

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the regular session of **Municipal Council** held on October 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Present: Deputy Warden Martha Roberts; Councillors: Marilyn Wilkins, John A MacDonald, Wayne Fowler, Burt McNeil, Gregory Heming, Alex Morrison, Michael J Gunn, Wendy Sheridan, and Diane LeBlanc.

Absent: Warden Timothy Habinski

Also

Present: CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff.

Additions to the Agenda (to end of Agenda)

Requests were made for the following items to be added: under In-Camera: under Section 22(2) (a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (e) contract negotiations, and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege; and under Additions: 12(A) Westfor Management Inc; (B) Communication with Public, and (C) Kings Transit.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and MacDonald, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

MOTION 171017.01 Minutes – Regular Session 2017-09-19

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that the minutes of the regular session of Council held on September 19, 2017, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 171017.02 Minutes – Public Hearing 2017-09-19

Councillor Sheridan moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 19, 2017, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 171017.03 Minutes – Special Session 2017-10-10

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, that the minutes of the Special Session of Council held on October 10, 2017, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, to meet in-camera at 10:04 a.m. until 11:17 a.m. in accordance with Section 22(2) (b) setting a minimum price to be accepted by the municipality at a tax sale; (a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property; (e) contract negotiations; and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Solicitor's Report

Re: Municipal Solicitor - A report dated 11 October 2017 was circulated in the agenda package. It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

The Deputy Warden called a brief recess at 11:18 a.m. All returned as previously noted.

Presentation

Re: Margaretsville Shore Society – Patrick Henry, introduced Kezia Brown and Tannis Szuszkiewicz and provided a presentation on their breakwater repair funding application. He noted the existing wharf was reinforced in 1987, and decommissioned in 2000 and given to the community. It protects ‘the saddle’ from prevailing west winds. The Society has approached several contractors about repairs to the breakwater to prevent further decay. Dexter’s Construction presented the group with two options – one with a cost of \$265,000, and one with a cost of \$90,000. They would like to partner with three levels of government and are asking for monetary contribution, not sure how much that would be, for seed money to approach ACOA.

Staff have been working with this group on their three year project, but this damage has occurred over the winter and needs to be addressed.

The CAO noted that the Warden has reached out to the other levels and he has not been contacted back. He felt that there is no question that something needs to be done and it should be an all level approach. The CAI advised he would follow up with the Warden as he is absent from this meeting, so that the Warden may follow up with all levels of government and determine how to best proceed.

The Deputy Warden thanked Mr. Henry for the presentation.

LUNCH

The Deputy Warden declared a lunch break at 11:56 a.m. All returned at 1:22 p.m. as previously noted.

Addition

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, to add to the agenda under Additions as item 12(D) Set Minimum Bid at Tax Sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Councillor’s Comments

District 2 – Councillor MacDonald reported he is taking the Local Government certificate program through Dalhousie College of Continuing Education.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc attended a meet and greet barbecue at the RCMP Annapolis Detachment in Bridgetown. On September 30 at McDonald Museum, she attend the 20th Middleton Sport Heritage Hall of Fame and brought congratulations on behalf of Council. The Three Rivers Community Centre in Torbrook Mines offers different lessons and hosts an indoor yard sale on Saturdays. They are holding their Fall Turkey Supper on Thursday: October 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12 per person, \$6 for children under 6. The funds raised will go towards installing a new furnace.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison noted the following: **Remembrance Day 2018** – The Clementsport Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has prepared an extensive program of education and participation

activities this year. Included are a special student breakfast at the Legion, and four days of events at Clark-Rutherford school in Cornwallis Park. The students will also be encouraged to join the public Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday November 11th at the Legion. To be held outdoors, it will include two bands, reading of the Roll of Honour, laying of the wreaths and the playing of The Last Post and Reveille. Following the ceremony, lunch will be served (indoors), and there will be ample time for the exchange of memories. In the evening, a Remembrance and Honours banquet will be held. **Cape Breton Regional Municipality First Year Councillors Comment on their Experiences** - In a recent news article, the new folks, all female, mentioned gratitude for being elected, and the number of meetings they are expected to attend. Some expressed amazement at the number of community events to which they are invited, but stressed the pleasure and satisfaction of being so closely involved in their communities. The balancing of personal and professional aspects of their daily routine has been interesting as well. **Deep Brook-Waldeck Lions Club Dance** – evening of Saturday 21 Oct.-17. **Cornwallis Park Community Centre Fundraising Auction** – begins at 11am Saturday 28 Oct. **Progress Club Women of Excellence Awards**. The Councillor's niece, Christine Bonnell-Eisnor of Halifax, has been chosen the Progress Club of Halifax 2017 Woman of Excellence in the Business and Professions category. She is a professional engineer, the Director of Regulatory Affairs and Finance, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, and Registrar of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board located in Halifax. She has a highly successful career and brings great credit to her profession and to herself.

District 8 – China – Councillor Gunn reported that heading to China on short notice was a learning experience: visas, learning cultural taboos, phrases, dress code, and providing gifts for several occasions with very little guidance was all very stressful. A photo book of the County was compiled, created and published within 2 weeks. The Friends of Keji also provided three coffee table books, one for each of the schools sistering with the schools of our county. The reason for the trip was to help develop friendships, business and educational opportunities between the Annapolis/Digby/Clare Counties and the Shanghai region of China, and to maintain friendships made during previous visits by Annapolis County representatives. We were joined by Premier McNeil and his entourage, and that day was dedicated to the promotion of all things Nova Scotian. All were well looked after by David Wang and staff, who maintained complicated and interesting itineraries and tended to our needs, travel, care, and safety throughout the trip. They are excellent hosts, and it is hoped that we are able to show them similar enthusiasm and care when they visit us. **Lake Cady** - Concerned parties have contacted the Councillor relating to the lack of repair of a bridge near the Lake Cady area. The Department Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has shut down the bridge, and because Potter Road is a “Type K” road, there is no maintenance coming to the bridge. As a result, people will continue to cross the bridge (as there is a road on either side of it), the bridge will collapse, and the waterway will suffer. He felt that, as this brook feeds Lake Cady, the water supply will be affected. He addressed this issue with Tony Harvey of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and Renewal, and Steven McInnis, Director of Public Works. Members of the Clementsvale community will continue to raise this issue, and that the bridge will continue to be in use. **Mink Farm Waste** – He visited constituents relating to inordinate numbers of flies relating to untreated mink farm waste and contacted the Department of the Environment, and revisited road deterioration in Bear River. **Town Hall Districts 3 & 7-** Was a pleasure to attend, and was very well choreographed - hats off to the organizers. The **Public Meeting in Port Royal** regarding zoning in Granville Ferry was certainly an education in citizenship, and this issue promises to become quite an important issue for Council. And finally, the venue is booked for the upcoming **Town Hall District 8** in Clementsvale, which the Councillor hopes is as big a success as the others. He added that

he is also taking the Local Government certificate program through Dalhousie College of Continuing Education.

District 5 - Councillor Heming took a few days off and his phone never stopped ringing, with people who attended the District 4 & 5 public meeting. They are generally overjoyed that they received information and felt listened to. A pivotal moment for citizens.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan presented a Certificate of Recognition to David Bent (Western Region Woodland Owner of the Year, and had the opportunity to tour his woodlot. Attended the Annapolis Valley Health Workshop in Bridgetown, and a group will further discuss how a coupon program could be implemented to assist low income families and seniors (i.e. - participants who attend Food Literacy programs which would educate them on healthy food and preparation, shopping etc. would receive coupons, which they can spend at local participating farmers markets.) Also attended the Bridgetown Community School Open House. Worked with Fire-ettes for their Ticket Auction Fundraiser and also helped with the Lions Club monthly Community Supper. Both events were very successful.

District 4 – Councillor McNeil attended a funding, announcement at FundyYMCA, noting it is good use for the money. He Attended a CARP meeting which was very informative. Another one happening tonight in the Wilmot area.

District 1

MOTION 171017.04 Letter of Congratulations – Christine Bonnell-Eisnor

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms. Christine Bonnell-Eisnor on being selected Progress Club of Halifax 2017 Woman of Excellence in the Business and Professions category. Motion carried unanimously.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts attended the 4H Provincial Show, a huge event with 2400 exhibits with people present from 18 counties - from opening to close it was a great event, hotels/motels/bed and breakfasts were booked from Cornwallis Park to Kentville. From restaurants to the corn maze, all had high attendance.

Councillor Fowler left at this time (1:36 p.m.)

New Business

Re: Annapolis REMO Mayors/Warden and Elected Officials Training – Training by Provincial EMO for the elected officials of the members of REMO Annapolis (Annapolis Royal, Middleton and the County) will take place on Tuesday, November 28th in Bridgetown (because it is central). Acting REMO Coordinator Brian Orde will follow up with the time and venue.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (October 10th)

- *National Airlines Council of Canada*

MOTION 171017.05 National Airlines Council of Canada - Letter

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that Municipal Council urge the Federation of

Canadian Municipalities to bring this matter forward for emergency discussion at the next meeting of the National Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Community Boundary Review Douglas Road*

MOTION 171017.06 Community Boundary Review Douglas Road

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council approve changes to the 911 civic addressing database by removing the community name of “Douglas Road” and adjusting the community boundary of Port George to include the area previously identified as Douglas Road. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Margaretsville Community Hall Society Grant*

MOTION 171017.07 Margaretsville Community Hall Society Grant

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Municipal Council provide a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Margaretsville Community Hall Society in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Friends of the Medway Lakes Wilderness Area Grant*

MOTION 171017.08 Friends of the Medway Lakes Wilderness Area Grant

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Municipal Council provide a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Friends of the Medway Lakes Wilderness Area in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*, Trails Assistance Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- *AM-1.3.6 Advisory Committees and Boards Policy – Amend*

MOTION 171017.09 AM-1.3.6 Advisory Committees and Boards Policy - Amend

In accordance with seven day notice having been given, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, that Municipal Council amend *AM-1.3.6 Advisory Committees and Boards Policy* to create a Forestry Advisory Committee, made up of four Councillors, to consider matters referred to it by Municipal Council. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Appointments to the Forestry Advisory Committee*

MOTION 171017.10 Forestry Advisory Committee Appointments

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that Councillors Heming, MacDonald, McNeil, and Gunn be appointed to the Forestry Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

- *66520-35 East End 2017 MPS/LUB-001 Amendment Application – Sproule*

MOTION 171017.11 66520-35 East End 2017 MPS/LUB-001 Amendment App. – Sproule

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Municipal Council reject the Wesley Sproule application to amend the East End Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Zoning. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Community Boundary Review Further Adjustment to Waldeck Community Boundary*
MOTION 171017.12 Community Boundary Review – Waldeck Community Boundary Further Adjustment

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Municipal Council approve an adjustment to the community boundary between Deep Brook and Waldeck West by moving the boundary closer to the Chute Road and Waldeck Line Road intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Annapolis West Education Centre Funding Request for Soccer Field Remediation*
MOTION 171017.13 AWEC Funding Request – Soccer Field Remediation

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that Municipal Council not support the request for funding to remediate the AWEC soccer field. Morrison, Gunn. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 1 against.

PROCLAMATION

The Deputy Warden noted that Warden Habinski signed a proclamation on October 1st, 2017, recognizing October as Mi'kmaq History Month in the County of Annapolis, in accordance with policy. Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: Municipality of the District of Barrington (September 14th) – a copy of a letter to the President of UNSM regarding improving the process for adoption of resolutions. It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Heming, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Tri-County Women's Centre (September 22nd) – thanking Municipal Council for the financial contribution for and informing that the Housing Needs Assessment project is moving forward and requesting a primary contact for consistent and timely information flow. Councillor Wilkins moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Royal Canadian Legion (September 25th) – reminding Municipal Council of the annual Poppy Campaign and upcoming November 11th Memorial Service. It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Gunn to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillors were informed that they would be reimbursed for the cost of purchasing a wreath. They were asked to confirm their attendance at the respective locations as soon as possible.

Councillor Gunn will attend services at Clementsvale and Bear River;

Councillor Roberts will attend services in Lawrencetown, Springfield and Brickton (as possible);

Councillor McNeil will attend in Annapolis Royal;

Councillor Morrison will attend at the Clementsport Legion;

Councillor LeBlanc will attend in Middleton;

Warden Habinski and Councillor Fowler will attend in Bridgetown; and

Councillor Wilkins will attend in Kingston.

Re: Parker Chesley (September 29th) – of thanks for receiving the Max Young Scholarship and McIsaac Memorial Bursary. Councillor Wilkins moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc to receive for information Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Mary Baker (September 29th) – of thanks for receiving the Miss Donalda Fraser Award, French Written Prize, and Minnie Bent Scholarship. It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Friends of the Margaretsville Lighthouse (October 11th) – an email to express appreciation for Council's letter of support in the divestiture of the Margaretsville Lighthouse. Once an archeological dig occurs in 2018 to determine First Nations interest, full divestiture can be made. Councillor MacDonald moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Fundy Boatworks (October 12th) – an invitation to the final celebration of the Fundy Boatworks Canada 150 Project taking place on Friday, October 27th from 2 – 5 p.m. It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Re: Forestry Advisory Committee – Councillor Heming withdrew this from the agenda.

Additions

Re: Westfor Management Inc – correspondence was received asking if they can come present to Council. Councillor Heming hopes to invite them after the Forestry Advisory Committee has a chance to meet and bring a recommendation back to Council.

MOTION 171017.14 2017-10-11 Letter from Westfor Management Referred to Forestry Advisory Committee

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, to refer this letter for a recommendation back to COTW to the Forestry Advisory Committee which meets on Monday, October 23rd Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Communication with Public - Councillor Morrison noted the template that had been established for public meetings, and how it should continue to have a picture of Councillors so that the residents can recognize them.

MOTION 171017.15 Updated 2016-2020 Council Photograph

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to have a full council photograph taken of the 2016-2020 Municipal Council at Committee of the Whole in November. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Kings Transit – Councillor LeBlanc reported that Kings Transit is looking to put up a bus shelter in front of Tim Horton's in Middleton. Tender has been issued. They are inquiring if the money for this shelter could be taken from the funds provided by the federal and provincial grants given to transit. It was noted that the bus shelter in Bridgetown was funded by the Lions Club; the Lawrencetown shelter was cost-shared by the Village and Lions Club; and the other bus shelter in Middleton was sponsored by Rona and Big Scoop.

Councillor LeBlanc, Council's Board representative, will relay this information to the Board.

Re: Lesser Bid on Tax Sale Properties

MOTION 171017.16 Lesser Bid at 2018 Tax Sale on Remaining 2017 Properties

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that Municipal Council may accept a lesser bid at the February 2018 Tax Sale on properties that did not sell at the February 2017 tax sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to add Municipally-Registered Heritage Property Solomon Bowlby House to the agenda as item 12(E). Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipally-Registered Heritage Property Solomon Bowlby House – The Director of Community Development noted that this was the first property registered in Annapolis County. At that time the entire property was registered, based on the deed (which referenced two lots). Council since made a motion to modify the registration by eliminating Lot 2, and only having the lot with the house registered. The Solicitor has requested that the full de-registration process take place for that portion to be in full compliance with the process.

MOTION 171017.17 Municipally-Registered Heritage Property Solomon Bowlby House – Public Hearing

Councillor Wilkins moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that a public hearing be held in accordance with the proper process, at December 19 Council at 11:00 a.m., in order to de-register a portion of the Solomon Bowlby House property in accordance with process. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors Gunn and LeBlanc, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk