

Minutes of a **Public Hearing** held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George St. Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Present: 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, excused
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 Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent; Director of Finance Angela Anderson; Administrative Clerk Cherron Baker; Communications Coordinator Nadine McCormick; Manager of Information 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.

Welcoming Remarks – Warden Diane Le Blanc

The purpose of a Public Hearing is to permit members of the public to make their views known to Council via oral submissions concerning, solely, the application before Council. This Public Hearing is to discuss heritage registration with the Trustees of the All Saints Anglican Church, 3335 West Dalhousie Road, West Dalhousie (PID 05158783) more commonly known as the All Saints Anglican Church. At the end of the public hearing, the Public Hearing will be closed, and Council will return to its regular session of Council. The Warden requested all questions and comments throughout the hearing be addressed to her as the Chair.

New Business

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

Presentation by Staff

Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent provided an overview of the information report and specific details as follows:

- An application for consideration of including the All Saints Anglican Church property located at 3335 West Dalhousie Road, West Dalhousie in the Registry of Municipal Heritage Properties was received.
- The Planning Advisory Committee met on May 06, 2025, following an evaluation by staff on the property. The property scored 84 points out of 100 and is considered to have historical significance to the community of West Dalhousie.

- All Saints Church property was established in 1836.

Acknowledgement of Property Owner by the Warden

The Warden announced that she would now have acknowledgement of the property owner. Heritage registration is a legal process enabled through the provincial *Heritage Property Act*. The All Saints Anglican Church property is deemed to be significant to Annapolis County by being identified for its historical and cultural value.

The identification process is called registration, which in itself is a legal device that offers protection against substantial alterations or demolition of a registered heritage property. An encumbrance, by way of the Notice of Registration, is placed on the property and registered in the Registry of Deeds. Thus, any substantial change to the exterior of the property requires the approval of Annapolis County Municipal Council before any work is begun. The Warden asked the property representatives: *“Do you acknowledge, understand and accept these conditions of municipal heritage registration?”*

Trustee, Bill Gillis responded: *“Yes I do.”* The Warden asked if there were any other comments he wished to make.

Mr. Gillis stated that there is no power to the property. He felt this makes the property more unique. Mr. Gillis believed the history of the property speaks for itself. He noted the congregation would like to continue work on the cemetery. He expressed his thanks to Council for supporting this heritage registration.

Call for Oral Presentations (open discussion from the floor – public)

The Warden called for representation from the floor regarding the application.

Reverend Julia Ford stated that Mr. Gillis has done an amazing job with fixing up the property. She noted that the congregation is keen to see the property maintained; not changed. She mentioned that the church does have insurance.

Call for Questions or Comments from Council Members

The Warden called for questions or comments from councillors and recognized Councillor Longmire to speak.

Councillor Longmire stated that she hears the passion to have this property registered as a Municipal Heritage Property. She expressed her hope in attending the one service to be held on September 14, 2025, that the congregation would hold this year. Councillor Longmire noted that having no power would not be an issue. She stated that she was intrigued with the Tiffany glass window and hoped to see it in person soon. Councillor Longmire was pleased that the property had insurance. She noted that it can be a struggle to ensure insurance on heritage properties. Councillor Longmire expressed her gratitude that this property is getting a second chance after being denied registration in 2005. She was thrilled to be part of the process today.

The Warden recognized Councillor Agombar to speak.

Councillor Agombar noted that the first time he had even seen the church was when his children

attended the Anglican church camp some years ago. He stated it was a beautiful site to see. He expressed his pleasure at seeing this application for heritage registration come forward.

The Warden recognized Councillor Harding to speak.

Councillor Harding commented that he had spoken with a gentleman about this registration application who had grown up in the area. He stated that the gentleman he had spoken with felt the church was a focal point of the area and was pleased to hear that it would become a Municipal Heritage Property.

Mr. Gillis asked Councillor Harding if it was Mr. Simmons he had spoken with.

Councillor Harding stated that it was Mr. Gallant he had spoken to.

Warden Le Blanc stated that looking at the picture provided, it is a majestic setting for the church. She felt that with the history of the property the congregation would see a lot of people coming to see the property.

Next Steps

Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent explained that after the Public Hearing is complete Council would add an item to the agenda and if affirmative would make a motion to include the All Saints Anglican Church property in the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties and deposit a Notice of Registration in the Registry of Deeds.

Closing Comments

Warden Le Blanc thanked attendees. This concluded business for the public hearing, and it was declared adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Warden

Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk