

Minutes of the regular **Committee of the Whole** meeting held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 9:33 a.m., via Zoom Video-Conference.

The Warden apologized for the late start which was due to technical issues.

### **Roll Call**

- District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
- District 2 - John A MacDonald, present
- District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present by phone
- 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
- District 11 - Diane LeBlanc, present

### **Also**

**Present:** CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (W. Atwell, C. Mason, S. McInnis, D. Ryan, H. Orde, A. Dunphy, J. Young, D. Campbell, D. Hopkins, S. Hudson)

### **Approval of the Agenda (Order of the Day)**

The Municipal Clerk requested that an item be added to In-Camera under Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and Sheridan, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole held April 14, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **In-Camera**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Heming, to hold the *in-camera* session at the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Re: Tupperville School Museum Society Request Letter of Support (from 2020-04-21 Council) – Mr. Paul MacDonald noted that the Society will proceed without the letter of support. Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Municipally-Registered Heritage Property Albany Community Church – Request Substantial Alteration – Correspondence dated March 12, 2020, was received from the Albany Community Church requesting substantial alterations in order to repair the door and frame which were damaged over the winter due to a break in. They are requesting to repair the door frame and then clad the door frame in white aluminum; and then paint the door green to make them stand out. Under regular conditions, this would normally be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a recommendation; however, Council can make a decision without doing that.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to recommend that municipal council allow the Albany Community Church to proceed with the substantial alteration to repair vandalism damage by repairing the door frame and then cladding it in white aluminum and painting the door green, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: TIR Three-Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets (April 2021-March 2024)

Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to recommend that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2020-001 between Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis for the period of April 2021 to March 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Mountains and Meadows Fund - Requesting the municipality to act as the agent for the Mountains and Meadows Fund to receive funds on their behalf from the Nova Scotia Community Fund in order to disburse those funds and issue a receipt.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to recommend that municipal council authorize that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis receive donations from the Nova Scotia Community Fund to be awarded to the Mountain and Meadows Care Group; with such funds to be disbursed when the amount reaches at least \$100, or every quarter, whichever comes first. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Department of Justice (email May 5<sup>th</sup>) – informing that timelines for public sector bodies prescribed under the Accessibility Act as proclaimed in 2017, will have an adjusted timeline to ensure that there is sufficient time and capacity to support the development of accessibility plans. Further details on revised timelines will be provided once the State of Emergency has ended. Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Trans County Transportation Society (May 5<sup>th</sup>) – informing that TCTS will resume the transportation of residents for medical appointments only from Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Regular transportation operations will resume on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor MacDonald moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to recommend that municipal council post information and a link to contact TCTS regarding their startup information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Hamilton's Eel Fishery (May 5<sup>th</sup>) – provided a copy of their letter to the Hon. Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, in response to the April 27<sup>th</sup> Order closing the juvenile American Eel fishery in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This action has decimated the entire industry and the letter requests the Minister to review and overturn the closure order.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to recommend that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of Fisheries Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard in support of Mr. Hamilton's May 2, 2020 letter, urging that the closure be overturned; that fishing regulations be enforced to curtail illegal fishing; and that a review of closures be conducted to ensure

that an entire industry is not adversely affected by region-specific stock depletion. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 2 against.

Re: COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy – a model policy and explanation was provided by the province.

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy be referred to staff for a recommendation back to May Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2020-21 Priority Capital Budget – The Municipal Services Director reviewed the document that was circulated.

### **Recess**

A brief recess was held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

### **Presentation**

Re: Eagle Telecom - Grant Crowson, General Manager Engineering Eagle Telecom Nova Scotia, and point of contact with Hatch (the Owners Advisor) on the internet project, provided an overview of a real-time web-based tracking tool they have developed solely for the management of the project.

Warden Habinski thanked him for his presentation.

Re: 2020-21 Priority Capital Budget (cont'd)

S. McInnis continued his review, answering questions as they arose.

It was moved by Councillor Heming, second by Councillor MacDonald, to recommend that municipal council approve the 2020-21 Priority Capital Budget as discussed and amended. Motion carried, 10 in favour, 1 against (Roberts)

### **LUNCH**

The Warden declared a brief lunch break from 12:45 p.m. – 1:13 p.m., with all councillors returning as previously noted.

### **Departmental Reports**

Re: Community Development (March and April)

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive the April Community Development report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sheridan to receive the March Community Development report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Council for Grants

It was the consensus to set Wednesday, May 26, 2020 as a Special Council at 10:00 to deal with Grants.

Re: Protective Services (March and April)

Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to receive the April Protective Services report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive the March Protective Services report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipal Operations (April)

Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to receive the April Municipal Operations report for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Chief Administrative Office – CAO March/April and March and April Checklists –

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive the March/April CAO report and the March and April checklists for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**In-Camera** (cont'd)

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to meet *in-camera* via telephone conferencing from 1:32 p.m. until 2:01 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 Sheridan and LeBlanc, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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**Direction of the Minister  
under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, the *Municipal  
Government Act*, and *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*)

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 as Minister of all municipalities, I direct all municipalities and villages in the Province, including the Halifax Regional Municipality, to:

1. **Effective at 2 pm on March 22, 2020**, discontinue holding their meetings in person, instead only virtual meetings may be held by video or telephone. Those virtual meetings must be recorded, and the minutes posted on a public website within 24 hours of the meeting.

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 March 22, 2020.



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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing