

**2021-08-17 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena, 30 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, *absent*  
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; other staff including D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, H. Orde; and 2 members of public.

### **Agenda Approval**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to approve the Order of the Day as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

#### **MOTION 210817.01 Minutes 2021-05-21 Special**

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to approve the minutes of the Special session held on May 21, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION 210817.02 Minutes 2021-07-20 Regular**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to approve the minutes of the regular session held on July 20, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Councillor Comments**

*District 1* – Councillor Prout noted school will be opening in in a few weeks. He hopes all students and staff will finally have a full year of in-school instruction - please be safe and follow the rules. As fall approaches he encourages everyone to visit local farmers markets, and buy local. He and his wife attended the Acadian flag raising at Fort Anne on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

*District 2* – Councillor Connell stated it has been quiet in District 2. He has enjoyed time at the Margaretsville Boardwalk – a nice walkway with barbecue areas and binoculars to view Isle Haute. Ice cream is also served from 2-4 every Sunday until Labour Day weekend. During the hot weather, the Port George Park has also been full.

*District 3* – Warden Parish met with residents of Sand Lake regarding some community issues. A working group will be formed regarding the Arlington C&D site.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux attended various fund raising events at community halls. The Moschelle Hall has been hosting take-out meals which are always sold out. This local support is appreciated. He has been handing out grant money in his district and all are very appreciative. They continue to do good work. He has attended various committee meetings – Economic Development and Heritage Advisory, and that work continues.

He was invited to attend the AGM for the Granville Ferry Community Hall, and will plan to attend some of their weekly coffee gatherings on Tuesdays that he is available once Phase 5 further lifts COVID restrictions.

He attended the first ever Acadian flag-raising at Fort Anne.

District 4 residents continue to enjoy access to the river at Hebbs Landing and at the Annapolis causeway. He continues to receive calls and correspondence and follows up with positive results.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire attended at the Habitation hall to witness the first in-person jam session in two years. It was a small group but very exciting, and she was pleased to present a grant cheque while there, as well as to other groups receiving grant funding. Please practice safety as school starts, watch for buses and students.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson dealt with the usual calls and emails, but it was fairly quiet, with everyone enjoying summer with easing of COVID protocols. He delivered some grant cheques throughout District 7 and all were very appreciative to receive this funding, asking him to pass on their thanks to council. Work on replacing the water lines on South Street is progressing very well, and the residents are looking forward to having the street repaved.

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

I hope everyone has been making the most of our excellent summer weather, and is enjoying being outside. As I pass by, I'm happy to see so many people gardening, or having pop-up markets or yard sales, taking part in the Pride parade or National Acadian day festivities. It's just good to see people again.

Aside from these positive events, there are people in Bear River whose water supply has stopped. I don't mean their well has gone dry, I mean they don't have a well and have to import water by truck to a storage container, and THAT supply stopped. They are now in the position of importing water from several counties away, amounting to exorbitant costs for life-essentials or business.

This is a reality for some people in District 8, and I just wanted to make everyone aware of that. Otherwise, I wanted to wish our students, teachers, and school-workers a happy and safe transition back to school, and hope things go as well as they can.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan (*as submitted*)

It certainly is great to be able to attend events in the community once again.

On Aug 11<sup>th</sup> I attended a Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation meeting at the new Primary Health Care Clinic in Middleton. The Foundation started a Scholarship program this year and a presentation of awards were handed out to five students studying in the medical profession. One student from Kingston and four students that graduated from Middleton Regional High School.

On Aug 12<sup>th</sup> I attended an excellent outdoor concert held in Nictaux Falls Community Park featuring Janice Sheridan with over 100 people in attendance.

I have been going to many outdoor farm markets in the county buying local produce and products from vendors. It is beginning to feel normal again to be able to see and have conversations with the residents of Annapolis County.

*District 10* – Councillor Redden was happy to inform that this weekend is the famous Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department Fish and Chips take out on the Lawrencetown Exhibition grounds. It takes place on both Saturday and Sunday and is \$12.50 a plate. The Lawrencetown Education Centre has begun construction on their multi-use courts and Skate Park.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc has been fielding calls about the (provincial) election, roads, and missing signs. Normal calls. Students – please have a great year, hopefully it will be normal for teachers and students. For the young ones starting, it is very exciting. She delivered grant money to Three Rivers Community Centre, where great work and renovations continue to take place. She, along with Councillor Prout, also delivered a grant cheque to the Middleton Rink Commission, where they continue with lots of repairs and activities. Three Rivers had another successful fund-raising Turkey Supper last month in the ‘call ahead to pick up’ format. A call from a resident highlighted concerns about the shortage of storage facilities and rental properties. This person had sold their house and was looking for storage and rental. There was no storage available in Nova Scotia, but they did find a rental.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **New Business**

Re: Recommendation Report AM-2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy Amend

#### **MOTION 210817.03 AM-2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy – Seven Day Notice to Amend**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that seven-day notice be given for municipal council to amend *AM - 2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy* by:

- Replacing “direct” with “non-union” in Section 1; and
- Adding “*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*” to the list of paid holidays in Subsection 4.1.

After discussion, the question was called on the motion. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 2 against.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Connell declared an interest in the following item and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion. He is the Chair of the Mount Hanley and District Schoolhouse Society.

***Councillor Connell left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.***

Re: Recommendation Report Community Grants Program Mount Hanley and District Schoolhouse Museum Society

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$500 from the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, Community Heritage Grants for Lighthouses & Museums to the Mount Hanley and District Schoolhouse Museum Society to assist with costs associated with painting and new steps for the building in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the motion to increase from \$500 to \$1,000 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION 210817.04 Community Grants Program Mt. Hanley & District Schoolhouse Museum Society - \$1,000**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, Community Heritage Grants for Lighthouses & Museums to the Mount Hanley and District Schoolhouse Museum Society to assist with costs associated with painting and new steps for the building in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

*Councillor Connell returned to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.*

Re: Recommendation Report Longley Mountain Road Renaming

**MOTION 210817.05 Rename Longley Mountain Road in Upper Granville to Gesner Lane**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council rename the Longley Mountain Road in Upper Granville including both the I Class and K Class sections to Gesner Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Inter-Municipal Service Agreements (IMSA) and CAO Report – CAO Dick reported on recent meetings with valley CAOs and elected officials. Most discussions centre on joint service agreements, including Valley Waste and Kings Transit. The other parties have been working on this for some time, and we have only been at the table for a month or so.

The province has provided some funding to the group for consulting work.

Discussions are based on a pilot project, with a third layer of bureaucracy for oversight: a Board made up of Mayors and Wardens, with a Director and CFO.

**Adjourn to Public Hearing**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to adjourn to a Public Hearing at 10:59 a.m. to consider the Entertainment House deregistration of vacant lot PID 05108956. Motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Session Resumes**

The regular session of Municipal Council resumed at 11:08 a.m. with all in attendance as previously noted.

**Amend the Order of the Day**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to add for immediate discussion Entertainment House Heritage Property Request to Deregister Vacant Lot PID 05108956. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Entertainment House Heritage Property Request to Deregister Vacant Lot PID 05108956

**MOTION 210817.06 Entertainment House Deregister Portion PID 05108956**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council, after conducting a public hearing, approve the request of the property owner to deregister PID 05108956, a vacant lot which had been subdivided from the municipally-registered heritage property known as the Entertainment House, located on North Street in Granville Ferry. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Inter-Municipal Service Agreements (IMSA) and CAO Report (cont'd)

Further discussion was held. Warden Parish noted that no decision will be made today, as this discussion is to bring the information to the public. Staff will continue meetings and discussions with the other parties.

**Reports and Recommendations**

**Re: Warden’s Report – July**

- Along with the CAO and J Young, met with Grant Crowson and Dan McCarthy of Eagle Telecom to get an update on internet program and to voice concerns about the rollout speed. They said they were behind where they had hoped to be at this time due to a number of highway and water crossings that are waiting for permits to cross, and COVID restrictions to find staff as other municipalities are having similar work done. The original completion date was to be by end of this calendar year – now some areas won’t have availability until mid-2022. Updated information is on the county website tab called County Internet, which takes you to the Seaside portal.
- He attended an IMSA meeting with Acting CAO Dawn Campbell held at Kings County.
- Attended yesterday at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens to welcome the Lt Governor to their anniversary celebrations, and then attended the Acadian flag-raising at Fort Anne and spoke with Robert Surrette.
- Many things are going on at Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub and he had a tour conducted by Steve Raftery.

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to receive the Warden’s report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**In-Camera**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to meet in-camera from 11:26 a.m. until 12:54 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Deputy Warden Gunn and Councillor Sheridan, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

**Warden**

**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