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Minutes of the regular **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Present: District 1 – VACANT
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present
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, and
District 11 - Diane LeBlanc, present

Also

Present: CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff, two members of the public.

Approval of Agenda

The Clerk added the following items to the in-camera portion under Section 22(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*: (a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property; (e) contract negotiations; and (f) litigation or potential litigation.

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Heming, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

MOTION 191119.01 Minutes Regular Session 2019-10-15

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to approve the minutes of the regular session of Council held on October 15, 2019, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 191119.02 Minutes Special Session 2019-10-17

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Heming, to approve the minutes of the special session of Council held on October 17, 2019, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 191119.03 Minutes Special Session 2019-10-30

Councillor MacDonald moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the minutes of the special session of Council held on October 30, 2019, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

In-camera

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to meet in-camera 10:03 a.m. to 12:07 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, (a)

acquisition, sale, lease and security; of municipal property, (e) contract negotiations, and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

LUNCH

The Warden declared a lunch break at 12:07 p.m. with all returning at 1:28 p.m. as previously noted.

Amend Order of the Day

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the order of the day by adding Collective Agreement - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 4549. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the Solicitor's 13 November, 2019, report, to which solicitor/client privilege applies. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor's Comments

District 3 – Councillor Fowler attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Bridgetown Regional Community School, where he and the Warden laid a wreath on behalf of the municipality. Thanks to Tony Harvey, NSTIR, for paving Bay Road in Inglewood.

District 2 – Councillor MacDonald – *as submitted*

It's basketball season and I'm back in the gym with the Senior Boys Basketball Team from MRHS Middleton, looking forward to another great season as part of the Coaching Staff.

It's also Apple Cider making season and so far I have about 8 gallons brewing in my kitchen.

I've also been busy working with the Communities of Port George and surrounding area creating a place to go when our next major event occurs, like the one named Dorian.

I attended the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference in Halifax for a few days. One of the more interesting moments for me was when leaders from all 4 Provincial Parties agreed to sit on a committee to deal with removal or not of the Municipal Tax CAP. The CAP, and whether or not it should be removed or fixed or left alone, is a topic I have been actively involved with since elected.

I have recently taken positions in 2 additional committees within the Municipality. TCTS (Trans County Transportation Society), and the Heritage Committee. I'm looking forward to my added responsibilities.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc attended the Three Rivers turkey supper – the place was packed and supper was delicious. Her family got together to celebrate her mother's 96th birthday.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison – *as submitted*

Remembrance Day. I attended the ceremonies at the Clementsport Legion and placed a wreath on behalf of the County. I also attended the evening dinner and, as Honorary President of the Branch and Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, participated in presentation of long-service awards.

Friends of the Library Meetings. I attended meetings of the Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown committees. Each is thriving and contributing to the health of their libraries in many ways. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Taste of Nova Scotia Awards. Founders House Dining and Drinks has been chosen as Restaurant of the Year by Taste of Nova Scotia. Each year, the Taste of Nova Scotia Awards recognize and celebrate the culinary leaders in Nova Scotia, the people and products that are at the heart of Nova Scotia's great culinary experiences and successes. "Nova Scotia has a vibrant food and beverage industry and is gaining recognition as a world class culinary destination," says Emily Haynes, executive director of Taste of Nova Scotia. "We have internationally recognized chefs and restaurants, an award winning wine industry, thriving fisheries, diverse agricultural products, a booming craft beverage industry, endless coastline, rolling farmland, and to top it all off, we have the best people." These awards are the only province-wide awards that celebrate Nova Scotia restaurants, servers, food and beverage producers, exporters, and industry leaders.

At the close of the Climate Change Action Summit held at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in District 6 on Saturday 9 November, Lily Habinski presented me, the Summit Master of Ceremonies, with a drawing she had crafted during the day's proceedings. She is the youngest of the many youth who were present. She expressed her delight at being one of those who are interested in climate change and who wish to be involved. A copy of the drawing is before you now. It can be interpreted in many ways. I took it to be a reflection of her wish for communal cooperation leading to an apex of concerted, positive action. I congratulate her on her presence, her participation and on her resolve to remain committed and involved.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn – as submitted

October has been busy for me and those of us living in the more rural areas winter is coming and it's the time of the year to get ready. At my house, it means it's time to change the water filters in the reverse osmosis system, which removes the arsenic and uranium from our water source. I would like to remind the folks in the County, particularly those on drilled wells, to have their water checked for these very hazardous compounds that occur naturally in our water table.

I attended a meeting for the South West Biosphere Reserve, who will be installing a sign welcoming folks to the BioReserve, of which our County is a very proud member. It will be installed on the edge of the Highway 1 just east of Middleton. At the meeting, we talked a lot about high production forestry and where the industry is headed in that respect. I brought up my concerns about our naturally occurring forests in Sou'west Nova and how they would be affected by high production forestry. As the BioReserve offers much for us to celebrate in the protection of the health of our region's forests and fisheries, they would also like to offer that a logo to be placed in the corner of our relevant County brochures, maps and such, to further publicize this initiative.

I attended the former Mersey Woodlands Interactive Stakeholders Committee meeting, where the topic one more time was high production forestry and different models of lumber products coming out in upcoming years. There was much talk of Corbett Lake and how, following significant cutting and Hurricane Dorian, there are now many trees blown over, further devastating the area. There were also soil technicians who talked about the conditions of our many types of soil in Sou'west Nova.

The NSFAM conference was very interesting and my question for all Councillors with whom I talked was: what is your County doing to prepare for climate change? I've heard everything from Wardens reporting no preparation is taking place, to Councillors reporting the rebuilding of dykes in their districts. One of the break-out sessions asked if our Municipal facilities were climate ready. In answer to this question, my reply would be no, the County of Annapolis has at least 6 out-of-date buildings that constitute our Municipal offices, that are being maintained. Once more I will bring up that fact that the County of Annapolis needs a new efficient building for Municipal operations.

Upon return from this conference, I attended our own County's Climate Action Summit last weekend, and I am eager to learn what actionable items have come from public engagement at this event. I'd like to thank the organizers and participants of the event, and particularly the students who stepped out of their comfort zone to join us and offer their insight. The Remembrance ceremonies in my district were, as always, very moving. I attended Clementsvale, our neighbours Caledonia, Maitland Bridge (which has the smallest cenotaph I have ever seen), and the supper at the Bear River Legion. Thanks to all who made it out, thanks to the organizers, and thank you to the Veterans.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts attended Remembrance Day services in Springfield and Lawrencetown, laying wreaths on behalf of the County at each one. Met with Annapolis Valley Exhibition for their AGM. They had a good year and a report will be provided for COTW. The Lawrencetown Doctor's Office Project is coming along – it is quite a facility.

District 5 – Councillor Heming - *as submitted*

If you do not understand that the climate emergency is real, that it is unfolding more rapidly than scientists have imagined, that it is going to get exponentially worse, and that it is a directly cause by the unrestrained and unregulated explosion of industrial civilization, then you don't have the correct data.

If however, you do not understand that collective and cooperative solutions are possible, you don't have a heart.

What is clear to me now is that this municipality, this council, must look and behave radically different from today onward. For this struggle to which we must rise is no longer about climate change, it is climate changed.

We are in new uncharted waters and municipalities must find the courage and the intelligence to lead. Solutions to big problems are always small ones. But they must be immediate, rapid fire and strategic, the administrative direction we have followed over the last half-century is no longer the right one. The budget process we have established over time is no longer adequate. Many of the services we have prioritized in the past must fall by the wayside, and we must design new ones.

There is no doubt we will fail in some of what we try. We cannot let ourselves be discouraged by such failure. What we need to do in order to realize a future for our children and our grandchildren is unthinkable. But we must find a way to think about it.

It is absolutely urgent that we put in place a high-speed Internet system in order to connect our community to the necessary ideas and solutions. And that system must be free to all residents.

We must redesign our local economy to be just that... local. One of the most far-reaching climate solutions is to insure that Annapolis County takes care of its local needs from its local resources. This means localized food and energy. It means safe, energy efficient, affordable housing. It means a revitalized and resilient educational curriculum based on climate science, new technology, a reshaped civics, an extended model of volunteerism, a strong environmental education program that serves as the foundation for a sustainable local model of ecological forestry that is restorative and well-funded, and most importantly a model of education based on the principles of compassion, fairness, and beauty.

We as a municipal community must be cautious of what we consume and we must manage our waste locally. Recycle what we can, reuse what we can, convert what we cannot recycle or reuse into energy.

But this municipal response is not new to this council. We have agreed to most of this in principal over the last 8 years. This council now has to unite around this table to do even more and we must find ways to do it quickly – within 10 years - if we are to be able to say to our children and grandchildren that we have governed to address the concerns and the needs of the 21st century in a changed climate.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Nictaux church. Many events taking place – the Annual Fire-ettes Christmas Craft Fair, an upcoming tea and sale on November 26th, and the Hanging of the Green. Also, the Macdonald Museum Craft Fair is coming up.

District 4 – Councillor McNeil attended the AGM of the Granville Ferry Hall, and attended an auction at Round Hill Hall. He attended Remembrance Day Services at the Annapolis Royal Legion and the Annapolis Royal Fire Department banquet where he handed out four medals for long service.

District 7 – Warden Habinski had a very full month. He attended NSFAM and found it a very useful session. He attended the Saturday Climate Change Summit, and thanked staff and people at ABCC who made it a success. During the first six presentations, he felt optimism that the expertise exists in our communities. He enjoyed listening to the youth, who spoke with passion and determination. We were right. We have the resources, expertise, and the time to address the issues in a meaningful way. It will become the new horizon of municipal activity. This is an issue which government cannot solve independently. Communities will. On the first snowy day of the winter, 150 people came out to the Summit - a reason for optimism.

New Business

Re: Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation – Recommendations for Board Membership from ACMHC Board of Directors – Board Chair Joan McLean reported vacancies due to the following: Carol Ward resigned August 2019, and Mary Steele’s and Shaun Tanassee’s terms completed November 2019. The Board of Directors submitted the following recommendations for appointment to the Board: Marilyn Booth and Helen Huntley.

MOTION 191119.04 Appointments to ACMHC Board of Directors – Marilyn Booth and Helen Huntley

In accordance with the recommendation of the ACMHC Board of Directors, Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that municipal council appoint Marilyn Booth and Helen Huntley to the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation Board for a two-year term ending November 30, 2021. Motion carried, 7 in favour, 3 against (McNeil).

Re: RFD Special Session of Council – Swearing-In of New Councillor

MOTION 191119.05 Special Session of Council 2020-01-14 to Swear-In Councillor-Elect

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council call a Special Session of Council to occur at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, immediately prior to the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, in order to swear-in the Councillor-elect. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Climate Action Summit – Councillor Morrison noted he had already addressed this earlier as an addition to his submitted comments.

Re: RFD Recommend Nominee for Appointment to the Western Regional Housing Authority Board

MOTION 191119.06 Western Regional Housing Authority Board – Recommend Clyde Barteaux for Second Three-Year Term

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that municipal council recommend the continued appointment of the current board member – Clyde Barteaux – to the Western Regional Housing Authority Board for a second three-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Stakeholder Outreach Tour 14 Wing Greenwood

An invitation was received from the Public Affairs Officer, 14 Wing Greenwood, inviting the Warden, CAO, and one other councillor to attend an outreach tour taking place on Thursday, November 28, 2019, from about 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Warden Roberts and Councillor Gunn would like to attend and will contact the Public Affairs Officer for more information.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole November 12, 2019

• **Volunteer Week – Youth Participation**

MOTION 191119.07 Volunteer Week – Youth Participation

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council request staff to develop potential incentives for youth participation in the Annapolis County Volunteer Recognition Program and report to December Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Volunteer Week – Increase Participation and Attendance**

MOTION 191119.08 Volunteer Week – Increase Participation and Attendance

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to recommend that municipal council approve the following recommendations, excluding additional paid advertising:

- Paid advertisement promoting volunteer nomination process in Annapolis Register(Spectator) in November 2019 (New)
- Paid advertisement in the Reader, District Rambler and other community newsletters to promote volunteer week nomination process. (Expanded)
- Paid advertisement clips with AVR 97.7 and Magic 94.9 appealing to two different demographics in November 2019.
- Promote the awards ceremony in the advertisement and promote the fact that the public is invited but must RSVP to a designated person as there is a limited number of tickets available.
- Same or similar advertisement posted on County and Town websites and Facebook pages.
- Create fun ads directed at youth nominations that can be used on Facebook to encourage volunteer nominations by the deadline.
- Email notice requesting people to nominate a deserving volunteer to all contacts in the Community events guide and sent out in early November with follow up reminders in January.
- Email notice to all community organization groups that we have on file to be sent out in November with follow up reminders in January.

- Mail through Canada Post notice to community groups to nominate a deserving volunteer. (New)
- Expand volunteer nominations per group. I.e. one group / organization can nominate up to four
- Volunteer nominees will be allowed to bring an additional volunteers from any given group. (Presently it has been only one person per group. (New)
- Promote and encourage the fact that both individuals County-wide and / or councillors can nominate volunteers.
- Recreation staff and councillors to make personal contact with community organizations to encourage them to nominate a deserving volunteer. (We do this but will triple the effort)
- All recreation staff when attending meetings with community groups or organizations including Nancy Chisholm who meets with groups regarding grants will encourage individuals and groups to nominate a deserving volunteer. Available packages will be made up in advance to hand out. Integrated approach to volunteer recognition!
- Guests to bring their total to 4 including themselves. If tickets are available and requested they would be allowed more once the deadline for RSVP has been reached and there are tickets available as stated in their letter of congratulation and invite.
- Volunteer community organization or groups who are the nominators will be able to bring additional guests to support their nominations. (up to 3 total and more if available) This has been allowed in the past but will promote it in the letter of invitation.
- Individual volunteer nominator's will be encouraged to bring a guest to support the volunteer.
- Staff will create sample nominations to make it easy for individual and organizations to interview and write up a volunteer nomination bio and will include those samples in the handouts that are sent via email, mail or other.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Annapolis County Physician Recruitment and Retention Strategy**

MOTION 191119.09 Annapolis County Physician Recruitment and Retention Strategy Adhoc Committee

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council set up an adhoc committee of no more than four councillors with a mandate of physician recruitment and retention. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 1 against.

- **Comfort Centres Paradise Community Hall – Funding for Warming Centres**

MOTION 191119.10 Paradise Community Hall – Funding for Warming Centres

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that municipal council refer the October 7th letter from Debbie Gillis, Chairwoman, Paradise Community Hall, inquiring about funding for warming centres, to the REMO Advisory Committee, and that the Warden respond to the inquiry on behalf of Council indicating the matter has been referred to the REMO Advisory Committee, and further that we are in discussions with the province to determine its intentions for comfort stations. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Road Naming Process for New Development in Victoria Beach**
MOTION 191119.11 Initiate Road Naming Process for New Development in Victoria Beach
It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize staff to initiate the road-naming process to name a new road in Victoria Beach. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Review Policies Relating to Qualifications to Become a Citizen Member**
MOTION 191119.12 Staff to Review Policies Relation to Qualifications to Become a Citizen Member
In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that municipal council review AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy, AM-1.3.5.1 Audit Committee Policy, AM-1.3.6 Advisory Boards and Committees Policy, and AM-1.3.7 Appointments to Joint, Regional or Community Organizations Policy for consideration of the circumstance of individuals who may have direct interest in county business and their eligibility to serve on these committees. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee – Appoint Citizen Member**
MOTION 191119.13 Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee – Appoint Joseph Gower as a Citizen Member for a Term Ending November 30, 2020
Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council appoint Joseph Gower (satisfying Section 24(d) of the Provisions), as a citizen member of the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Review FSC Forestry Management Plan for Greywood Site**
MOTION 191119.14 FSC Forestry Management Plan for Greywood Site – CAO to Review and Report to December COTW
In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council direct the CAO to review the FSC Forestry Management Plan for the Greywood site as compiled by Tom Berry in 2013, and report back to council on his findings at December Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 21 October 18th – An invitation to attend Remembrance Day Service at the Legion and the reception to follow. It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Emmanuel Church October 21st – informing of their upcoming 25th anniversary celebration and inviting attendance or message of congratulations. Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: James McCurdy (Annapolis Waterkeepers) email October 30th – thanking Municipal Council for providing a copy of their response from Minister Wilson. He provided additional correspondence between the Waterkeepers and Nova Scotia Environment.

MOTION 191119.15 Letter to Minister Supporting Annapolis Waterkeepers Concerns

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that the Warden speak with the Annapolis Waterkeepers and that another letter be sent to the Minister in support of their concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: T/F Maria Hagen email November 1st – regarding her ongoing concerns with the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation.

MOTION 191119.16 Response to Maria Hagen

Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that the Warden send a response to Maria Hagen explaining that concerns she has outlined regarding the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation are out of Council’s purview. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 122 October 9th – to report on the successful upgrade of the electrical panel of the Clementsport Legion from 200 to 400 amps, and thanking Council for the \$2,400 grant awarded in support of this project. It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition

Re: Collective Agreement - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 4549

MOTION 191119.17 Warden and Clerk to Sign CUPE Local 4549 Collective Agreement Effective to March 31, 2023

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4549 effective to March 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors McNeil and Gunn, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.