

Minutes of a **Public Hearing** held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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, absent  
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 Rob Frost; Deputy Clerk Kelly Kempton; Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent; Administrative Clerk – Corporate Services Tina Halliday; Public Relations Officer Nadine McCormick; Manager of Information and Technology Ben Olsen; and Representative of Property Owner Maggie Shackleton.

**Welcoming Remarks** – Warden Diane LeBlanc

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 was called in accordance with Section 16 of the Nova Scotia *Heritage Property Act*. At the end of the public hearing, the Public Hearing will be closed, and Council will return to its regular session of Council.

Before Municipal Council agrees to deregister a property that is in the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties, a public hearing is held where the registered property owner is given the opportunity to make comments to Council regarding the heritage deregistration.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss heritage deregistration of the vacant lands once associated with the Reuban Potter House with the current property owner, who is requesting municipal heritage property deregistration for PID 05054275, Quarry Road, Clementsvale.

The Warden explained that Municipal Council also uses this time to explain what heritage deregistration means and to ensure that the property owner is aware of, and in complete agreement with, the deregistration of their property as a municipal heritage property.

The Warden requested all questions and comments throughout the hearing be addressed to her as the Chair.

**New Business**

**Re: Deregistration Vacant Lands (former Reuban Potter Property)**

**Presentation by Staff**

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

- An application for received for consideration of deregistration of the vacant lands once associated with the Reuban Potter Property located at Quarry Road, Clementsvale and removal from the Registry of Municipal Heritage Properties.
- Highlights were given from the staff report submitted to Committee of the Whole at the December 09, 2025, meeting for reference.

**Acknowledgement of Representative of Property Owner, Maggie Shackleton by the Warden**

The Warden announced that she would now have acknowledgement of representative of the property owner, Maggie Shackleton. Heritage deregistration is a legal process enabled through Section 16 of the *Provincial Heritage Property Act*.

The Warden asked the representative of the property owner: *“Do you understand that should Municipal Council agree, by motion, to deregister the property; it will no longer be registered as a municipal heritage property and will be removed from the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties. Do you acknowledge, understand and accept these conditions of municipal heritage registration?”* Representative of Property owner, Maggie Shackleton, responded: *“Yes I do.”* The Warden asked if there were any other comments she wished to make.

Ms. Shackleton stated that she is a lawyer representing her client, Marc Potter. Ms. Shackleton noted that there are no buildings on Mr. Potter’s property that he wishes to deregister. He hoped to sell the vacant property with no hindrances.

**Call for Oral Presentations from the Floor**

The Warden called for oral presentations from the floor. No presentations were offered by members of the public.

**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 asked for clarification on the background of the property.

Ms. Shackleton stated that the original registered heritage property was divided into two parcels. Her client, Marc Potter, only owns the section of property that is vacant. She noted that the parcel with the house will still remain a registered heritage property.

**Next Steps**

Director of Planning and Inspection Services Linda Bent stated that when the public hearing is complete, council would add an item to the agenda. If affirmative, they would make a motion to deregister the vacant lands once associated with the Reuban Potter Property and remove it from the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties and deposit a Notice of Deregistration in the Registry of Deeds.

**Closing Comments**

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

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**Warden**

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**Recording Secretary, Deputy Clerk**