

2025-03-18 Municipal Council

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, March 18, 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, 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; Planner Jeremy Banks; Director of Finance Angela Bohaker; Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent; Strategic Initiatives Coordinator Alyssa Blais; Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CAO Dawn Campbell; Manager of Recreation Kaesy Gladwin; Communications Coordinator Nadine McCormick; Manager of Information and Technology Ben Olsen; Director of Community Development Debra Ryan; Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

None

Order of the Day

To amend the order of the day to add In-Camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act* as number 9 of the agenda.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried

Minutes

Re: 2025-02-19 Regular Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

Re: 2025-02-19 Public Hearing Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Re: SR2025-34 Approve Terms of Reference – Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee

Motion 250318.01 Approve Terms of Reference – Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee

To approve the Terms of Reference for the Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-35 Internet Project Final Reconciliation

Motion 250318.02 Internet Project Final Reconciliation

To authorize funding of \$349,837.00 from the capital reserve fund for the completion of the internet project, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Harding

To amend the motion to change the amount to \$394,837.00.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

The Question was called on the original motion.

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-36 Approve *Bylaw 6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property*

Motion 250318.03 Approve *Bylaw 6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property*

To give first reading to approve *Bylaw 6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property*, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Oxner

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-37 Tom's Cool Bus Vendor on Municipal Property Application

Motion 250318.04 Tom's Cool Bus Vendor on Municipal Property Application

To authorize the Clerk to issue a 2025-26 Vendor on Municipal Property permit to Tom Marshall, for the operation of Tom's Cool Bus Canteen at the Annapolis River Causeway park in accordance with S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw, and permit the canteen to stay at the park overnight for the April-October season, subject to reasonable requests from the Municipality to move it from time to time, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-38 Repeal AM-1.2.7 Flag Flying Policy

Motion 250318.05 Repeal AM-1.2.7 Flag Flying Policy

To repeal *AM-1.2.7 Flag Flying Policy*, seven-day notice given on March 11, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Deputy Warden Enslow

Motion carried

New Business

Re: 2025-03-04 PAC Recommendation

Motion 250318.06 PAC Recommendation

That Municipal Council give first reading of its intent to support the Development Agreement amendment application by Jason Milner to erect a single-family dwelling on PID 05187471 in the GW3 Zone of the Annapolis County Land Use Bylaw, pending the identification of a well on the site plan; and set a Public Hearing on this matter on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-41 Approve *Bylaw 5 Civic Address* (final reading)

Motion 250318.07 Approve *Bylaw 5 Civic Address* (final reading)

To recommend that Municipal Council give final reading to approve *Bylaw 5 Civic Address*. (First Reading – February 19, 2025).

Moved: Councillor Cranton

Seconded: Councillor Oxner

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-42 Approval of 2025-26 Budget

Motion 250318.08 Approval of 2025-26 Budget

That Municipal Council approve the proposed 2025-2026 operating budget reflecting revenues of \$27,304,576 and expenditures of \$27,304,576.

Moved: Councillor Cranton

Seconded: Deputy Warden Enslow

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-42 Approval of 2025-26 Budget

Motion 250318.09 Approval of 2025-26 Budget

That Municipal Council approve the 2025-2026 operating budget base taxation rates for all residential and resource assessments of \$1.025 per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial tax rate of \$1.80 per \$100 of assessment.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried

District 1 – Councillor Parsons-Saltzman noted that she had attended the Kingston Fire Department banquet on February 22, 2025, along with Warden LeBlanc. She recognized the members on their years of service. Councillor Parsons-Saltzman mentioned that she had attended the Wilmot and Area neighbourhood watch monthly meeting. Paster Jeff Milne, from the Valley Connect Outreach, was the guest speaker. She noted that they are always looking for volunteers. Councillor Parsons-Saltzman expressed the importance for snowmobilers to stay on the trails when using them.

District 2 – Councillor Hare encouraged the public to participate in the East End Planning review. He asked the residents to watch for and participate in public consultation.

District 3 – Deputy Warden Enslow attended the Bridgetown Fire Department banquet where long term volunteers were recognized. He noted that there were a lot of newer members joining. Deputy Warden Enslow mentioned that both the Bridgetown and Port Lorne Fire Departments are in the process of getting new trucks. He has participated in some of the fundraisers to support these purchases. Deputy Warden Enslow attended the Lion's breakfast, which is always held on the first Saturday of each month. He encouraged the citizens of District 3 to complete the survey and attend the open house on Saturday, March 22, 2025. He asked them to remember that they live in these communities together and requested that everyone stay positive.

District 4 – Councillor Cranton mentioned that he has been busy with visits; on an average of 1-2/week, with constituents from his district. He noted that a wide variety of topics were discussed. Councillor Cranton attended the Bear River Fire Hall breakfast, the opening night of the Gary Fraser Art Exhibit at King's Theatre, and the board meeting of the Annapolis Valley Exhibition. He has directed inquiries regarding community grants to Debra Ryan's department. Councillor Cranton expressed the need to keep an eye out for wood ticks as the spring season approaches. He reminded citizens to check the NS burn restrictions when doing yard clean up and having bon fires. Events at local community halls will start to ramp up with the arrival of Spring. Councillor Cranton mentioned that he has plans to host a Coffee with Councillor meeting on April 10, 2025, at the Granville Ferry Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire expressed excitement for the arrival of Spring. She mentioned that International Women's Day was March 8. Councillor Longmire noted that March break has ended, and students have returned to their studies.

Councillor Longmire listed the following upcoming events for District 5:

- Young's Cove Community Hall AGM will be held on March 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Country jam sessions are every Friday evening. Coffee and Snack happens each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Parker's Cove Fundy Thread and Thimble Club are gearing up for Spring. They are working on grants and setting dates for upcoming events.
- New Horizons Hall will soon be opening for the season; stay tuned for upcoming events.
- Lower Granville Hall will hold an indoor all body fitness walk on March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi session has an ongoing session each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Paint and Sip to be held March 20, 2025, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The AGM will be on March 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. On May 1, 2025,

Steve Skafte will present “This River was Once a Road”. Craft club meets the second and fourth Monday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Speaker Matthew Rouse will host a down-to-earth look at Artificial Intelligence tools on March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. On March 30, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. lunch and learn with MapAnnapolis.

Councillor Longmire mentioned that she has been busy helping Community Halls with grants and sharing information on how to become a comfort centre. Councillor Longmire encouraged residents to shop locally and support farmers markets and roadside stands. She mentioned Bayside Farms and Belle’s Blessing Community Pantry. She thanked the many volunteers for their hard work in the communities.

District 6 – Councillor Welch noted that March has been a busy month with budget season. He noted that he has had invaluable conversations with community members. Councillor Welch believed that having active community halls is a key part to strong communities. He mentioned that he met with the folks at Upper Clements Hall. He encouraged citizens to support these halls. Councillor Welch attended SOOF Soup Sunday. He wished to acknowledge the departure of the last military presence from Cornwallis Park – RSCC 26 Cornwallis, the local Sea Cadet Corps. He noted that it will be relocated to the Deep Brook Waldeck Lions Club.

District 7 – Councillor Agombar stated that it is nice to see signs of Spring. He mentioned that he attended the SOOF Sunday Soup luncheon. Councillor Agombar also attended the Annapolis Trail Society’s AGM at the Centerlea Community Hall. He wished to recognize two members, Danny Phinney and Dale Jollimore, who announced their retirement after many years of volunteer service to the committee. Councillor Agombar attended the West Dalhousie AGM, where a new executive and slate of directors were elected. Councillor Agombar was pleased to announce that the Hub would be very busy during the month of May 2025 hosting the district track and field meet on May 14th & 15th; the regional track and field meet on May 23rd and 24th; and the provincial track and field meet on May 30th and 31st. The Provincial meet will be broadcast by Eastlink. ACCOSS will have lots of volunteer opportunities for parking attendants and traffic control. Councillor Agombar felt this world class facility has created the opportunity for a well needed boast to Annapolis County. Councillor Agombar encouraged residents to attend the planning meeting on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Bridgetown Legion.

District 8 – Councillor Harding was amazed at how quickly the snow and ice had disappeared over the last couple of weeks. He encouraged residents to reach out to TIR that are experiencing road or ditch issues. Councillor Harding must reschedule his first “Coffee with your Councillor” session due to ongoing renovations at the community hall. He noted a new date would be available soon. He mentioned that he will be attending several meetings in the next few weeks. Councillor Harding thanked his fellow councillors for their work at the recent budget meetings. He was happy to welcome the spring season.

District 9 – Councillor Oxner expressed that we have had a little taste of Spring. She reminded citizens to check and follow the burn restrictions. Councillor Oxner was happy to see that DOT has done a bit of pothole work at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 201. She noted that the roads are a challenge, and she hoped to see the patching continue. Councillor Oxner noted that there were many upcoming meetings and activities to attend. She asked everyone to keep the food banks in mind, as they are always

in need. She noted that she at the Middleton satellite office the last Thursday of each month from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

District 10 – Councillor Connell attended the Springfield Fire meeting last Wednesday. He noted that many of the volunteers were younger. He mentioned that he gave an overview of the problem with the school property as the deed had not been registered when they received it. They were shocked as they have been working on updates to the property for the last 10 years. Councillor Connell noted that a big concern for the community is the lack of a community center. They are currently working on design and the cost of an additional on the firehall which will be turned into a community center. Councillor Connell mentioned that he had attended the Village of Lawrencetown meeting. Councillor Connell noted that the rink in Lawrencetown would stay open until the end of April. They have many events booked for this time, including free public skating every Sunday from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The Annapolis Valley exhibition is starting a farm market to be held every Monday starting May 26, 2025, through October. He noted that an information night would be held on March 31, 2025, for anyone interested. The exhibition is giving away free seeds through a program called “Grow your Greens”. Councillor Connell encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for motorcycles as the weather warms up.

District 11 – Warden LeBlanc noted that March break is finished, and students are back in school. She asked citizens to be careful of kids and buses traveling. Warden LeBlanc noted that the Three Rivers Community Hall in Torbrook Mines will be holding a bake sale and ticket auction on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:00 – 2:00. Also, on March 29, 2025, from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Bob Forrester & Friends will provide great music with a canteen available and a 50/50 draw. Warden LeBlanc thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

Recess

A recess was called at 10:59 a.m. for a short break and to begin the scheduled public hearings.

The meeting resumed at 11:34 a.m. with all councillors present as prior to the public hearings.

Order of the Day

To amend the order of the day by adding Deregistration William Letteney House, Granville Ferry as 6.4 and Annapolis County – Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy Map Amendment – 33 Parker Mountain Road, Granville Ferry as 6.5 under New Business.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: Deregistration William Letteney House, Granville Ferry

Motion 250318.18 Deregistration William Letteney House, Granville Ferry

That Municipal Council deregister the William Letteney House property and remove it from the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties and deposit a Notice of Deregistration in the Registry of Deeds.

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried, 1 opposed

Re: Annapolis County – Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy Map Amendment – 33 Parker Mountain Road, Granville Ferry

Motion 250318.19 Annapolis County – Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy Map Amendment – 33 Parker Mountain Road, Granville Ferry

That pursuant to the first reading given on February 19, 2025, in accordance with the recommendation for approval from the Planning Advisory Committee and after holding a Public Hearing thereon, Municipal Council give second and final 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 require an amendment to the Future Land Use map designation from Residential (RES) to Mixed Used (MX).

Moved: Deputy Warden Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

In-Camera (11:46 a.m.)

To meet in-camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Harding

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried

The meeting resumed at 1:28 p.m. with all councillors present as prior to the in-camera session.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Warden
Clerk

Recording Secretary, Administrative

Municipal Clerk Office