

Summary of Motions
2020-12-08
Special Session of Council

MOTION 201208.01 Retain Cox and Palmer For Advice on Personnel Matter 1

Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency [updated July 29, 2020 (*see attached*)]

Present: District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
District 3 – Alan Parish, Warden, 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, Deputy Warden, present
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Brad Redden, present
District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

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

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It was moved by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the municipality retain Cox and Palmer to advise it regarding the personnel matter discussed in-camera, with the Warden and Deputy Warden being the conduit of communications and with a report to come to the December 15, 2020 municipal council meeting, to be funded from the Operational Reserve. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 3 against.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors Sheridan and Redden, the special session of council adjourned at 2:33 p.m. and Committee of the Whole reconvened its regular meeting.

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provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province: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