilities need to be recognized. The Province of Nova Scotia instituted the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Warden read in some detail what is required of a person to be so distinguished as to receive the medal. We are fortunate that this medal is being awarded in Nova Scotia and we are extremely fortunate that one of these medals has been awarded to Debra Ryan. We know that she was nominated by folks who understand her achievements.

Warden Morrison congratulated Ms. Ryan on her outstanding achievement.

Debra thanked Councils past and present, and staff, for allowing her to do what she does to achieve her passion.

IN-CAMERA

In accordance with Sections 22(2)(c) personnel matters and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

New Business (cont'd)

Re: Warden's Seasonal Greetings

In the past year, Council was faced with number of stimulating subjects, some not resolved, but we are dealing with them. We know our ground, we know where we want to go, and we are determined to go there united. His hope for 2023 is to see resolution of large subjects but paying attention to citizen based initiatives where folks can tell us what may make a difference to them.

He wished all celebrating ceremonies of one kind or another Peace, Harmony, and Tranquility.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

Warden

Municipal Clerk