

2025-07-15 Municipal Council

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, July 15, 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 with unanimous consent
- 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: Interim CAO Dawn Campbell; Deputy Clerk Kelly Kempton; Director of Finance Angela Anderson; Administrative Clerk Cherron Baker; Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent; Strategic Initiatives Coordinator Alyssa Blais; Communications Coordinator Nadine McCormick; Manager of Information and Technology Ben Olsen; Director of Community Development Debra Ryan; IT Intern Leon Wasiliew; Director of Finance Paul Wills; Director of Municipal Operations Jim Young and 5 members of the public.

Disclosure of Interest

None

Correspondence

Warden Le Blanc read a note of thanks from Alyssa Spicer, a recipient of BRCS awards.

Order of the Day

Approved as circulated

Minutes

Re: 2025-06-17 Regular Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

Re: 2025-06-23 Special Council Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

Re: 2025-07-08 Special Council Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Re: SR2025-77 Ecological Forestry Initiative – Graywood Woodlot

Motion 250715.01 Ecological Forestry Initiative - Graywood Woodlot

To proceed with the proposed ecological harvest and associated access improvement, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Harding

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-78 Policy 106 Municipal Traffic Authority

Motion 250715.02 Traffic Authority Policy Appointment Update

To approve *Policy 106 Municipal Traffic Authority*, seven-day notice given on July 08, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-79 Approve Bylaw 10 Livestock

Motion 250715.03 Approve Bylaw 10 Livestock

To give first reading to approve *Bylaw 10 Livestock*, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-80 Extended Bylaw Enforcement Agreement – Town of Middleton

Motion 250715.04 Extended Bylaw Enforcement Agreement - Town of Middleton

To authorize an agreement for the County of Annapolis to provide extended bylaw enforcement services to the Town of Middleton starting no later than September 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2030, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-81 Approve Policy 113 Public Participation

Motion 250715.05 Approve Policy 113 Public Participation

To approve *Policy 113 Public Participation*, seven-day notice given on July 08, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Harding

Motion carried

Re: Road Conditions

Motion 250715.06 Road Conditions

To forward a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) expressing concern about road safety in Annapolis County resulting from insufficient funding allocated to the Department of Public Works and echoing concerns expressed by other area municipalities, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Oxner

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried

New Business

Re: IR2025-82 Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Report

Director of Finance, Angela Anderson reviewed the most recent Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Report and answered questions from councillors.

Re: SR2025-83 Approve *Bylaw 7 Dogs*

Motion 250715.07 Approve *Bylaw 7 Dogs*

To give final reading to approve *Bylaw 7 Dogs*, first reading having been given on June 17, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried

Re: SR2025-84 Approve *Bylaw 8 Noise*

Motion 250715.08 Approve *Bylaw 8 Noise*

To give final reading to approve *Bylaw 8 Noise*, first reading having been given on June 17, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Hare

Motion carried (10 in favour, 1 opposed)

Re: SR2025-85 Approve *Bylaw 9 Repeal of C3 Water Supply Program and C4 Clean Energy Program Bylaws*

Motion 250715.09 Approve *Bylaw 9 Repeal of C3 Water Supply Program and C4 Clean Energy Program Bylaws*

To give final reading to approve *Bylaw 9 Repeal of C3 Water Supply Program and C4 Clean Energy Program Bylaws*, first reading having been given on June 17, 2025.

Moved: Councillor Welch

Seconded: Councillor Cranton

Motion carried

Council Motion Tracking List (April, May, June)

Reviewed for information

Recess

A recess was called at 11:00 a.m. to hold the previously scheduled public hearing.

The meeting resumed at 11:25 a.m. with all councillors present as prior to the public hearing.

Order of the Day

To amend the order of the day by adding Municipal Heritage Registration Application for PID 05158783, All Saints Anglican Church, West Dalhousie as 6.5 under New Business.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Motion carried

Re: Municipal Heritage Registration Application – All Saints Anglican Church, West Dalhousie

Motion 250715.10 Municipal Heritage Registration Application – All Saints Anglican Church, West Dalhousie

That Municipal Council include the All Saints Anglican Church property (PID 05158783), being the portion 255 feet x 210 feet, in the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties and deposit a Notice of Registration in the Registry of Deeds providing that it not be demolished or the exterior altered without Municipal approval as part of that review, the Planning Advisory Committee is required to be consulted, and Council may grant/refuse or attach conditions to the demolition or substantial alteration.

Moved: Councillor Agombar

Seconded: Councillor Welch

Motion carried

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Parsons-Saltzman extended greetings from District 1. She noted the Canada Day at the Melvern Square Hall was a success. She thanked all the volunteers who helped at the event, the Kingston Fire Department who provided a tanker full of water, and TRA provided the drinks. Councillor Parsons-Saltzman noted that the Annapolis Valley Exhibition would be held August 11-16, 2025, with August 11th being 4-H day. She also commented that the Digby County Exhibition would take place August 20-23, 2025. She encouraged residents to suppose the local events.

District 2 – Councillor Hare extended greetings from District 2. He mentioned the breakfast at Port George Rec Centre is held on the first Sunday, and the breakfast at the Margaretsville Fire Hall is held on the first Saturday of each month. He stated that on July 25th Happy Anywhere would be providing music at the Spurr Brothers Farm Market from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. He noted that Tara MacLean would be performing at the Evergreen Theatre on July 25, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. Councillor Hare encouraged everyone to come out and cheer him on during the ATV competitions at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition.

District 3 – Deputy Warden Enslow was excused from the meeting.

District 4 – Councillor Cranton extended greetings from District 4. He stated that the last few weeks had been busy with various events within the district. He noted that all the halls and community facilities were in full swing. Councillor Cranton wished to highlight the strawberry supper held at the Tupperville Hall. He noted that this was the 70th year of holding this event. He mentioned the Canada Day celebrations held at the Granville Ferry Hall with over 100 people present. Councillor Cranton encouraged residents to check the community events guide for happenings within the county. He asked residents to sign up for Alertable if they had not already done so. Councillor Cranton noted the upcoming Natal Day events. He encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy summer but sent a reminder to be responsible while doing so.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire extended greetings from District 5. She encouraged residents to enjoy the spectacular view from the Port Royal Lighthouse. She congratulated the Crow's Nest in Hillsburn for receiving an award for being in the top 100 seafood restaurants. She mentioned the many places in District 5 to stay/camp. She noted that these Airbnb's are owned and run by small business owners. Councillor Longmire thanked the many volunteers within our communities. She participated in the Pride Parade in Annapolis Royal. Councillor Longmire noted on July 19, 2025, at the Port Wade Hall also known as the New Horizon Hall will be having a BBQ, selling 50/50 tickets and tickets on lobsters from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. She noted that Parker Mountain Road is currently closed due to construction. She encouraged residents to sign up for Alertable as it is a great way to stay connected. Councillor Longmire mentioned that Bayside Farms sell seasonal fruits and vegetables with no spray. She asked people to watch out for cyclists and children. She wished everyone a wonderful summer break.

District 6 – Councillor Welch extended greetings from District 6. He mentioned the opening of two new businesses within the district: Flying Mermaid Yoga and New 2 U Thrift Store. He congratulated Paul Law on receiving the Blanket of Valour from the Clementsport Legion for his service. He encouraged residents to come enjoy the famous summer Friday Night BBQs held at the Legion. Councillor Welch noted that summer is in full swing there are some great ways for kids within the County to stay active, creative and connected. He mentioned one opportunity is the Dance Theatre Camp for Youth at King's Theatre happening July 21-25, 2025. Councillor Welch announced he had seen a sold sign of properties previously owned by Annapolis Basin Development Society in Cornwallis Park. He thanked all the volunteers, event organizers and small business owners whose work keeps District 6 strong and thriving.

District 7 – Councillor Agombar extended greetings from District 7. He noted that schools are out, and summer is officially here with many great events. He attended the Canada Day ceremony at Jubilee Park with Warden Le Blanc cutting the cake. This event concluded with a fireworks display. Councillor Agombar stated that the annual Riverfest was a huge success. He thanked the many volunteers and participants who contributed to this fundraiser for Clean Annapolis River Project. Councillor Agombar noted that the annual SOOF festival would be held on August 23, 2025, at the West Dalhousie Community Hall. He felt privileged to speak on behalf of the County at the Annapolis Royal Pride Flag Raising Ceremony.

District 8 – Councillor Harding extended greetings from District 8. He noted that he had attended the Canada Day BBQ at the Milford Hall, and the Bear River Firefighters breakfast on July 5th. He mentioned that the Bear River Firefighters breakfast is held on the first Saturday of every month. He stated that the Milford Community Hall would be holding their 50th anniversary on July 19, 2025. Councillor Harding

encouraged residents to come out and support the fundraiser for the Bear River Fire Department scheduled to be held at the Foresters Hall in Clementsvale on July 17, 2025. He also attended the AGM at the Maitland Bridge Hall, where he had the honour of chairing the meeting. Councillor Harding passed along his condolences to the loved ones of Brian and Judy Trimper.

District 9 – Councillor Oxner extended greetings from District 9. She stated that it had been an incredibly busy month with many wonderful events. She encouraged everyone to attend the local activities and events being offered. She noted that many of these events were organized by hardworking volunteers. Councillor Oxner noted that “Let’s Talk Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility” will be held at Felker Hall in Cornwallis Park on July 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. She mentioned that a BBQ will be held at the Nictaux playground on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

District 10 – Councillor Connell extended greetings from District 10. He noted that he spent Canada Day working. He stated that he was pleased to see the recreation department hosting events in different areas of the County. Councillor Connell stated that it had been a busy month. He was pleased to have been a member of the CAO Recruitment Committee. He attended the Lawrencetown Village meeting last evening. He also attended the 100 years of 4-H in Clarence. He commented on the amount of work that goes into being in 4-H. Councillor Connell stated his passion for old trucks. He noted the car shows he attended and the draw of people they create from all over. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the month of August.

District 11 – Warden LeBlanc stated the Three Rivers Community Centre in Torbrook Mines will host a fundraising event on July 19, 2025, for the Gillis Family who tragically lost their home in a fire. She noted that many events have happened within the County so far and there will be many more this summer. She encouraged everyone to check the Community Events Guide for upcoming events. Warden Le Blanc wished everyone a great, safe and healthy summer!

In-Camera (11:57 a.m.)

To meet in-camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the *Municipal Government Act* (acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property) and Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act* (contract negotiations).

Moved: Councillor Parsons-Saltzman

Seconded: Councillor Agombar

Motion carried

The meeting resumed at 12:43 p.m. will all councillors present as prior to the in-camera session.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Warden

Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk