

Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., via ZOOM video-conferencing in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

Roll Call: District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present
District 4 - Burt McNeil, unable
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, unable

Also

Present: CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (W. Atwell, H. Orde, S. McInnis)

In-camera

It was moved by Councillor Prout, seconded by Councillor Fowler to meet in-camera from 1:04 p.m. until 2:04 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

**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.



Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing