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Minutes of the regular **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., via ZOOM Teleconference in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

Roll Call: District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present (by phone)
District 5 - Gregory Heming, present
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, and other staff (D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis, and H. Orde, W. Atwell, and others)

Agenda Approval

The Clerk added (c) personnel under in-camera.

She also noted that she had circulated by email, an agenda attachment that had been included on the agenda and inadvertently not included in the package.

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to approve the Order of the Day, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Re: Regular Special Session 2020-07-21

MOTION 200915.01 Minutes 2020-08-18 Regular

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, to approve the minutes of the regular session of council held on August 18, 2020, as amended to include on page 6 of 7, second paragraph to include ‘conflict of’ in front of interest. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Session 2020-07-23

MOTION 200915.02 Minutes 2020-08-21 Special

Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the minutes of the special session of council held on August 21, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Session 2020-08-05

MOTION 200915.03 Minutes 2020-09-08 Special

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the minutes of the special session of council held on September 8, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout noted that schools have opened, and all seems quiet on the COVID 19 front. Watching the COVID numbers in our province. Farmers are finishing harvest from gardens, and Gravenstein apples are now available at the markets. The rain has been appreciated.

District 2 – Councillor MacDonald (*as submitted*)

I wish to express my thanks to the residents of District 2, for allowing me to represent you at your “Local Government” the last 4 years. Your wish for quality internet is approaching our doorsteps. Your wish for more jobs is also on the horizon with Gordonstoun Nova Scotia. My wish is to represent you at government another 4 years, to see these projects, and others, through to completion.

Beyond District 2, beyond the County of Annapolis, I am using my experiences of 35 years as a “Railroader” to help the Middleton Railway Museum realize their dream of obtaining a 1905 vintage Steam Locomotive in front of the museum.

And lastly, as a basketball coach of 30 years, and this year’s High School Provincial Championship Team, I know the challenges of leaving ones comfort zone, to be the best one can be. So now I wish to applaud this 2016-2020 County Council, and Staff, for doing exactly that. For extending outside their comfort zone, to bring our County this Internet initiative and Gordonstoun Nova Scotia Private School, on top of all the other work.

District 3 – Councillor Fowler noted that election canvassing has been positive. He did not like seeing ‘financial mismanagement’ on some election signs as is not true. What a thing to say, with our past balanced budgets. He gave congratulations to Councillors Sheridan and Gunn for being acclaimed in their districts.

District 4 – Councillor McNeil also congratulated Councillors Sheridan and Gunn. He has been knocking on doors, so far so good. Has answered a lot of questions and hopes to serve again.

District 5 – Councillor Heming (*as submitted*)

In 1961, in honor of the right Hon. Vincent Massey former Governor General of Canada, CBC radio cosponsored with Massey College in the University of Toronto, what was to become the Massey Lectures. Those lectures enabled distinguished authorities to communicate the results of original studies on the subjects of contemporary interest. In 2004 novelist, historian and essayist Ronald Wright delivered his lecture entitled *A Short History of Progress*.

What stuck with me all the years since hearing Wright’s lecture was the following statement he made regarding the climate crisis:

“The future of everything we have accomplished since human intelligence evolved will depend on the wisdom of our actions over the next few years.”

It was this notion that motivated me to first run for council back in 2012. I wanted to test the idea that local government could add substantially to the body of wisdom that will somehow allow humanity to continue. I now believe that our municipality has demonstrated its willingness to do just this by setting out a strategy to:

- * produce and distribute its own sources of food,
- * produce and distribute its own sources of renewable energy,
- * initiate its own placed-based educational system grounded in the humanities, volunteerism and mentorship
- * provide safe, efficient and affordable housing,
- * maintain clean air, water and uncontaminated soil,
- * initiate a municipal ecological forestry strategy meant to preserve and protect significant forest land while creating local employment in through value-added industry,

... and all of these were to be understood in terms of climate change adaptation and mitigation as a direct response to citizens demand to declare a climate emergency.

I believe that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis has demonstrated such a possibility. Now, as I near the completion of my final term as a municipal councillor, I acknowledge there remains work to be done:

I believe the municipality must seek to:

- identify new sources of revenue through the establishment of progressive partnerships with business and industry,
- defend and litigate such revenue streams from more senior levels of government and selfish corporate interest that will inevitable try to build roadblock to such municipal innovation,
- it will require the municipality to find ways to redistribute wealth by raising taxes on those who can afford it and subsidize those who cannot.
- to build cash reserves far in excess of what is currently allowable by the province,
- and most importantly, the municipality must be brave enough to continue to hold the necessary conversations with our residents to produce the local wisdom that will lead to a more hopeful future.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (as submitted)

I attended a meeting of Cornwallis Park Community Association on Monday evening. Good discussion. Some of the topics discussed were: comfort centre operations, types of sanitizers, electronic voting, the hospice to be located in Cornwallis park on land donated by ABCC, annual auction to be held October 3, apparent speeding in built-up areas by King's transit buses, appreciation for signs declaring the new speed limit as approved by Council, and resumption of some activities always in line with COVID-19 regulations

Upper Clements Hall will host an art show on 20 September from 2 to 4pm

Clementsport branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has started detailed planning for Remembrance Day ceremonies - in accordance with governmental and Legion Dominion Command regulations and guidelines.

Deep Brook/Waldeck Lions club held a successful Poutine lunch and yard sale on 5 September - good to see all the masks worn by all who attended.

District 7 – Warden Habinski noted that time moves slowly and fast all at once. This Council has addressed roadblocks and obstacles and with any wonder of making any progress. He had reviewed minutes from the last four years, and saw a dramatic picture of how far we have come. He listed some of at least 30 accomplishments, made outside the comfort zone of normal operations, adding we've come a long way, and despite difficulties, we have made a difference.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn thanked the folks of District 8 for allowing him to serve another four years. He has been fielding questions about the fibre optic build in District 8, and from Bear River regarding sidewalks – he will work for change there. Questions on roads and who looks after them. Roads out south don't always get looked after, between Queens and Annapolis Counties – he will work on that as well. Not everyone is excited about the new school and how it is financed. He has been asked how is council is meeting and getting anything done? We tackle the major problems, but small things don't get dealt with. There have been questions on cottage bins – they are being locked, will have to be dealt with. He is pleased to be in by acclamation. He noted he is not sure who will all return, but it has been a pleasure working with this council.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan thanked residents of District 9, and looks forward to serving over the next 4 years. She wished everyone all the best, great to work with all, and added her best wishes to Councillor Heming.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts reminded everyone about the next Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department Fish and Chips drive-through fundraiser being held on October 3rd & 4th, hoping it is successful. She had heard a lot about spraying in Inglisville and Paradise, and has met with the Village of Lawrencetown as spraying will take place in their watershed, which is a huge concern to the village. They have written letters to Ministers and MLA, and she encouraged residents to do the same. This is a serious thing, especially in a watershed area. Need to do all we can to get this stopped.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc was busy on the campaign trail, meeting old and new residents. Main concern is back to school, especially with small children with allergies or immune system issues. Not totally told to wear masks, little ones can only wear one for so long. This is a concern with parents with students in school (the little ones). She has received lots of productive information through conversations, with lots of new ideas. One recent concern is the people on the Kings Transit bus. She received an email from a citizen that rides the bus, who noted that some people who use the bus are not wearing masks. The writer is concerned that the bus driver is not telling people that masks are mandatory on the bus. She wished good luck to all on the campaign trail, and congratulations to those who were acclaimed. Also to Councillor Heming, a pleasure to work with him, great debates, will be missed. Hopes to still see him around.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re: AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy (from 2020-08-18)

MOTION 200915.04 AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy - New

Pursuant to seven day notice having been given at August council, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that municipal council approve AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy as amended to remove the word ‘personal’ in Section 5.2. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: AM-1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy (from 2020-08-18)

MOTION 200915.05 AM-1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy - New

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, pursuant to seven day notice having been given, that municipal council approve AM-1.4.4 Comfort Centres and Shelters Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Warden Habinski requested Deputy Warden Roberts to take the Chair (10:40 a.m.)

Re: South Mountain Internet – Warden Habinski noted it has always been the stated intention of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to extend the reach of its internet project as rapidly as possible to every possible residence. The business case for our core backbone fiber build provides for expansion as revenues for the system increase year after year.

He acknowledged the concerns of residents whose homes are not included in the initial build. If the Municipality had an unlimited budget, the first phase would have included the entire municipality, but we had to work within our means.

He proposed the Municipality explore every option offered by provincial funding to bring true high speed internet to our residents as rapidly as possible. The Province may or may not agree to fund fiber to more remote communities, but we both can and should make the request.

MOTION 200915.06 South Mountain Internet – Two-Part Funding Request to Province

Warden Habinski moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis submit a two part application for internet funding to the Province of Nova Scotia, requesting that the Province provide funding to extend fiber optic-based internet to remote communities including, but not limited to, Springfield, West Dalhousie and Milford; however, should the Province decline to provide funding for fiber-optic based internet, we would ask that they instead provide funding for a rapid deployment of true high speed wireless internet for these same communities. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Councillors may submit specific roads or communities to the CAO to ensure they are all captured in the applications.

Warden Habinski resumed the Chair (11:03 a.m.)

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (September 8, 2020)

MOTION 200915.07 The Artist’s Circle of Annapolis Valley - Grant

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Capital Projects Assistance Program, Small Project Matching Grants to the Artist’s Circle of Annapolis Valley Co-operative Ltd to assist with replacing windows at the artist shack in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy, pending verification of not-for-profit status. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor MacDonald declared an interest in the following item and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion. He is the President of the Society.

MOTION 200915.08 Port George District Lighthouse Society - Grant

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Community Heritage Grants for Lighthouses and Museums to the Port George District Lighthouse Society to assist with scraping and painting the lighthouse in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Macdonald resumed participation in the meeting.

MOTION 200915.09 Bridgetown Lawn Bowling & Quoits Club - Grant

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,870 from the Capital Projects Assistance Program, Small Project Matching Grants to the Bridgetown Lawn Bowling and Quoits Club to assist with the purchase of six new sets of club lawn bowls in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.10 AM-1.4.16 Delaps Cove and Young's Cove Coastal Policy – New
It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Heming, pursuant to seven day notice having been given, that municipal council approve *AM-1.4.16 Delaps Cove & Young's Cove Coastal Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.11 Annapolis County Athletics Society - Grant
In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Assistance Program, Small Project Matching Grants, to the Annapolis County Athletics Society to assist with upgrading the space and equipment in their new training space in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.12 AM-1.3.4 Citizen Appointments to Committees Policy - Amend
It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Fowler, in accordance with seven day notice having been given, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.4 Citizen Appointments to Committees Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.13 AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy - Amend
Pursuant to seven day notice having been given, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy* as amended to remove Sections 31 and 32. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.14 AM-1.3.5.1 Audit Committee Policy - Amend
It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Prout, pursuant to seven day notice having been given, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5.1 Audit Committee Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.15 AM-1.3.6 Advisory Committees and Boards Policy – Repeal and Replace

In accordance with seven day notice having been given, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council repeal *AM-1.3.6 Advisory Committees and Boards Policy* AND approve the following replacement policies:

- *AM-1.3.6.1 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.2 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.3 Heritage Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.4 Police Advisory Board Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.5 Bridgetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.6 Bridgetown Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.7 Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.8 East End Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.9 Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.10 Habitation Community Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.11 Lake Cady Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.12 Lake Cady Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.13 Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy;*
- *AM-1.3.6.14 Margaretville Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Policy;*

- *AM-1.3.6.15 Margaretville Water Supply Area Advisory Committee Policy*; and
- *AM-1.3.6.16 Upper Clements Area Advisory Committee Policy*.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.16 Nictaux Playground Parking Lorcon Subdivision

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council direct staff to look into and report on acquiring additional property for developing a parking lot near the playground in Lorcon Subdivision, Nictaux. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.17 Basinview Centre Future Capital Decisions

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council defer future capital decisions on superstructure funding until council formulates a strategy on the Basinview Centre building. Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against (Roberts)

MOTION 200915.18 CAO Investigate Options on Filing Class-Action Law Suit Against Manufacturers of Glyphosate

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Fowler, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council direct the CAO to investigate the options to file a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of glyphosate. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.19 CAO Gather Information on Posting Agenda Packages to Website

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, that municipal council direct the CAO to provide information on how best to post agenda packages to the website. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (July 23rd) – informing on the work they do in Nova Scotia through managing safe and responsible gaming. It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.20 Invite NS Gaming Corporation to Committee of the Whole to Present on Possible Funding Programs for the Municipality

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to invite the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation to present to Committee of the Whole on funding programs that the municipality is eligible for. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of interest

Councillor Morrison declared an interest in the following item and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent motion. His wife is the President of the Cornwallis Community Garden. He removed himself from the discussion.

Re: Cornwallis Community Gardens (August 24th) – of thanks for the grant received and the gazebo project it was used for. Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Morrison resumed participation in the meeting.

Re: Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association (August 29th) – of thanks for the two grants received - \$1,500 for continued work on the Amazing Places project, and a \$500 annual community grant. They are inquiring if the \$1,500 grant can be used for a different project – the further development of the Science Atlas, which has been partially funded by Dept. Education and Early Childhood Development. It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 200915.21 Permit SWNBRA to Redirect Grant Funds from Amazing Places Project to the Science Atlas Project

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that a letter be sent to the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association, permitting them the flexibility to apply a portion of the funds provided for the Amazing Places Project to the development of the Science Atlas Project. Motion carried unanimously.

In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor Heming, to meet in-camera following a brief recess from 11:43 a.m. until 12:48 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(c) personnel of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition to the Agenda Amend the Order of the Day

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Heming to amend the Order of the Day by adding: Agreement with the Chief Administrative Officer.

Re: Agreement with the Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 200915.22 Agreement with Chief Administrative Officer

Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that the Agreement with the Chief Administrative Officer, as prepared by the Solicitor further to instructions given to him by Council, be approved and adopted by the Council, and authorize the Warden and Clerk to affix their signatures.

Councillor Heming encountered technical difficulties and was not present for the question on the motion.

Motion carried, 9 in favour, 1 against (Roberts).

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk