

**2023-03-21 Municipal Council
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS.

Roll Call

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
District 3 – Dustin Enslow, 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 LeBlanc, present

Also Present: Interim CAO Doug Patterson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including A. Anderson, D. Campbell, N. McCormick, and E. Melanson; 5 members of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Connell declared an interest in the item concerning the Port George Regional Recreation Centre.

Approval - Order of the Day

Request to add under Committee of the Whole Recommendations the Recommendations from March 17 Special Committee of the Whole.

That municipal council approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

Minutes

• 2023-02-21 Regular Council

Having no errors or omissions, the minutes were approved as circulated.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-03-14

• Support Basic Income Guarantee

MOTION 230321.01 Support Basic Income Guarantee

That municipal council send a letter supporting a Basic Income Guarantee

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried, 8 in favour, 3 against

• SR2023-27 Capital Request Village of Lawrencetown

MOTION 230321.02 2022-23 Capital Request Village of Lawrencetown

That municipal council approve the release of \$51,000 of Canadian Community-Building Funds to the Village of Lawrencetown from the 2022-23 budget.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *Emergency Funds for Fire Departments*

MOTION 230321.03 Emergency Funds for Fire Department

That Municipal council increase each fire department's operating funding by 5% for the fiscal year of 2022-23.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

- *2023-24 Capital Budget*

MOTION 230321.04 2023-24 Capital Budget

That Municipal Council authorize the remaining total capital budget *less \$150,000 for software initiatives*, as presented for a total project cost of \$3,298,900 for the County and \$350,000 for the County Water Utility.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2023-03-17

- *SR2023-15 2023 FCM Delegate Selection*

MOTION 230321.05 SR2023-15 2023 FCM Delegate Selection

That municipal council appoint Councillors Gunn and LeBlanc and Deputy Warden Redden as delegates and Councillors Longmire and Barteaux as alternates, to attend 2023 FCM Annual Conference in Toronto, ON.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-16 Letter of Awareness Melvern Square and Area Community Centre*

MOTION 230321.06 SR2023-16 Letter of Awareness Melvern Square and Area Community Centre

That municipal council provide a letter of awareness to the Melvern Square Community Centre to accompany their 2023-2024 Recreation Facility Development Grant application, noting that no funding has been requested from the municipality for their roof replacement project.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-17 Joint Letter Causeway*

MOTION 230321.07 SR2023-17 Joint Letter Causeway

That Municipal Council direct the Warden to sign the letter to the Hon. Kim Masland requesting assistance in the maintenance and management of the Granville Ferry Causeway in tandem with a signature from the mayor of the Town of Annapolis Royal.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-09 Animal Control Annapolis Royal*

MOTION 230321.08 SR2023-09 Animal Control Annapolis Royal

That Municipal Council authorize the Warden and Municipal Clerk to sign the renewal of the Animal Control Agreement with the Town of Annapolis Royal for 2-year term with a 2% cost of living increase each year on the administration fee.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-08 Animal Control Middleton*

MOTION 230321.09 SR2023-08 Animal Control Middleton

That Municipal Council authorize the Warden and Municipal Clerk to sign the renewal of the Animal Control Agreement with the Town of Middleton for 2 year term with a 2% cost of living increase each year on the administration fee.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-19 Grant Application – Annapolis Valley Frugal Moms Society*

MOTION 230321.010 SR2023-19 Grant Application Annapolis Valley Frugal Moms Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to **Annapolis Valley Frugal Moms Society** to assist with their Continuing to Bridge Gaps, food rescue program from the Community Programs Assistance Fund in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Connell declared an interest in the following matter as he is the Chair of the Committee.

He left the room and did not participate in any discussion or subsequent decision.

- *SR2023-20 Grant Application – Port George Regional Recreation Centre*

MOTION 230321.011 SR2023-20 Grant Application Port George Regional Recreation Centre

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Port George Regional Recreation Centre to assist with upgrades to the centre from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Councillor Connell returned to the meeting.**SR2023-21 Grant Application – Granville Ferry Community Association****MOTION 230321.012 SR2023-21 Grant Application Granville Ferry Community Association**

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Granville Ferry Community Association to assist with upgrades to the centre from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

• SR2023-22 Grant Application – Survivors of Abuse Recovering Society**MOTION 230321.013 SR2023-22 Grant Application Survivors of Abuse Recovering Society**

That Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to the Survivors of Abuse Recovering (S.O.A.R.) Society to assist with the cost of Strategic Planning Professional Services from the Organizational Restructuring & Planning Grants in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

• SR2023-29 Annapolis County Comfort Centre – Hurricane Dorian Funding**MOTION 230321.014 SR2023-29 Annapolis County Comfort Centre Funding – Hurricane Dorian**

That municipal council approve the issuing of the reimbursement of costs associated with facilities that activated as comfort centres during Hurricane Dorian in September 2019 (\$4,230.43) from the current REMO 2022-23 budget.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

• SR2023-31 Appoint Connor MacQuarrie as a Development Officer**MOTION 230321.015 SR2023-31 Appoint Connor MacQuarrie as a Development Officer**

That Municipal Council appoint Connor MacQuarrie as a Development Officer for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to administer the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaw.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

- *Dr. Ama Asiedu*

MOTION 230321.016 \$10,000 to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation for Dr. Ama Asiedu

That Municipal Council, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program Policy*, approve a payment of \$10,000 to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation for the purpose of providing a grant to Dr. Ama Asiedu.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

- *Dr. Omoredede Osayande*

MOTION 230321.017 \$10,000 to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation for Dr. Omoredede Osayande

That Municipal Council, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program Policy*, approve a payment of \$10,000 to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation for the purpose of providing a grant to Dr. Omoredede Osayande.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

- *Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (not more than 2 citizens)*

MOTION 230321.018 Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Appoint Alain Cottleau as Citizen Member

That Municipal Council appoint Alain Cottleau as a citizen member of the Granville Ferry Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (satisfying Section 28(f) of the policy) for a two-year term ending November 30, 2024.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

- *Speed Data Collection*

That Municipal Council direct staff to provide speed collection data to the RCMP Annapolis Detachment for their use and follow up action, and that this data be made available to the Police Advisory Board.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

To amend the motion to strike '*and that this data be made available to the Police Advisory Board*'

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

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

MOTION 230321.019 Speed Data Collection to RCMP

That Municipal Council direct staff to provide speed collection data to the RCMP Annapolis Detachment for their use and follow up action.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

- *Municipal Priorities for RCMP*

MOTION 230321.020 2023-24 Municipal Priorities for RCMP

That Municipal Council provide the following to the RCMP Annapolis Detachment as the Municipality's priorities for inclusion in their Annual Performance Plan for the 2023-24 fiscal year – 1. Data Led Traffic Enforcement; 2. Property Crimes; and 3. Comprehensive Education.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

- *SR2023-27 Capital Request Village of Lawrencetown*

MOTION 230321.021 2023-24 Capital Request Village of Lawrencetown

That municipal council approve the release of \$30,200 of Canadian Community-Building Funds to the Village of Lawrencetown from the 2023-24 budget.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

New Business

Re: Warden Report to March 2023

Re: SR2023-06 M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw Amend – 2nd / Final Reading

MOTION 230321.022 SR2023-06 M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw Amend – Final Reading

That municipal council give final reading to amend the *M10 Sewer Charges Bylaw* by deleting “*point nine (0.9)*” in Sub-section 2(2)(c) and replacing with “*five (5).*”), in accordance with 1st reading given on February 21, 2023.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Re: SR2023-33 Letter of Support SMH Emergency Room

MOTION 230321.023 SR2023-33 Letter of Support Soldiers Memorial Hospital Emergency Room

That municipal council support the vital community services provided by the emergency room of the Solder's Memorial Hospital by authorizing the warden to sign a multi-municipality joint letter that will request help and information from the province.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: Annual Reports Received in Accordance with AM-Presentation of Annual Reports Policy

Juniper House

Annapolis Valley Historical Society Macdonald Museum

Special Olympics

Bear River Visitor Information Centre

Councillor Comments*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as circulated)*

March is certainly a busy month. First I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy Women's History Month. This month we also celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, International Women's Day and the first day of Ramadan. In addition, between today and our April COTW Meeting on Tuesday, April 11th we will be observing Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday and Easter. I would like to extend my best wishes to the residents of the County of Annapolis who will be celebrating any, and all, of these special occasions. Finally, SPRING has officially arrived!

District 2 – Councillor Connell

Spring is here, community halls starting to get busy. Breakfasts at Port George and Margaretsville will start soon. Please support these groups. Margaretsville is hiring a student to help with the hall for the summer and is also looking for entertainers for the outside stage for the summer.

District 3 – Councillor Enslow

Thanked everyone for his first month as a councillor. A great pleasure to meet and work with everyone. Thanked District 3 for their support. Bridgetown and surrounding area has a lot of awesome proud influential residents. Had a tour of the Bridgetown Arena – a passion that Annapolis County has and a source of pride in community. Thanks to volunteers that spend many hours away from family. Looking forward to continued learning. The Clarence community market opens in June.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux

From Highways to farmlands! Ongoing issue with traffic speeding in Granville Ferry. Farmlands – spring is here and he hopes the weather was good on the crops for this coming season. Community activities are increasing. Halls will be fundraising and getting the community together. The original Barteaux came from coast of France, born in 1718 and arrived here after that. His son was a member of this council in the 1800's!

District 5 – Councillor Longmire

Looks like spring, lots of mud! Jams sessions have started in Litchfield and Youngs Cove. The Port Royal Lighthouse Association is working hard for the Shafner Point lighthouse. Held a monologue which was outstanding. Stephen Klein played fiddle. They continue to fundraise. Volunteers make up a team of amazing citizens. A significant start. April 2nd lobster roll dinner at the Annapolis Legion, tickets on sale for \$25. Welcome to Councillor Enslow from District 3. Caution – be mindful of potholes on the roads.

District 6 – Warden Morrison

Clementsport Legion annual dinner theater returns May 6 & 7.

Cornwallis Park Community Association breakfast is Saturday, April 5th

Cornwallis Park Community Association seeks to involve youth more in community activities.

Farmers market at the Deep Brook Lions Hall every Wednesday, 3-5

Ongoing conversations re future uses of former railway track through District 6

District 7 – Councillor Hudson

First full day of spring, anxious for warmer temps and for the snow to disappear – at least for the golfers. New restaurant Junction 16 opened last week, at the site of the former End of the Line Pub. The soft opening – food is delicious. Wood fired pizza oven has been delayed. Go try it out. St. James Anglican Church continues the Lenten Fish Chowder take out for the next two Fridays.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn

Recognized today as the Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Happy spring. Thanked the Foresters hall in Clementsvalle who kept the rink open. They host a spring market on April 29th. Milford House is hosting a photo contest. Received calls from Bear River who follow council discussion on lack of potable water. Another set of test sites is being drilled where previous tests found no water. Would prefer to not waste time or resources on duplicating testing in this area. He welcomed Bear River Fire Department new Executive and trainees and thanked them for their dedication to their community. Took part in CAO recruitment group. Several strong candidates were considered. Thank to Doug Patterson for holding the fort until new CAO Mr. Chris McNeill starts.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan

Middleton & District Lions are holding a turkey dinner on March 26th. Take out available, 20\$.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden

Brickton hall has a market from 9-1 on Saturday, March 26th complete with the Easter Bunny for photos. April 2nd Brickton Hall is hosting from 10-12 for ages 7-15 String Art \$15 registration - bring your own hammer. The Lawrencetown Village Commission has secured a \$48,000 grant for the Lawrencetown medical centre.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc

Happy to see spring. The Three Rivers Hall will hold a breakfast from 9-11 on Saturday April 1st with the Easter bunny, a colouring contest and an Easter egg hunt. Congratulated councillor Enslow for making it through the one month mark! Will be a pleasure to learn together as a council. Thank you to interim CAO Doug Patterson who was brave enough to act in the position for quite a few months. Thank you for service for taking on that role.

Break

10-45 a.m. – 11:44 a.m.

Amend the Order of the day

To add *Termination of Park Trust*

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

Re: Termination of Park Trust**MOTION 230321.024 Termination of Park Trust Bridgetown**

That Municipal Council instruct the municipal solicitor to make application to the Court to terminate the land trust dated December 13, 1887, that declared that the present 7 Park Street, Bridgetown lands (PID 05144787) were to be used for the “purposes of a public park for the citizens of Bridgetown for their use forever.”

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Lunch

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. with all in attendance as previously noted.

In-Camera

That council meet in-camera from 1:15 p.m. until 2:09 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (f) litigation or potential litigation, and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday April 11, 2023**

Warden

Municipal Clerk