

**2021-03-16 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffrey Street, Bridgetown, NS, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

Warden Parish welcomed members of the public, noting that we hope to rearrange the seats to accommodate more members of the public.

Roll Call

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
District 3 – Alan Parish, present
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present
District 6 – Alex Morrison, present
District 7 – David Hudson, present
District 8 – Michael Gunn, present
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Brad Redden, present
District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

Also Present: A/CAO Louis Coutinho, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff including; W. Atwell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis, and H. Orde.
Members of the public: Carolyn Hubble, Maria Hagen, Susan Burnie

Amendments

Warden Parish requested to move item 7 xxxii Reports and Recommendations to after the in-camera session, and to add (f) litigation or potential litigation to 9 In-Camera.

Approval of the Agenda (Order of the Day)

Upon motion Councillor LeBlanc and Councillor Barteaux, the Order of the Day was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Re: Regular Session January 19, 2021

MOTION 210316.01 Minutes 2021-02-16 Regular

It was moved Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, to approve the minutes of the regular session on February 16, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

I would like to congratulate Mr. George Barker of Wilmot on the celebration of his 100th birthday on February 24th. I know that his extended family, along with many of his friends, dropped by to join him on his special day. It was great to have the clocks ‘move ahead’ over the weekend. Spring, along with the promise of rebirth, and the delivery of multiple vaccines, holds much promise for all of us in the future.

District 2 – Councillor Connell reported it has been quiet in the district. Fire departments, not-for-profit and volunteers in the county searched outside the box to fundraise. Some halls are suffering. The online 50/50 draw supports fire departments across Nova Scotia. When you buy a ticket, you can click on which fire department you want to support. A nice set up. A way for them to survive. Thank you to the fire department in District 9 where a young person had passed away. His parents didn't ask for much. Created a parade on the day of his funeral, with people who came from all over. Nictaux Fire Department set up a plan and traffic control – well organized recognition for that young man. Thanks to the fire department.

District 3 – Warden Parish noted it is fairly quiet in rural District 3. Main concern is Arlington C&D site. Councillor Redden and he met with the Municipal Group of Companies (owners), their counsel, and others, for a two hour meeting. Next step is he and Councillor Redden will meet with members of the community to gather information. Not predisposed to any particular outcome, just exercising due diligence because it is a concern to the larger community.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux has been fielding calls and emails regarding Gordonstoun, Basinview, Internet, etc., but mostly Basinview. He served on CAO recruitment committee. COVID vaccines are rolling out slowly, more age groups being offered vaccine. Encourages all to book an appointment as soon as it is offered to your age group. Activities are being complicated by the pandemic.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted that District 5 has been fairly quiet. Glad to see some citizens present and glad we are opening up to more. Received lots of comments about Basinview and Gordonstoun over the past week. She received a special delivery from a church in Ontario, which created a prayer shawl for each family lost on the chief William Solace in December.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

The sale of the former Cornwallis Museum has been finalized and the owner is a local entrepreneur/artist known as “Tripp”. He and I have discussed his proposed use of the building and his ideas for a multi-opportunity arts/crafts/public gathering place/café/outdoor deck, etc are to be commended. Opening date has not yet been announced.

Extensive public interest in Basinview Centre – general theme is that it must continue operations including the FUNDY YMCA. Fund-raising suggestions include soliciting local and national businesses, a giant 50-50 campaign, etc.

2021 is the International Year of the Sunflower and the General Manager of the Cornwallis Community Gardens Association is making plans for the active involvement of wide and deep interested community groups.

My wife Elizabeth McMichael's family arrived in Canada from County Antrim in the very early 1800s. every about this time she begins to talk about an Irish saint and March 17th. Being of Scottish descent myself, I have been mystified by it all. However, in turn I tell her of Andrew Hamilton Gault of Montreal, a veteran of the Boer War who, in 1914, gave the federal government \$100,000 and he thus began the establishment of the last privately-raised regiment in the British Empire. He secured the permission of the Governor General the Duke of Connaught to name the regiment Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry after the Governor General's daughter. Tomorrow, even if you are engaged in other celebrations, pause for a moment to remember and commemorate the achievements in war and in peace of this famous Canadian infantry regiment.

Also tomorrow is poke-in-the-arm-day for me and I look forward to the experience.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson reported that District 7 has been fairly quiet. Recently had a meeting with several year-round residents of Wrights Lake. Not happy with garbage service they receive. Have to drive several kms to dispose of their garbage. They understand they live on a private road and trucks can't go there. Not angry, but they feel that something can be done to improve service. Discussions with

Mr. McInnis regrading making results of water tests public. Understands public interest, if we proceed, they should be provided for all utilities, not just one. If we proceed, information would have to be prepared so public can properly interpret the results. Bridgetown for example, residents would like to see about uranium content in the water, where in the past limits exceeded public health requirements. Would like to recognize the Bridgetown Area Community Fund –which operates under the umbrella of the Community Fund Foundation of Nova Scotia, and covers area serviced by the Bridgetown Fire Department. Recent donations have been made to three community halls – Dalhousie, Inglewood and Paradise. Funding like this helps these halls to survive especially during COVID.

District 8 – Deputy Warden Gunn (as submitted)

This month, I received several calls or letters in support of the Basinview Centre, and a number questioning how we can afford to keep supporting it financially. While I thank everyone for their input, we are in a position of problem solving towards the best solution right now, so I ask for your patience as we work through all the possibilities and details as we determine what we can afford. I would encourage spectators to watch the County Video session from February 24th as there is a lot of information available there.

I also received a few calls and email questioning whether the new internet builds will be supplying service down Route 8, into Perotte and through Clementsvale. I continue to be contacted asking about the progress bringing potable water into Bear River, and questions as to whether sidewalks will be attended to in the near future. There was an issue with sewage in Bear River that was resolved, and of course the issue of the garbage pickup being delayed due to weather. The fine folks at the Oakdene Centre in Bear River are organizing to replace their windows and are preparing to apply for funding to do so.

The executive of the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve met and are progressing with the Science Atlas, which will house very valuable information about the ecology and natural phenomena in the area that make southwest nova such a special place. You already know they've made it a UNESCO world heritage site, and the group is preparing to hire staff to help build on the momentum that is underway. Stay tuned for more progress on this front.

On behalf of the County, I was privileged to recognize the 34 and 44 years of volunteer service by Barry Snow and Allan Read at the Bear River Volunteer Fire Department. It was an excellent evening of celebration for the community (following all Covid protocols), and a wonderful way to recognize the fine work done by the Fire Department.

Also on behalf of the County, I attended the Valley Regional Enterprise Network meeting and was happy to get an idea of what the Valley REN is about. I have sent meeting minutes to Council and CAO summarizing this event, including reports from participating Municipalities.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan (as submitted)

I have had the pleasure of sitting on the COA selection committee, we have been very busy the past few weeks with many meetings and interviews. I thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience and would like to thank the acting CAO and other members for the time they spent on this important process.

I have received many calls this past month regarding garbage, unsightly premises and most recently the concerns of residents regarding Basinview. Residents are very concerned that their taxes will go up if we continue to operate the facility. I have directed them to our County email address basinview@annapoliscounty.ca to voice their opinions and look forward for Council to hear their concerns.

District 10 – Councillor Redden (as submitted)

I finally got to attend a Lawrencetown village commission meeting, we had a very productive and informative discussion about village and council business. They are making some headway with

protecting the Lawrencetown watershed, and are very interested in how the county is going to proceed with public meetings, as they have a few of their own to complete. The Clean Annapolis River Project is organizing a few beach cleanups, one this Thursday, March 18th in Young's Cove. There are details on their website.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc noted it is tax exemption time, and she has made calls and visits in her district to help them prepare the forms. Three Rivers Community Centre Chair Yoga has been delayed because of COVID but will start at month end – there is a waiting list! March break, many parents at home with young ones – enjoy!

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re: Set Dates for Committee Meetings (from 2021-02-16) – Deputy Warden Gunn would like to be able to set meeting times for a few committees. Forestry is only four people. Glyphosate should actually meet to determine its parameters. Understands if bringing people in COVID protocols have to be followed.

Warden Parish asked the CAO to describe how meetings can move forward.

CAO Coutinho stated that council chambers can be used as long as number of people is less than 10. Regarding public hearings for planning, substantively will use ABCC, with a different room layout, with Chair at a table, layout would be a gallery with six-foot spacing. Need a microphone system so people can speak for or against the issue at hand. Staff will explore further for the Legion and ABCC to have a large flat screen television for presentations. Funding will come from the Safe Restart funding from the province. We can conduct meetings with smaller crowds, and will reorganize this room for more capacity.

Staff will have to come back to council, and will work toward being able to do that (hold public meetings), with proper technology for people to be able to present and physically be in attendance. IT currently has a sound system and microphones.

We can proceed with meetings that require all councillors with COVID limitations. Each meeting will have to determine what the room can offer, and accommodate the public can attend – each person would have to register with the Clerk and have to wear a mask. Once the maximum number of spaces is filled, no more will be admitted.

Concern was voiced about only meeting in Cornwallis Park which is unfair when some of the issues will involve the east end of the county. There needs to be another facility to accommodate that. There is currently no clear answer if there is a location in the east end that is large enough.

Once meeting protocols are formalized, they will be posted to the website.

The Deputy Clerk noted that for any committee meetings, the Clerk or her designate needs to be in attendance at the first meeting to oversee the election of Chair and Vice Chair, and to ensure that proper paperwork is supplied (meeting attendance, any suggested recommendations, etc) to the Chair who will submit to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk immediately following each meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-03-09)

NS Nunavut Command RCL 17th Annual Veterans Service Recognition Book

MOTION 210316.02 NS Nunavut Command RCL 17th Annual Veterans Service Recognition Book

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council continue support for the NS Nunavut Command RCL 17th Annual Veterans Service Recognition Book by purchasing a 1/10 page, business card-sized ad at a cost of \$210, including HST. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sports Hub (BROSH)

BROSH Required Documents for Renting

MOTION 210316.03 BROSH Required Documents for Renting

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council require that all groups renting the facility must provide proof of insurance and name the Municipality of the County of Annapolis as an additional insured and fill out the respective forms already established. i.e. - schools, minor soccer association, Valley United, Annapolis County Athletics, and others. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Facility Hours, Charge for Rentals With Lights

MOTION 210316.04 BROSH Facility Hours, Charge for Rentals With Lights

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council set the facility hours of operation as open to the public from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. unless there are rentals in the evening up to and including 10:00 p.m. Rentals with lights beyond 8:00 p.m. will be charged at \$65.00/hour plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Walking/Informal Play Fee

MOTION 210316.05 BROSH Walking/Informal Play Fee

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council endorse that people walking or engaging in informal play not be charged a fee as it serves to encourage health and wellness in the region. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH School Practices and Games Fee

MOTION 210316.06 BROSH School Practices and Games Fee

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council approve that school practices and games be free of charge, however, scheduling is required and will be limited to certain hours. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Youth Track Practice Fee 2021

MOTION 210316.07 BROSH Youth Track Practice Fee 2021

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council approve that youth track practice be free in COVID times, and that flat rate be recommended for the future. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Artificial Soccer Field Rates 2021**MOTION 210316.08 BROSH Artificial Soccer Field Rates 2021**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve the artificial soccer field rental rates be \$50.00/hour plus HST and 65.00/hour plus HST with lights, and that they be subject to change in 2022-23. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Minor Youth Soccer Rates 2021**MOTION 210316.09 BROSH Minor Youth Soccer Rates 2021**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve that minor youth soccer rates for Annapolis County teams be free for the 2021 season. This will be COVID times and a flat rate will be recommended in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Artificial Track Rental**MOTION 210316.10 BROSH Artificial Track Rental**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the artificial track rental rate be set at \$50.00/hour plus HST (special events or commercial). Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Tournament Rates**MOTION 210316.11 BROSH Tournament Rates**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve tournament rates be set at \$400.00 plus HST for youth two-day tournament, and \$700.00 plus HST for adult two-day tournament, day rates are half that. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Two-Day Track Meet Rate**MOTION 210316.12 BROSH Two-Day Track Meet Rate**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve the two-day track meet rate be set at \$200.00 plus HST, day rates are half that. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Tennis Court Fee**MOTION 210316.13 BROSH Tennis Court Fee**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council not charge a rental fee for the tennis court. Motion carried unanimously.

Meet with BROSH Stakeholders**MOTION 210316.14 Meet with BROSH Stakeholders**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize the CAO to meet with stakeholders and user groups to clarify service level expectation, conditions of facility and field use, user group expectations, and future allocation/priority processes, code of conduct, safety consideration, future rental rates and categories that will lead to an overall report to Committee of the Whole in November, this report will further explore the potential

of special events, fees and charges and service levels in Non COVID times. Motion carried unanimously.

BROSH Electronic Sign

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize the establishment of an electronic sign to be placed on the Sport Hub property to be located on the north side of the property known as Memorial Park and for the County to be responsible for the ongoing electrical costs which is estimated at \$2,000 per year, and further that this matter be included for discussion in the 2021-2022 operating budget, and that a report be brought back to COTW in May with more information.

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, second by Councillor Longmire, to amend the motion by adding 'before the form of the sign is approved'. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 210316.15 BROSH Electronic Sign

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize the establishment of an electronic sign to be placed on the Sport Hub property to be located on the north side of the property known as Memorial Park and for the County to be responsible for the ongoing electrical costs which is estimated at \$2,000 per year, and further that this matter be included for discussion in the 2021-2022 operating budget, and that a report be brought back to COTW in May with more information, before the form of the sign is approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Invite BROSH Community Advisory Committee

MOTION 210316.16 Invite BROSH Community Advisory Committee

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, that municipal council extend an invitation to the Bridgetown Regional Outdoor Sport Hub Advisory Committee, to attend at a Committee of the Whole to give a presentation on the sign at a time deemed to be appropriate with COVID regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hudson declared an interest in the following item – he is the Treasurer for the Bridgetown Community Recreation Association. He left the room at 11:07 a.m. and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion.

Bridgetown Community Recreation Association 2020-2021 Funding

MOTION 210316.17 Bridgetown Community Recreation Association 2020-21 Funding

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council release funding in the amount of \$8,659 to Bridgetown Community Recreation Association to assist with overall Bridgetown Community Recreation Association operations for the recreation facilities (arena and pool) from the 2020-2021 fiscal year as already approved and budgeted. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hudson returned to the room at 11:09 a.m.

CAO - Advertise for Membership on Annapolis County Accessibility Advisory Committee

MOTION 210316.18 CAO Advertise for Membership on AC Accessibility Advisory Committee

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council authorize the CAO to advertise for members for the Annapolis County Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO - Create Budget for Annapolis County Municipal Accessibility Plan for 2021-22

MOTION 210316.19 CAO Create Budget for AC Municipal Accessibility Plan for 2021-22

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize the CAO to create a draft budget for the development of a Municipal Accessibility Plan for deliberations during the 2021-2022 operating budget. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO - Develop Action Plan and Timeline for April 2022 Deadline

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council request the CAO to develop an action plan and timelines to achieve the April 2022 deadline for approval by municipal council.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the motion by adding after timelines ‘for a municipal accessibility plan, and adding ‘and to report to Committee of the Whole by June Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 210316.20 CAO Develop Action Plan and Timeline for April 2022 Deadline

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council request the CAO to develop an action plan and timelines for a municipal accessibility plan to achieve the April 2022 deadline for approval by municipal council and to report to Committee of the Whole by June Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

West Dalhousie Community Hall Request Funding Reallocation

MOTION 210316.21 West Dalhousie Community Hall Request Funding Reallocation

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize the West Dalhousie Community Hall Association to re-allocate a portion of their grant funding received from the 2021-2022 fiscal year to help support their continued kitchen upgrades. Motion carried unanimously.

AM-1.5.1 Authority and Responsibilities of the CAO Policy Repeal

MOTION 210316.22 AM-1.5.1 Authority and Responsibilities of the CAO Policy - Repeal

In accordance with seven-day notice having been given, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council repeal *AM-1.5.1 Authority and Responsibilities of the CAO Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy Amend (deletions)

MOTION 210316.23 AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy – Amend (deletions)

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with seven-day notice having been given, that municipal council amend *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy* by deleting the exemptions for four properties which are no longer owned by the organizations to which the exemption was granted. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Connell declared an interest in the following matter as he is Chair of the Society. He left the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion.

AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy Amend (addition)

MOTION 210316.24 AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption Policy – Amend (addition)

Pursuant to seven-day notice having been given, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Leblanc, that municipal council amend *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy* by adding the following exemption in District 2:

Mount Hanley & District	Land and building	813655149RR001
Schoolhouse Museum Society	AAN 09812881	
2130 Mount Hanley Rd.,		
Mount Hanley		

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Connell returned to the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

2021-2022 Sewer Charge

MOTION 210316.25 2021-22 Sewer Charge

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council set a 2021-22 sewer charge of \$564.69. Motion carried unanimously.

South Street Waterline Improvement

MOTION 210316.26 South Street Waterline Improvement

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council approve that \$210,000 for the South Street Water Line Improvement be carried forward into the 2021-22 Capital program, and further, that the funding be allocated from the Bridgetown Water Utility Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Streetlight Installation- Stronach Mountain Road/Highway 1 Intersection

MOTION 210316.27 Streetlight Installation Stronach Mt Rd / Hwy 1 Intersection

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve the installation of one 54W LED light fixture on the first existing wooden utility pole along the westerly side of Stronach Mountain Road where it intersects with Highway 1 as per their proposal #21U-054 dated February 18, 2021 for the price of \$1,673.00 plus HST to be funded from the street light reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden noted that Councillors had received a memo from him on the following Basinview motions. He will open the floor for debate once a motion is on the floor.

Basinview Centre Repairs

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council take immediate steps to make repairs to the Basinview Centre; namely the Wall Repair, budget \$315,042.50 including HST; the Geotechnical work at \$27,025 including HST; and the Harness work at \$58,529.25 including HST; all three expenditures for next year's capital budget 2021-2022.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Redden, to amend the motion by replacing '\$27,025' with 'approximately \$39,000'. Motion carried unanimously.

LUNCH

The Warden noted good debate, and that it will continue after a lunch break. The Warden declared a lunch break from 12:15p.m. – 1:15 p.m., with all returning as previously noted, including 2 members of the public.

Warden Parish noted that Council will need to add an item to the agenda fixing dates for budget meetings, a zoom meeting to approve the new CAO, and perhaps an additional meeting for Basinview.

Reports and Recommendations (cont'd)

Basinview Centre Repairs (cont'd)

Discussion continued.

Point of Order

Councillor Redden feels it is offensive for the Warden to stop the Deputy Warden from making and amendment twice. It is the Deputy Warden's prerogative and he thinks the Warden is out of order. Warden Parish stated he had laid out the process he intends to follow so that the Deputy Warden knows the issue will come up and that the Deputy Warden can make an amendment if he wants.

The CAO noted that staff hears council's concerns. Staff was directed, with council's permission, to conduct studies. Four engineers were engaged. When we seek professional advice, it is for council's consideration. We can't answer every question, we can only provide the best information. It is professional and qualified. It would be appropriate to bring all of the engineers to address all questions. We need to assess risk for the municipality, including insurability. We have done that. You are not happy with the explanations. Can invite all the engineers to attend, but it has gone as far as staff can take it. It is up to you if you follow the professional advice provided.

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to postpone a vote until the engineers can present. Following discussion, Councillors Sheridan and Longmire withdrew the motion.

The question was called on the motion as amended to read:

MOTION 210316.28 Basinview Centre Repairs

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council take immediate steps to make repairs to the Basinview Centre; namely the Wall Repair, budget \$315,042.50 including HST; the

Geotechnical work at approximately \$39,000 including HST; and the Harness work at \$58,529.25 including HST; all three expenditures for next year's capital budget 2021-2022.

Motion lost, 3 in favour, 8 against.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc that municipal council take immediate steps to make repairs to the Basinview Centre Wall Repair, budget \$315,042.50 including HST.

Councillor Hudson moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, to amend the motion to add 'and to proceed with the work dependent on a positive result from the geotechnical report'.

After discussion, Councillors Morrison and LeBlanc withdrew their motion.

Basinview Geotechnical Work

MOTION 210316.29 Basinview Centre Geotechnical Work

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council commence Basinview Centre Geotechnical work at a cost of approximately \$39,000 including HST. Motion carried unanimously.

Basinview Centre Wall Repair

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Prout, that municipal council commence the Basinview Centre Wall Repair, at a budget \$315,042.50 including HST.

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to amend the motion by adding '*and that it be based on a favourable geotechnical report*'.

Discussion was held on the meaning of 'favourable'.

Recess

A brief recess was held from 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

The Warden recapped that there is an amendment on the floor to not consider the wall repair until a favourable geo technical report is received.

Deputy Warden Gunn and Councillor Hudson withdrew amendment.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to amend the motion by adding 'if council receives a report from the geo technical work that the east end wall is on sound footing'. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 2 against.

The question was called on the motion as amended to read:

It was moved by councillor Morrison, seconded by Prout, that municipal council commence the Basinview Centre Wall Repair, at a budget \$315,042.50 including HST if council receives a report from the geo technical work that the east end wall is on sound footing

Councillors Morrison and Prout withdrew the motion.

MOTION 210316.30 Invite Basinview Project Experts to Council

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council invite all project experts to a special meeting of council to hear their views, present council with an opportunity to ask questions, the sum result being a firm comprehensible foundation for future work on Basinview Centre. Motion carried 8 in favour, 3 against

MOTION 210316.31 Commence Exploratory Work on East Wall Basinview Centre

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to begin exploratory work on the east wall to better understand what needs to be done. Motion carried, 9 in favour. 2 against.

Basinview Harness Work

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council proceed with the Basinview Centre Harness work at \$58,529.25 including HST

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Longmire to postpone the matter until May Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Basinview Centre Options

MOTION 210316.32 Basinview Centre Options

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council direct the CAO to explore all options for alternate operators and/or private ownership of Basinview Centre. Motion carried unanimously.

Funding for Study of All Annapolis County Assets

MOTION 210316.33 Funding for Study of All Annapolis County Assets

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, that municipal council authorize funding be set aside for a study on all assets owned by the County of Annapolis; the study to identify the condition of the assets, those that we need to keep and fix, those that we need to dispose of and where consolidation of buildings for municipal purposes should be considered; and that the study will be tendered and will cost \$60,000 - \$100,000. Gas tax funds may be used for this study. Motion carried unanimously.

Lawrencetown Education Centre Request Letter of Acknowledgement

MOTION 210316.34 Lawrencetown Education Centre- Letter of Acknowledgement

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide a letter of acknowledgement to the Lawrencetown Education Centre for their application to the Province for a Recreation Facility Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Minimum Provincial Planning Standards – Request Extension

MOTION 210316.35 Minimum Provincial Planning Standards – Request Extension

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request a delay for the completion of the minimum provincial planning standards for a year to December 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: 2021-02-12 Hampton Community Hall – Of thanks, for the grant received. It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-02-17 T. Habinski – With comments about a past meeting. Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously. .

Re: 2021-02-22 C Schell – Requesting a return of funds spend on her zoning application. Warden Parish contacted her to confirm if she is withdrawing her application, as she is only requesting a return of funds. Ms. Schell indicated she is withdrawing her application.

MOTION 210316.36 Refer Schell Refund Request for Staff Report to April COTW

It was moved by Councillor Longmire, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to refer the letter to the CAO to bring a report to COTW in April. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-03-03 L Mullen – With comments on several matters. It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

A brief recess was held from 3:46 p.m. - 3:51 p.m.

In-Camera

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to meet in-camera from 3:52 p.m. until 5:50 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property (c) personnel matters, and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Recommendations (cont'd)

Taxation of Account

MOTION 210316.37 Taxation of Account

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council instruct legal counsel to proceed to a Taxation of the Account of Gilbert McGloan Gillis (GMG) Law on the Waste Management file. Motion carried unanimously.

Late Additions

Re: Meeting Dates for Budget Series – it was the consensus of those present, that the budget series of Special Committee of the Whole meetings take place April 7, 8, and 9, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Bridgetown.

Re: Special Council for NEW CAO – it was the consensus of those present to hold a Special Session of Council to review the contract for the new CAO on Wednesday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Bridgetown.

In-camera

In light of new information received, it was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, to meet in-camera from 6:03 p.m. until 6:24 p.m., in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors Longmire and Redden, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden

Municipal Clerk

Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

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 not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;

ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and

ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

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 July 29, 2020.

Original signed by

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing