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Special Session of Council

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Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 3:44 p.m., via ZOOM video-conferencing in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency [updated July 29, 2020(*see attached*)]

Present: Bruce Prout, John MacDonald, Wayne Fowler, Burt McNeil (by phone), Gregory Heming, Alex Morrison, Timothy Habinski (Warden), Michael Gunn, Wendy Sheridan, Martha Roberts (Deputy Warden), and Diane LeBlanc.

Also

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

New Business

Re: Glyphosate Letter

Whereas, a growing body of scientific evidence indicates a link between the spraying of glyphosate and elevated risk of cancer among humans and; the practice of glyphosate spraying is of grave concern to residents of Annapolis County and; the long term spraying of glyphosate has potential negative consequences for biodiversity in the ecosystems of Annapolis County, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Heming, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of the Department of Natural Resources and the Minister of the Environment, strongly urging the province to place an indefinite moratorium on glyphosate spraying in Annapolis County.

Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor Prout to amend the motion by adding ‘and copying to the Premier’. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Re: Warden Habinski’s Application for 2020-2021 FCM Board Membership

MOTION 200908.02 Warden Habinski’s Application for 2020-2021 FCM Board Membership

Whereas FCM’s Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; it was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, that the Council of the **Municipality of the County of Annapolis** endorse **Timothy Habinski** to stand for election on FCM’s Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2020 and ending June 2021; and that Municipal Council assume all costs associated with **Timothy Habinski** attending FCM’s Board of Directors meetings. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 2 against (Roberts, Gunn).

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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