

Minutes of the regular **Committee of the Whole** meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom Video-Conference.

### **Roll Call**

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present  
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present  
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present  
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present  
District 5 - Gregory Heming, unable  
District 6 - Alex Morrison, present  
District 7 – Warden Timothy Habinski, Chair, present  
District 8 - Michael J Gunn, present  
District 9 - Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Deputy Warden Martha Roberts, present  
District 11 - Diane LeBlanc, present

### **Also**

**Present:** CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (W. LeBlanc, S. McInnis, A. Dunphy, D. Campbell, D. Ryan, C. Mason, J. Young)

### **Approval of the Agenda (Order of the Day)**

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and MacDonald, the agenda was approved as amended to move the *in-camera* item to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole held May 12, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Re: Internet – Equitable Service** – the agenda package contained an email from Councillor Gunn (May 10<sup>th</sup>), a letter from Wayne Boucher (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) and the Warden’s response (May 13<sup>th</sup>).

Councillor Gunn read comments from a previous document, where he noted that he is unsure of what the plan is to move forward and highlighting service in-equity across the county.

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to recommend that municipal council form a committee of staff, official and citizen members, to oversee and direct the planning and implementation of equitable rural high-speed internet for all of the County of Annapolis. **Motion lost.**

### **Re: RFD Vendor on Municipal Property Tom’s Cool Bus**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to recommend that municipal council conditionally approve the application submitted for Tom’s Cool bus and authorize the Clerk to issue a permit for the 2020-21 fiscal year pending all bylaw requirements are satisfied in accordance with *S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw* and that current restrictions are lifted on municipal parks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically the Annapolis River Causeway Park; and, in addition, that any new park guidelines that are implemented are adhered to including customer wait lines, cleaning, and availability of hand sanitation, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Re: RFD AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy – Amend**

It was moved by Deputy Warden LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that seven-day notice be given for municipal council to amend *AM-1.2.1 Remuneration and Allowances for Warden, Deputy*

*Warden and Councillors Policy* by deleting section 3 and renumbering subsequent sections. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: RFD AM-2.1.4 Vacation Leave Policy – Amend

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that seven-day notice be given for municipal council to amend *AM-2.1.4 Vacation Leave Policy* by deleting the current wording in sub-section 6.2 and replacing with the same wording that is in the current CUPE Agreement for vacation rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: RFD C8 Alternative Voting Bylaw – New

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to recommend that municipal council give first reading to approve *C8 Alternative Voting Bylaw* as circulated. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 2 against.

Re: Alternative Voting Workshop

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that a workshop be held regarding Alternative Voting, by zoom on Wednesday, June 11, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Re: RFD Miscellaneous Utility Capital Request

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to recommend that municipal council approve the following funding sources for ongoing repairs and upgrades to county utilities:

- \$20,000 County Wastewater – Reserve Balance 34,981.29
- \$15,000 Bridgetown Wastewater – Reserve Balance 2,006.44
- \$25,000 County Water – Reserve Balance 38,751.85
- \$5,000 Bridgetown Water – Reserve Balance 6,600.88

Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis Valley Regional Police (AVRP) – A news release date June 4, 2020 noted they will discontinue walk-on bookmobile services as of September 2020.

Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to refer to staff to investigate the cost associated with acquiring a vehicle and returning it to a passenger van and how to migrate that into the transit system. (KTA to be run), and report to July Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

**Departmental Reports**

Re: Community Development (May) Roberts Sheridan

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive the May Community Development report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Protective Services (May)

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to receive the May Protective Services report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipal Operations (May)

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive the May Municipal Operations report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Chief Administrative Office – CAO May

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to receive the May CAO report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**In-Camera**

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to meet *in-camera* via telephone conferencing from 11:08 a.m. until 11:54 a.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to amend the Order of the Day by adding ACOA Contribution Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: ACOA Contribution Agreement - Project 214267

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to recommend that municipal council to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the ACOA Contribution Agreement for Project No. 214267. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Excuse Heming from Meeting Attendance Requirements

Councillor MacDonald moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that Councillor Heming be excused from meeting attendance requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The Warden declare the meeting adjourned at 12:01.

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**Direction of the Minister  
under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, the *Municipal Government Act*, and *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*)

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 as Minister of all municipalities, I direct all municipalities and villages in the Province, including the Halifax Regional Municipality, to:

1. **Effective at 2 pm on March 22, 2020**, discontinue holding their meetings in person, instead only virtual meetings may be held by video or telephone. Those virtual meetings must be recorded, and the minutes posted on a public website within 24 hours of the meeting.

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 March 22, 2020.



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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing