

2025-02-19 Municipal Council

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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, excused
- 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, excused
- District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, Warden, present

Also Present: CAO Chris McNeill; Administrative Clerk – Municipal Clerk Office Kelly Kempton; Director of Finance Angela Bohaker; Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent; Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CAO Dawn Campbell; Systems Network Coordinator Carter Hazel; Communications Coordinator Nadine McCormick; Director of Community Development Debra Ryan; Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young and 1 member of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None

Order of the Day

Approved as circulated

Minutes

Re: 2025-01-21 Regular Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Re: 2025-01-14 Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee Recommendation

Motion 250219.01 Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee Recommendation

To approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Dr. Yasmin Sadri Savadjani in accordance with Policy 108 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-22 Lawrencetown Investments Policy

Motion 250219.02 Lawrencetown Investments Policy

To approve *Policy 133 Municipal Investments in Lawrencetown*, seven-day notice given on February 11th.

Moved: Councillor Oxner

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Re: 2025-01-29 Support Letter for AVRL

Motion 250219.03 Support Letter for AVRL

To agree to send the letter to The Honourable Dave Ritcey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-24 Approve Policy 109 Tax Exemption and Reduction

Motion 250219.04 Approve Policy 109 Tax Exemption and Reduction

To approve *Policy 109 Tax Exemption and Reduction*, seven-day notice given on February 11th.

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-25 Approve Policy 126 Road Naming

Motion 250219.05 Approve Policy 126 Road Naming

To approve *Policy 126 Road Naming*, seven-day notice given on February 11th.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-26 Repeal AM-1.2.5 Declaration of Proclamations Policy

Motion 250219.06 Repeal AM-1.2.5 Declaration of Proclamations Policy

To repeal *AM-1.2.5 Declaration of Proclamations Policy*, seven-day notice given on February 11th.

Moved: Councillor Oxner

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-27 Approve Bylaw 5 Civic Address

Motion 250219.07 Approve Bylaw 5 Civic Address

To give first reading to approve *Bylaw 5 Civic Address*, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-28 Capital Funding Request

Motion 250219.08 Capital Funding Request

To authorize funding of \$32,062.00 from the capital reserve fund for the completion of the Bridgetown Parking Lot and EV Charging Station project, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-28 Capital Funding Request

Motion 250219.09 Capital Funding Request

To authorize funding of \$52,117.00 from the capital reserve fund for the completion of the Sports Hub accessibility project, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-28 Capital Funding Request

Motion 250219.10 Capital Funding Request

To authorize funding of \$141,000.00 equally from the County water and County sewer reserves for the East End water study, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-28 Capital Funding Request

Motion 250219.11 Capital Funding Request

To authorize funding of \$27,706.00 from the Canada Community Building Fund for the Facilities Assessment project, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Cranton

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-28 Capital Funding Request

Motion 250219.12 Capital Funding Request

To authorize funding of \$9,775.00 from the capital reserve fund for the accessible upgrades to Jubilee Park, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-30 Drinking Water Protection Area Signage

Motion 250219.13 Drinking Water Protection Area Signage

To approve the recommended purchase and installation of drinking water protection signage for municipal water systems in Cornwallis Park, Margaretsville, Granville Ferry, Bridgetown and Bear River, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Harding

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried

New Business

Re: SR2025-19 Repeal of Bridgetown Skateboarding Bylaw and Bridgetown Smoking Control Bylaw

Motion 250219.14 Repeal of Bridgetown Skateboarding Bylaw and Bridgetown Smoking Control Bylaw

To give second reading to *Bylaw 3 Repeal of Bridgetown Skateboarding Bylaw and Bridgetown Smoking Control Bylaw*.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-20 Approve Policy 114 Council Remuneration

Motion 250219.15 Approve Policy 114 Council Remuneration

To approve *Policy 114 Council Remuneration* as circulated, seven-day notice given on January 21st.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: 2025-01-29 Email re: Amended Motion

Motion 250219.16 Amended Motion

To amend motion to consider a representative portion of 8 Clementsport Road, Clementsport Road (PID 05103155), being the area, the main house is situated upon and also including the area of land that extends 10 feet outward surrounding the entire house, for registration as a municipal heritage property and to set a public hearing date of Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Administration Building by changing the public hearing date to May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. and to deposit the required Notice of Recommendation in the Registry of Deeds.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Motion carried

Re: 2025-02-03 PAC Recommendation

Motion 250219.17 PAC Recommendation

That Municipal Council give first reading to consider an application submitted by Mr. David Hebb to rezone the property located at 33 Parker Mountain Road (PID 05015698) from Low Density

Residential (R1) Zone to General Mixed Use (MX) Zone which will also require an amendment to the Future Land Use Map designation from Residential (RES) to Mixed Used (MX). The map amendments will permit the reuse of the property as a repair shop.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

To amend the motion to include setting a public hearing date of March 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

The Question was called on the original motion.

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-31 BCRA Funding Request

Motion 250219.18 BCRA Funding Request

To authorize the withdrawal of \$40,299.00 from the Max Young Fund to the Bridgetown Community Recreation Association for equipment repairs.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-32 Nominating Committee Report

Motion 250219.19 Nominating Committee Report

That Council of Municipality of the County of Annapolis approve the appointment of Michael Longmire to the Annapolis County Source Water Protection Advisory Committee effective immediately for a two-year term ending on October 31, 2026.

Moved: Councillor Harding

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

Council Motion Tracking List (November, December, January)

Reviewed for information

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Parsons-Saltzman extended greeting from District 1. She commented on the winter weather we have been receiving. She thanked the road crews for their efforts in keeping the roads clear and the bus drivers for delivering the kids safely to and from schools. Councillor Parsons-Saltzman appreciated the usage of our trail systems this winter. She reminded everyone of the online community grants information session being held on February 24, 2025.

District 2 – Councillor Hare wished to highlight the importance of completing the online survey for the residents of the East End. He also encouraged residents to attend the open house to be held on March 1, 2025, at the Wilmot Community Centre as public feedback is important.

District 3 – Deputy Warden Enslow sent his regrets.

District 4 – Councillor Cranton expressed his appreciation for the winter activities the recreation staff are providing this season. He attended the community grants information session at the Upper Clements Hall. He stated that it provided good information and gave the opportunity to meet with some of the community groups in the area. Councillor Cranton was pleased that online community grant sessions were offered as an alternative. He mentioned that most of his community engagement for this month has been emails and phone conversations. He did have one house visit with a resident from his area. He noted that most concerns are regarding property tax bills, the size of council and concern regarding the province's resource extraction. Councillor Cranton is looking to provide coffee with your councillor in March when the weather improves. He encouraged everyone to stay safe.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire stated that on the third Monday in February Nova Scotians came together to celebrate Heritage Day. She noted that this year we paid tribute to Nora Bernard. She also mentioned that during the month of February we also pay tribute to African Heritage month and this year we embraced the provincial theme "Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance." Councillor Longmire commented on the winter weather February has given us. She noted the tremendous amount of ice and expressed concerns with road conditions. She believed the citizens deserved answers to their questions regarding the current road conditions.

Councillor Longmire listed the following upcoming events for District 5:

- Young's Cove Community Hall held a Valentine's cupcake fundraiser on February 14th that was a great success. They are not planning for their Mother's Day fundraiser. Councillor Longmire encouraged everyone to stay tuned for updates. A coffee hour is held each Monday.
- Lower Granville Hall has a potluck planned for Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. There is no cost for this event. Councillor Longmire mentioned that the hall offers an indoor walking club during the winter months. More information is available on their facebook page, or you can find details on posted on their outdoor sign at the Hall. Coffee hours are held each Friday.
- Port Royal Lighthouse Association will be holding their AGM on February 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Granville Ferry Hall if weather prevents.
- Best Years Fellowship Seniors luncheon to be held at the Hillsburn Baptist Church @ 3686 Shore Rd West was postponed due to weather. Councillor Longmire encouraged everyone to stay tuned for further updates and reminded that all are welcome. The musical guest will be Lynnea Rose.

Councillor Longmire stressed the importance of sharing with others the REMO reports on weather and how to prepare. She encouraged all to check in with your neighbours. She expressed that she is looking forward to spring in just a few weeks.

District 6 – Councillor Welch stated that February has been a busy month with ongoing discussions and concerns raised by residents. He noted that topics of concern have included street lighting improvements, road conditions, and rising heating costs during what has been an especially cold winter. He mentioned that he has had conversations about the sale of the Basin Centre. Councillor Welch commented that council meetings and community engagements continue to be a priority as we work through municipal matters that impact daily life in our region. He noted that he appreciates hearing from residents and encouraged them to reach out with any concerns or ideas. Councillor Welch mentioned that he was able to take a short break to visit friends and family in Sackville, NB and managed to spend a day at Ski Wentworth for the first time. He noted it was a great reminder of the natural beauty and recreation opportunities we have in the Maritimes.

District 7 – Councillor Agombar expressed greetings from District 7. He commented on the old fashion winter we have been receiving. He stated that most will be glad to see it end; however, some folks have been enjoying the opportunity to snowshoe, ski and snowmobile. He noted that it has been a challenge for the public works crew to keep up. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Councillor Agombar attended several meetings including the first Annapolis County Joint Council meeting held at the Bridgetown Legion. He noted that this meeting gave municipal units a chance to share issues, concerns and priorities in an effort to work together for the prosperity and future development of our communities. Councillor Agombar mentioned that the Bridgetown & Area Chamber of Commerce will be seeking individuals to oversee the annual Ciderfest committee. He noted that he had the pleasure to meet Barbara Bishop, chair of the Paradise Historical Society and had a guided tour of its facility in the old Paradise School. He encouraged everyone to drop in for a chat, coffee and sweets on Wednesday mornings.

District 8 – Councillor Harding extended greetings from District 8. He noted that February has been quite a month with cold, ice and unpredictable weather. He mentioned that he is eager to move toward spring. Councillor Harding encouraged everyone to drive carefully and check in on friends and neighbors who may be struggling this time of year. He acknowledged the hardworking men and women of TIR who have been out in tough conditions keeping our roads as safe as possible. Councillor Harding and his family attended the Bear River Firefighter's Breakfast and recommended stopping by on the first Saturday of every month to support this great cause. He mentioned that the Milford Hall hosts a monthly crib tournament on the first Saturday of each month. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. and play begins at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Councillor Harding stated that it has been a productive start to the year on Council, with new challenges and projects underway. One recent success was the installation of a new streetlight at the corner of Greenland Road and Fed Road. He thanked the community members who have put their names forward to serve on various committees as he felt this helps shape the direction of our county. He noted that the first meeting of the new Joint Police Advisory Board will be held on February 20, 2025, at Middleton Town Hall. He noted he is looking forward to the valuable discussions ahead. He encouraged everyone to stay safe and be careful.

District 9 – Councillor Oxner expressed greetings from District 9. She mentioned that things have been quiet in her district with only a few queries. She has attended meetings and sessions along with her fellow

councillors. Councillor Oxner wished to mention and commend Shawn Trahan and his wife Vicki for noticing a house on fire in Nictaux on Saturday. Shawn acted swiftly and helped a young lady and toddler out while Vicki called 911. She noted that many of our citizens are trying to support local businesses and buy Canadian products. Councillor Oxner reminded everyone to remember every bit helps but sometimes there are not Canadian options. She asked them to not compromise their wellbeing or budget. She mentioned that CORAH has some great sessions coming up in Middleton. She expressed that *The Bridgetown Reader* is a great source of information for those not on social media. Councillor Oxner noted that beginning next week she will be at the satellite office in Middleton from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the last Thursday of each month for District 9 residents. She expressed that the food banks are in need as we have increasing numbers of those needing help.

District 10 – Councillor Connell sent regrets.

District 11 – Warden LeBlanc attended the opening for Heritage month with Councillor Oxner at the Town of Digby. She noted that February has not been a kind month regarding weather for anyone. She appreciated halls being open when they are able and the recreation department for working hard to provide winter activities when possible. Warden LeBlanc encouraged everyone to check the Three Rivers Community Hall Facebook page or reach out to them through email for upcoming events.

Municipal Operations Capital Project Update (verbal)

Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young presented an update of capital projects completed and currently being worked on.

Recess

A recess was called at 11:01 a.m. for a short break and to begin the scheduled public hearing.

The meeting resumed at 12:01 p.m. with all councillors present as prior to the public hearing.

Order of the Day

To amend the order of the day by adding Cornwallis Park Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw as 6.8 under New Business.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

Re: 2025-02-19 Public Hearing Cornwallis Park SPS and LUB

Motion 250219.20 Public Hearing Cornwallis Park SPS and LUB

That pursuant to first reading given on January 21, 2025, in accordance with the recommendation for approval from the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee and after holding a Public Hearing thereon, that second and final reading be given to adopt the Cornwallis Park Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

To remove the definition Unlicensed Vehicle on page 27 of the LUB

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion defeated, 3 in favour

To remove the third bullet point "The keeping of household domestic pets, excluding all snakes, and not exceeding 4 in number, provided no more than 3 are of any one species." of 7.5.3 on page 60 of the LUB

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried, 2 opposed

To remove the word "trails" from bullet point 1 of 4.34 Prohibited Used page 41 of the LUB

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Councillor Hare withdrew his motion.

To change page 35 of the LUB section 4.16 Agricultural Animals to read Agricultural animals are not permitted in any zone within the Planning Area except animals on par with 4-H Nova Scotia's poultry, rabbit, and waterfowl limited to 3 animals total.

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Welch

To amend the amendment to replace poultry with hens.

Moved: Councillor Hare

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Question was called on the amendment.

Motion carried

Question was called on the original motion

Motion carried

In-Camera (12:56 p.m.)

To meet in-camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

The meeting resumed at 1:20 p.m. with all councillors present as prior to in-camera session.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Warden

Recording Secretary, Administrative Clerk
Municipal Clerk Office