

2024-11-19 Municipal Council

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George St. Annapolis Royal, NS.

Roll Call

- District 1 – Karie-Ann Parsons-Saltzman, present
- District 2 – Jesse Hare, present
- District 3 – Dustin Enslow, Deputy Warden, present
- District 4 – Charles “Chuck” Cranton, present
- District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present
- District 6 – Jon Welch, present
- District 7 – Ted Agombar, present
- District 8 – Nile Harding, present
- District 9 – Gail “Gidget” Oxner, present
- District 10 – Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
- District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, Warden, present

Also Present: CAO Chris McNeill; Administrative Clerk – Municipal Clerk Office Kelly Kempton; Director of Finance A. Anderson; Director of Planning and Inspection Services L. Bent; Strategic Initiatives Coordinator A. Blais; Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CAO D. Campbell; Communications Coordinator N. McCormick; Manager of Information and Technology B. Olsen; Director of Community Development D. Ryan; Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young and 2 members of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None

Order of the Day

Approved as circulated

Minutes

Re: 2024-10-15 Regular Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

Re: 2024-10-30 Special Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Re: SR2024-72 Appointment of Dana Olmstead

Motion 241119.01 Appointment of Dana Olmstead

To appoint Dana Olmstead as Building Official and Fire Inspector for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-73 ACMHC Appointments

Motion 241119.02 ACMHC Appointments

To appoint the following board members to the Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation:

Paula Bilz for an additional 2 years to November 2026;

Ann Burns for an additional 2 years to November 2026

Carol Ward for an additional 2 years to November 2026;

Terry Silver for a 2 year term to November 2026, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-74 Approve Policy 102 - Personnel

Motion 241119.03 Approve Policy 102 - Personnel

To approve *Policy 102 Personnel* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-75 Repeal AM-1.2.2 Indemnification of Elected Officials Policy

Motion 241119.04 Repeal AM-1.2.2 Indemnification of Elected Officials Policy

To repeal *AM-1.2.2 Indemnification of Elected Officials Policy* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-76 Approve Policy 120 – Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

Motion 241119.05 Approve Policy 120 – Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

To approve *Policy 120 Code of Conduct for Elected Officials* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-77 Approve Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee Policy

Motion 241119.06 Approve Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee Policy

To approve *Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Hare
Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-78 Approve Policy 122 – Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees

Motion 241119.07 Approve Policy 122 - Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees

To approve *Policy 122 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Welch
Seconded: Deputy Warden Enslow
Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-79 Approve Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee Policy

Motion 241119.08 Approve Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee Policy

To approve *Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman
Seconded: Councillor Oxner
Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-80 Approve Bylaw 1 Heritage

Motion 241119.09 Approve Bylaw 1 Heritage

To give first reading to approve *Bylaw 1 Heritage*, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Harding
Seconded: Councillor Cranton
Motion carried unanimously

Re: SR2024-81 Approve Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees

Motion 241119.10 Approve Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees

To approve *Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees* as circulated, seven-day notice given on November 12th.

Moved: Councillor Oxner
Seconded: Councillor Hare
Motion carried unanimously

New Business

Re: SR2024-82 Nominating Committee Report

Motion 241119.11 Nominating Committee Report

That Council of Municipality of the County of Annapolis approve the following appointments to committees along with their respective dates of appointment as follows:

Audit Committee for term ending on October 31, 2025

Deputy Warden Dustin Enslow as Chairperson
Councillor Charles Cranton
Councillor Gidget Oxner
Melony Robinson
Erich Beifuss

Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Jonathan Welch as Chairperson
Councillor Lynn Longmire
Councillor Jesse Hare
Clifford Drysdale
Jim Crossley
Niki Clark

Fences and Arbitration Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Brian Connell as Chairperson
Councillor Jesse Hare as Alternate

Fire Services Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Brian Connell as Chairperson
Councillor Nile Harding

Physician Recruitment and Retention Strategy Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Karie-Ann Parsons-Saltzman as Chairperson
Councillor Lynn Longmire
Councillor Charles Cranton
Councillor Nile Harding

Police Advisory Board for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Warden Diane LeBlanc
Councillor Nile Harding
Public members to be recommended after personal interviews held.

Planning Advisory Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Lynn Longmire as Chairperson
Councillor Ted Agombar
Councillor Jonathan Welch
Councillor Jesse Hare
John Chuck Ryan
Naomi Blanchard
Alison Warwick

Brad Redden

Planning Area Advisory Committee - Bridgetown and Area for a term ending on the submission of their draft Special Planning Area MPS and LUB

Councillor Ted Agombar as Chairperson
Deputy Warden Dustin Enslow
Carolyn Hubble
William Grant Wright

Planning Area Advisory Committee – East End Area for a term ending on the submission of their draft Special Planning Area MPS and LUB

Councillor Gidget Oxner as Chairperson
Councillor Jesse Hare
Warden Diane LeBlanc
Councillor Karie-Ann Parsons-Saltzman
Mark Kinsman
Calvin Gough

Inter-Municipal Working Group for Valley Waste and Kings Transit for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Warden Diane LeBlanc
Alternate Deputy Warden Dustin Enslow

Annapolis County Inter-Municipal Working Group for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Warden Diane LeBlanc
Deputy Warden Dustin Enslow

Annapolis Valley Exhibition for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Charles Cranton

Annapolis Valley Regional Library for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Karie-Ann Parsons-Saltzman

CAO Review Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Warden Diane LeBlanc as Chairperson
Deputy Warden Dustin Enslow
Councillor Karie-Ann Parsons-Saltzman
Councillor Ted Agombar

Lawrencetown Source Water Protection Advisory Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Brian Connell

Middleton Source Water Protection Advisory Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Gidget Oxner

Annapolis County Source Water Protection Advisory Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Robert Feagan as Chairperson

Harold Baker

Regional Emergency Management Organization Advisory Committee for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Lynn Longmire

Councillor Brian Connell

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Jonathan Welch

Trans County Transportation Society for a term ending on October 31, 2026

Councillor Ted Agombar

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried unanimously

Council Motion Tracking List (August, September, October)

Reviewed for information

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Thanked her constituents for giving her the opportunity to sit at the table. On November 2 she attended the “Meet the Doctors” community welcome event hosted by the Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee. The following doctors were welcomed:

- Dr. Yasmin Sadri will be serving at the Middleton & Area Family Health Center and with Middleton Health & Addiction Services.
- Dr. Segan Odebode will be serving at the Middleton & Area Family Medical Centre.
- Dr. Thomas Mayerhoter who will be serving at the Kingston Family Health Center in addition to joining the hospitalist rotation at Valley Regional Hospital. His wife is a pharmacist in Greenwood.
- Dr. Nima Fomani will be doing part Emergency Medicine at Soldiers Memorial Hospital and part Family medicine at the Middleton & Area Family Medical Center.

She also noted that a local group, Gathering Stitches, has supplied quilts for the physicians and their children since the first welcome event in 2021. She also attended the Annapolis County 4-H leaders AGM. This group has been slowly growing since Covid shut them down in 2020. They currently have 24 volunteer

leaders, 61 members and 8 cloverbuds. Councillor Parsons-Saltzman mentioned that they are always looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

District 2 – Councillor Hare

Mentioned that winter is upon us all. With the gloomy weather we have had it was a good time to check over his snowmobile. He stated that it will give him something to look forward to in the near future. He mentioned that he will be happy with or without snow. He mentioned that Annapolis County has a great system of trails. Councillor Hare encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the trails, whether on skis, wheels or boots. He is looking forward to the Port George breakfast on the first Sunday of the month.

District 3 – Deputy Warden Enslow

Thanked everyone from district 3 for their continued support. He expressed how happy he was to be back at the table for another 4 years. He also thanked the members of Council for allowing him to be the Deputy Warden.

Deputy Warden Enslow expressed how busy the month has been with attending meetings, community events, and dealing with things on the day-to-day. He took an internal look at how it was when he first got elected at the last by-election. He realized that with 7 new councillors on Council how much of a change these individuals were experiencing. He has tried to put forth some openness and support for them.

Deputy Warden Enslow wished to mention the following upcoming events: Bridgetown pickleball happens every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at the Bridgetown community school. On November 23 there will be a Christmas market at the Legion starting at 10:00 am. The monthly Lions breakfast is felt to be one of the best in Annapolis County.

District 4 – Councillor Cranton

Wished to pass on his appreciation for the REMO team. He has noticed lots of updates from REMO on social media. Has received a lot of invitations for introductions since being elected from district 4. In the first week of being a councillor he accepted 8 personal invitations to meet. He realized that he may have to slow down a little. He mentioned attending lots of community events such including the Farmer's Market in town, 3 events in Mochelle including a concert with Carson Fullerton. Councillor Cranton encouraged everyone to go see Carson perform if given the opportunity. He has also attended community breakfasts in Cornwallis Park, Granville Centre and Belleisle. They all were equally good. He was present at an event called Taste of Acadian in Belleisle at the cultural center, which is full of artifacts and displays. Councillor Cranton was able to attend the Remembrance Day service held at the Clementsport Legion. He also attended the annual Annapolis Royal Fire Department banquet. Also, he attended a board meeting regarding affordable housing hosted by Valley Roots Housing Association. Councillor Cranton hosted his own "Thank You" welcome meet and greet in Granville Centre. There were 30-40 members of district 4 who came out for this event.

He mentioned that there will be lots of Christmas functions coming up in late November and early December. Overall, he felt that the community seems positive. He has received comments about the new

faces on Council. He recognized that there are lots of people struggling this time of year. Felt Council needs to be mindful of this. He was thankful for the opportunity to represent these folk.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire

Expressed greetings from district 5. She wished to thank her district for the reelection. Also, she is excited about the work that lies ahead for this term of Council. Councillor Longmire was able to attend the Remembrance Day service held at the Annapolis Royal Legion and lay a wreath on behalf of Annapolis County. She felt the service was amazing. She also attended the Health and Wellness celebration held at the Bridgetown Firehall. It was amazing to hear them speak and share their craft. She mentioned that Bell's pantry, which is located at 4841 Parker's Cove, has been stocked with everything you can imagine. This pantry is set up to take what you need and to add what you can. She attended the Climate Fair which was hosted by Annapolis Royal. She was also given the opportunity to say a few words. There were great vendors and lots of awareness of things that are happening around climate. There was a Christmas sale held at the Lower Granville Hall last weekend. There were many creative people there offering great products. Councillor Longmire felt we must do all we can to keep these local halls alive.

She felt the Fire Service banquet on the weekend was well attended. There were amazing awards of 35 years presented to some. It was a wonderful time of reflection to recognize 2 members who had passed away. Specifically, Terry Hamilton who had dedicated over 40 years. Wished to mention Bayside Farms, located at 1126 McKenzie Mountain Road, who offer great seasonal products. She encouraged everyone to support these local roadside stands. She also mentioned that it's important to support foodbanks if possible.

District 6 – Councillor Welch

Thanked all his constituents for electing him to the position. He hopes that he will represent them well. He has had daily calls from citizens in the area and he stated that he likes the personal approach. He mentioned that the large construction project happening beside Frank & Dora's appears to be on schedule. He recognized the large detour due to this project that is creating some frustration. He also noted that rail trail repairs are happening due to the recent rainstorms. He put up a Canada flag at the Veterans Memorial Park and he hoped to get the other flags up in the next little while. He was asked to do this task by one of his constituents. As he is the president of the Hillsborough, he wanted to mention the Bear River water project that is happening at the present time. He attended that Remembrance Day service in Bear River which had to be held indoors due to the weather.

Councillor Welch wished to mention the following upcoming events for his district: There will be a Christmas Tea and Bake Sale at Deep Brook Waldec Lions Club on December 7. The next breakfast to be held at Faulkner's Hall is scheduled for December 14. And they have a meat bingo at the hall every Friday evening starting at 7:00 pm.

District 7 – Councillor Agombar

He expressed how excited he is to represent district 7 for the next four years. He felt confident that the newly elected Council would work together to achieve their mutual goals. On November 6, he attended

the Annapolis Community Health Boards 2024-2025 “Wellness Fund Celebration” which was held at the Bridgetown Firehall. He stated that the purpose of this event was to recognize and celebrate various non-profit groups throughout the County for their commitment to, and the support they provide to the health and wellness needs in their communities. Eight recipients were honoured this year. Councillor Agombar along with Deputy Warden Enslow presented wreaths on behalf of the County of Annapolis at the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Bridgetown Legion. He stated that the Legion was filled to capacity to honour our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and to recognize our current military members who work to keep us safe and free.

He was pleased to report that the last section of the “Bridgetown Active Living Loop” has now been completed and is open to the public. “The Loop” is a 4.5 km looped hiking & biking trail that starts at the Sports Hub and winds its way through Bridgetown to Jubilee Park and back. The last section Councillor Agombar referred to is the brand new “Connector Trail” linking the Sports Hub to the Harvest Moon Trail. This project which began pre-covid was developed and overseen by the Development Committee of the Bridgetown & Area Chamber of Commerce and chaired by Nancy Price. Her team of dedicated volunteers have worked diligently over the last five years to see it through to completion. There are plans to have a grand opening in the spring. He mentioned that on Friday, November 15 the West Dalhousie Community Hall held its monthly Farmer’s Makers Market. He noted that besides the booths they offered a hot eat-in or take-out dinner and there was also a jam session featuring local musicians. All are welcome and he invited everyone to support your local community halls. He wished to note that on December 6 Bridgetown will be “Light Up the Town” and new this year “Light Up the Park”. This will be a gala Christmas celebration, street parade, vendor booths, kids activities, smores in the park, and fireworks. He expressed that everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this Christmas season kick off.

District 8 – Councillor Harding

Thanked all the residents of District 8. He expressed that he is going to strive for good communication and transparency in everything that he does. He thanked everyone who participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies across the County. He felt that it is important to remember the sacrifices that have been made to ensure all our freedoms. Specifically, The Royal Canadian Legion which is a volunteer organization. He attended the service at the Port Royal branch, Annapolis Royal with Councillor Longmire. He felt it was an excellent service with a great reception to follow.

He wished to mention the upcoming Bear River Windertide Festival that is happening on November 23. There will be multiple events in Bear River and surrounding areas. He expressed his interest in attending, but unfortunately will be out of town this day. Councillor Harding wished to make an update on the Albany New Road. There have been issues with this road and these issues have now been addressed. He thanked the residents from this road that he has spoken with. The ditching on the road has now been completed.

District 9 – Councillor Oxner

Expressed her gratitude to be part of the team including councillors, residents, and staff of the County of Annapolis. She is looking forward to serving District 9. She mentioned that the collaborative efforts of area church organizations for the unhoused in the area was highlighted in a meeting with Pastor Jeff Milne of the Nictaux Baptist Church. The Inn From the Cold, operating in the Middleton Baptist Church

provides for the unhoused nightly from November 1 to April 30. They are looking for volunteers, particularly men for overnight shifts. Councillor Oxner mentioned that the former Councillor from District 9 very kindly introduced her to many people at the Christmas Market on November 2. There was a bake sale held at the Firehall to help raise funds to replace items for the cemetery. She notes that the food bank continues to see an increase in use, and donations are welcome.

She expressed that she is looking forward to working with Council as a representative for the district. She recognized that there will be a learning curve for all the new councillors. She stated that she hopes the positive discussions experienced so far will continue. She felt that it is possible to have different opinions and maintain a respectful environment.

District 10 – Councillor Connell

Thanked the residents of District 10 for their support. Councillor Connell attended a Remembrance Day service on November 10 in Springfield. He notes that there was a good crowd with a reception following the service. Also, on November 11, he attended the Legion service held at COGS. This service was well represented. He expressed the importance of remembering the past and supporting those that are serving now. He was present at the Village meeting last evening, November 18. There were a few questions that he could not answer such as “When was the County office in Middleton open? He wished to note that there was a presentation from Gord MacKenzie, president of the NSCC in Middleton and Lawrencetown. The presentation included what NSCC offers, where the students come from, and things they deal with. Councillor Connell expressed his interest in having this presentation presented at Council if possible. He noted that they have active classes on climate change, forestry, IT programming, surveying, and trades such as nursing, plumbing and electrical. He felt the County should be proud that we have 2 colleges within our County. He wished to acknowledge the Pony Express demonstrations. He was impressed with the excitement and knowledge his 5 year old grandson expressed after the presentation at his school. He told his grandson how his grandmother’s house, in Brickton, was a stagecoach house.

Councillor Connell reported on lots of upcoming events within his district. The Lawrencetown Area Seniors Association holds exercise classes at the Legion every Monday and Wednesday from 10-11. The rink opens for the season on November 22. Saturday December 7 from 4-6 pm the Village commission along with Santa will host an event. The AGM of the Annapolis Valley Exhibition will be held at the Firehall on November 21 at 7 pm. On November 23 and 30 at 1 pm there will be a workshop at Beaver Creek for creating fresh wreaths. The Lions club will be holding a spaghetti dinner on November 28 at COGS. The 35th annual breakfast with Santa, craft sale, bake sale, etc. will be held on November 30 from 8:30am – 12:00pm. at the Lawrencetown school. Councillor Connell mentioned to check out the Lunn’s Mill Facebook page to see all their upcoming events. On December 7, Inglisville Hall will be holding a breakfast, also, the hall will be having a craft sale on Sunday, December 8 with local vendors. He stated that this is the time of year to be kind and help those in need.

District 11 – Warden LeBlanc

Thanked the councillors for all the work they are doing. She appreciated all the reports of the events happening within the County. She noted that as a County the work is done as one. There is a need to support all the volunteers that work so hard in our communities. Warden LeBlanc welcomed all the

councillors. She feels that they are going to be a great team, who will work well together. She expressed that they would be open and discuss matters during their four year term.

Warden LeBlanc attended the Remembrance Day service at the Middleton Legion on November 11. She also attended the Annapolis Royal Fire Department banquet. She has had many meetings and has spoken on the phone with many residents from the County. She invited everyone to check the Facebook page for the Three Rivers Community Center. The Center will be holding an event on December 14. There will be a Bluegrass band, Common Ground, on stage. This is sure to be entertaining to all.

Recess

The Warden called for a recess at 10:59 a.m., for the Public Hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:45 a.m. with all councillors present as prior to the recess.

Addition to the Agenda

To add the deregister of the property located at 1625 Granville Road, Port Wade, known as the Captain James Anthony House, be added to the agenda.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried unanimously

Recess

The Warden called for a short recess at 11:46 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:56 a.m. with all councillors present as prior to the recess.

Re: Deregistration of Heritage Property

Motion 241119.12 Deregistration of Heritage Property

That Municipal Council deregister the property located at 1625 Granville Road, Port Wade, known as the Captain James Anthony House and remove it from the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried (9 in favour; 2 opposed)

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Warden

Recording Secretary, Administrative Clerk
Municipal Clerk Office