

Minutes of the **special session of Municipal Council** held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Also

Present: Chief Administrative Officer John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff, and seven members of the public.

In-camera

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to meet in-camera from 10:30 a.m. until 2:21 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried, 7 in favour, 3 against.

Point of Privilege

Councillor John MacDonald recused himself while in-camera and left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

New Business

The Warden welcomed eight members of the public at 2:22 p.m.

Re: Transfer Station

The Warden reported that municipal council has directed the CAO to proceed with options for council to consider regarding the transfer station.

Speaking on behalf of municipal council, Warden Habinski read the following statement:

I believe without a question that there needs to be an independent third-party review of what has transpired at Valley Waste. A third-party independent review is a judicial inquiry or royal commission empowered to deal with organizations like Valley Waste. The circumstances in which we find ourselves are the consequence of a failure of governance on behalf of the other municipal parties. Valley Waste, by our measure, has grossly overcharged taxpayers of Annapolis County. How many similar organizations also fall through the cracks of inadequate governance elsewhere in the province? A judicial review would examine the mechanisms by which an organization like Valley Waste is created and operated, and would perceive the flaws and exactly what it is that has taken place. It would have an opportunity to evaluate the behaviours of municipalities and the province itself as this entire very, very, complex picture unfolded. We believe that residents are entitled to absolute transparency on this and we believe a third-party review is the best way to obtain that to ensure that you receive information you can simply trust.

Deputy Warden Roberts stated that she wanted it on record that she did not agree with the statement that was made.

Councillor Sheridan noted that she needed more time to consider the statement, and she was not prepared to agree to the statement.

Warden Habinski noted council is listening to the concerns of the residents of West Paradise and is taking them seriously.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk