REGULAR SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL October 21, 2008

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Minutes of the **regular session** of **Municipal Council held on October 21, 2008**, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, NS, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Warden Peter Newton; Deputy-Warden Reginald Ritchie; Councillors: Marilyn Wilkins,

Brian "Fuzzy" Connell, Wayne Fowler, Herb Anderson, Tom Vitiello, Patrick McWade, Phil Milo, Peter Terauds and Ron Trimper; Administrative Assistant II Carolyn Young; and

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Laurie Emms.

Also

Present: Councillor-Elect Paul McDonald; Deputy CAO Gerald Hackenschmidt, Coordinator of

Planning & Development Control Albert Dunphy, Assistant to the CAO Dawn Campbell, and

1 member of the public.

Absent: Municipal Clerk Jacquie Farrow-Lawrence (Returning Officer)

Minutes

MOTION 081021.01 Minutes: September 16-08 Regular Session and Public Hearing Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that the minutes of both the regular Council session and Public Hearing held on September 16, 2008, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions/Revisions to Addendum

The following additions were made to the Agenda and Addendum: 4(D) 2008 Municipal Elections-Preliminary Report to be presented after the Minutes; and the addition of NT4(A) Springfield School Property-Unsecured Basement Foundation.

Reports and Recommendations:

Re: 2008 Municipal Elections-Preliminary Report – The Municipal Clerk submitted the following report:

- Declaration of Elected Councillors by Acclamation Pursuant to Section 55 of the Municipal Elections Act, the following candidates were declared elected by acclamation in the 2008 Municipal Elections for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis: in District #3-Wayne Fowler; in District #6-Patrick McWade; in District #7-Peter Newton; in District #8-Reginald Ritchie; and in District #11-Ronald Trimper.
- **Preliminary Results of October 18**th **Municipal Elections** Preliminary results indicate the following successful candidates: in District #1-Marilyn Wilkins; in District #2-Brian "Fuzzy" Connell; in District #4-Paul McDonald; in District #5-Tom Vitiello; in District #9-Frank Chipman; and in District #10-Martha Roberts. It was noted that the foregoing results are subject to either an application for a recount (within ten days) and/or voidance of the election (within twenty-one days). Emails thanking Staff for their support were received from two candidates.
- *Voter Turnout* Preliminary results indicate overall percentages of:
 - 38% for Council office (vs. 47% in 2004 and 29% in 2000); and
 - 30% for School Board office-Electoral District #1 (vs. 38% in 2004 and 22% in 2000)
- Anomalies in Media Reporting Despite being provided with accurate information, both AVR and K-Rock radio stations had announced that Chip Kerr had won the election in District #4. Confirmation was received from Eastlink that their television broadcast reported the correct result for District #4. On Monday, the Chronicle Herald had inadvertently omitted the election results for most municipal units in the Valley (Annapolis and Kings) and stated this information would appear in Tuesday's paper.

MOTION 081021.02 2008 Municipal Elections: Preliminary Report

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Terauds, to accept the foregoing report on the 2008 Municipal Elections which noted the Councillors elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

On behalf of Municipal Council, the Warden conveyed congratulations to the Municipal Clerk and Staff for a job well done in conducting the elections.

Business Arising From The Minutes:

Re: Proclamation Request: Restorative Justice Week (November 16th to 23rd) – Council received a memo dated October 15th advising that it is the recommendation of the Police Advisory Board that Municipal Council not declare the foregoing proclamation at this time.

MOTION 081021.03 Police Adv. Board: Recommendation Not to Declare Proclamation It was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, that the recommendation from the Police Advisory Board that Municipal Council not proclaim November 16th to 23rd as 'Restorative Justice Week' at this time be accepted. Motion carried. (10 in favour, 1 against)

Reports and Recommendations: (cont'd)

Re: Reports of the Municipal Solicitor

- *Monthly Report* The Municipal Solicitor submitted a report on the following legal services for the month of September:
 - o *Lifeplex Mall-Leased Space* conference with CAO re change of locks, attendance at Council for directions re Notice of Distress and Notice of Termination, research of common law, tenancies and distress for Rent Act, and various phone call with CAO and B. Durnford re Madore/Sobeys.
 - o Al Dogs Bylaw various conferences with Clerk and Sr. Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
 - o *Municipal Heritage Property-Troops Corner* conference with Clerk and Solicitor B. Connell re amend parcel to recognize provincial and municipal heritage registrations so that there can be a deregistration as a municipal heritage property.
 - o FOIPOP Application conference with Clerk re refusal of record, review of FOIPOP provision in Municipal Government Act re County not required to copy record, receipt and review of draft letter to Review Officer and letter to that effect.

MOTION 081021.04 Monthly Report of Municipal Solicitor - September

Councillor Terauds moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that the monthly report for the Municipal Solicitor be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: The Hanse Society - Postponement Agreement re Mortgage to Royal Bank -

MOTION 081021.05 Hanse Society: Postponement Agreement re Mortgage to Royal Bank Councillor McWade moved, seconded by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, that Municipal Council approve in principle the signing of a postponement agreement (as prepared by the Hanse Society) re mortgage to the Royal Bank. Motion carried unanimously. (10 in favour 1 against)

Re: Committee of the Whole (October 14th Meeting)

• Community Recreation Grant Program

MOTION 081021.06 CRGP: Port George Recreation Centre (\$1,500)

In accordance with the recommendation of Staff and Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that Municipal Council provide a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Port George Recreation Centre (for a project totalling \$9,700) from the 2008-09 Community Recreation Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

• Annapolis County Fire Services Association

MOTION 081021.07 Annapolis County Fire Services Assoc.-Assist with Training/Meetings Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Municipal Council release a one-time payment of \$3,000 from the Dry-Hydrant Fund to the Annapolis County Fire Services Association to assist with attendance at regional/provincial meetings and conferences, and that such expenditures must be included in the Association's future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

• Fire Services Reserve Fund: Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Department

MOTION 081021.08 Fire Services Reserve Fund-Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Dept.

- Fire Services Reserve Fund Payment of \$28,000 In accordance with the recommendation of Staff and Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council authorize a payment of \$28,000 from the Fire Services Reserve Fund for loan principal on behalf of the Lawrencetown & District volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Fire Services Reserve Fund \$200,000 Loan
 Pursuant to the recommendation of Staff and Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council approve a 5-year, \$200,000 loan from the Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Department, and adopt the loan repayment schedule as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.
- Student Bursary Application Hillary Hudgins, Victoria Vale

MOTION 081021.09 AM-1.4.4 Student Bursary Policy – Hillary Hudgins Application In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that Municipal Council approve of a grant in the amount of \$150 to Hillary Hudgins of Victoria Vale from the 2008-09 budget for Student Bursaries to assist her in attending the National 4-H Conference being held in Toronto, Ontario, November 5-9, 2008 as well as forwarding a letter of commendation and municipal pins. Motion carried unanimously.

• Communities in Bloom - Congratulations to Town of Annapolis Royal

MOTION 081021.10 Communities in Bloom - Town of Annapolis Royal 2008 Winner Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Municipal Council send a congratulatory letter to the Town of Annapolis Royal as the 2008 winner of the Communities in Bloom Awards - International Challenge Small Category. Motion carried unanimously.

• Remembrance Day – County Representation & Commemorative Wreaths

MOTION 081021.11 Remembrance Day: County Representation & Commemorative Wreaths In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that Municipal Council authorize that Councillors be reimbursed for wreaths and travelling expenses for attendance at local Remembrance Day Services, with the names of Councillors attending specified commemorative ceremonies being made available at the October Council session. Motion carried unanimously.

• AM-1.4.3 Harbour Authorities & Societies Capital Assistance Program

MOTION 081021.12 AM-1.4.3 Harbour Authorities & Societies Capital Assistance Program: Victoria Beach (Battery Point) Harbour Authority (\$1,373)

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, that Municipal Council authorize a payment of up to \$1,373 under the Harbour Authorities & Societies Capital Assistance Program to the Victoria Beach (Battery Point) Harbour Authority to assist with the costs of a rehabilitation project to be completed in the autumn of 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

• Village of Lawrencetown – Guarantee Debenture Issue (\$85,000)

MOTION 081021.13 Village of Lawrencetown: Guarantee Debenture Issue (\$85,000) In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Milo, that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis guarantee the principal and interest on debentures for the Village Commission of the Village of Lawrencetown, in an amount not exceeding Eighty-five Thousand (\$85,000) when issued and sold. Motion carried unanimously.

• UNSM 2008 Resolution #9A to Broaden the Powers of Mun. Gov. to Hold In-camera Sessions

MOTION 081021.14 UNSM 2008 Resolution #9A: Broaden the Powers of Municipal Government to Hold In-Camera Sessions

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, that Municipal Council write a letter to the UNSM Board of Directors, with a copy to all Nova Scotian Municipalities, that with respect to the resolution entitled "Broaden The Powers of Municipal Government To Hold In-Camera Session":

And Further That the Municipality of the County of Annapolis does not support the three provisions in this resolution for holding in-camera sessions (i.e. -1. for training or educating council members; 2. matters relating to intra-Council issues; and 3. as determined by a majority of members present);

And Further That the Municipality of the County of Annapolis believes that the foregoing UNSM resolution is not consistent or keeping within the spirit of Section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act*, and accordingly, is unnecessary.

- Motion carried unanimously.

• Committee of the Whole – November Meeting Scheduled for November 12th

MOTION 081021.15 Committee of the Whole: Nov. Meeting Scheduled for November 12th As recommended by Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that whereas the 2nd Tuesday in November falls on Remembrance Day which is a holiday designated by the Municipality, the November meeting of Committee of the Whole be held on Wednesday, November 12th starting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

• Council Session: Special Session re Administration of Oaths of Office

MOTION 081021.16 Council Session: Special Session re Administration of Oaths of Office In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Trimper, that a special session of Municipal Council be scheduled on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the administration of Oaths of Office for Municipal Councillors (2008-2012 Term). Motion carried unanimously.

• Tax Sale Properties: Pre-determined Fees – Council received a Request for Decision from the Director of Finance, providing background information on pre-determined fees for tax sale purposes from neighbouring municipal units and recommending fees which could be applied in the County.

MOTION 081021.17 Tax Sale Properties: Pre-determined Fees

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Connell, that Municipal Council establish the following pre-determined fees for tax sale purposes:

- o Search fees per legal tender (currently \$400);
- o Advertising \$75;
- o Posting \$50; and
- o Administration fee (includes the conducting of tax sale) \$75.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Occupational Health & Safety Committee (September 18th Meeting)

• Safety Manual, Section VI-Additional Amendment – Council received a memo from Staff noting a change to Section VI to correct a typographical error.

MOTION 081021.18 Safety Manual, Section VI-Additional Amendment

As recommended by the CAO and the Occupational Health & Safety Committee; it was moved by Councillor Vitiello, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council approve of revising Section VI, Part II, Page 1 of the Safety Manual to reflect protection from fall hazards when over three(3) metres rather than two(2) metres to correct a typographical error. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipal Bylaw Amendments, Changes to M5 Full-Tax Exemption Bylaw – A Request for Decision was submitted by the Municipal Clerk advising that 2 additions to the M5 Full Tax Exemption had been given first reading at the March Council session but inadvertently final reading had not taken place. It was noted that both properties did receive the full exemption for the 2007-08 fiscal year as originally intended. It was recommended that 2nd reading occur pursuant to the recent advertisement in the local papers.

MOTION 081021.19 Municipal Bylaw Amendments: M5 Full Tax Exemption-Additions

In accordance with first reading given at the March 18-08 Municipal Council session and subsequent public advertisement; Councillor Connell moved, seconded by Councilor McWade, that *M5 Full Tax Exemption Bylaw* be amended to reflect the following additions inclusive of area rates and effective April 1, 2007:

Organization (District 4) Description Incorporation No.

Hampton Lighthouse Society Land/lighthouse 3060949

Hampton AAN03390659

Organization (District 2) Description Incorporation No.

Port George Lighthouse Society Land/lighthouse 3027988

Port George

Re: Valley Waste & RRFB, Response from Minister-Recommendations from July 15th Council – A letter dated September 23rd was received from the Hon. Mark Parent, Minister of the Environment, providing a response to the following 4 recommendations:

- 1. Provincial Government discontinue the practice of annually retaining 10% of RRFB net revenues for government use this net revenue reimburses the Province for development and delivery of solid waste programming services and will therefore continue.
- 2. Provincial Government impose a levy on disposable drink cups *the Government is considering this option*.
- 3. Provincial Government implement industry-funded, mandatory product stewardship programs more expeditiously with deadlines and address excessive and/or non-compostable/non-biodegradable packaging Department staff are researching various industry stewardship programs for end-of-life products and packaging including household hazardous waste and are also involved in the development of a Canada-wide sustainable packaging strategy. The Regional Chairs Committee will be made aware of future consultation opportunities regarding this strategy.
- 4. An increase in the beverage container deposit not be considered at this time There is no immediate plans to increase the beverage container deposit; however, this option has not been ruled out for the longer term.

MOTION 081021.20 Valley Waste & RRFB, Government Response to Regional Chairs Committee Recommendations

It was moved by Councillor Vitiello, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council accept for information the response from the Provincial Government regarding the four(4) recommendations of the Regional Chairs Committee respecting programs and strategies for solid waste management. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Re: Department of Education – Request 2-Year Moratorium on School Closures</u> – Council received the following correspondence regarding this matter:

- A letter dated October 2nd from the Minister of Education advising there is no plan to extend the moratorium for school review beyond the September 2009 date.
- Email dated October 1st from Regional Board Member Susan Ritchie advising the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board has agreed to a 6-month extend for community consultation for the review of school facilities.
- O A letter dated October 15th from the Superintendent of Schools confirming the 6-month consultation extension.

⁻ Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 081021.21 Dept. of Education; Request 2-Year Moratorium on School Closures

Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, the Municipal Council receive for information the following letters: 1. the response from the Department of Education advising their office has no plan to extend the moratorium for school closures; and 2. an email from the Regional Board member advising of the AVRSB has approved a 6-month extension for community consultation regarding the school facilities review. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Anderson, that Municipal Council receive for information the letter from the AVRSB (with a copy to the Town of Middleton) confirming the 6-month extension for community consultation for their school facilities review process. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Democracy 250 Project "Trial of Charlotte Hill' – Councillor Wilkins provided the following report regarding this event:

- o *Background:* In February the request from the Democracy 250 Co-Chairs for municipal units to sponsor a project to commemorate the 250th anniversary of democracy was referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee (an approved amount had been placed in the 2008-09 budget for this purpose).
- *Project Concept:* The first project request was to the House Speaker to open the spring legislature in the Annapolis Royal Court House, but this was not feasible. The Chief Justice suggested an historical reenactment of an actual trial that would have taken place at the Court House in the 1800s.
- O *Historical Content:* The prosecutor for this trial was John Thompson who was the Justice Minister in Sir John A. MacDonald's Federal cabinet and later became the fourth Prime Minister of Canada. John Thompson also wrote the Criminal Code and co-founded the Dalhousie Law School.
- o **Production of the Play:** The trial of Joseph Nicolas Thibault for the murder of Charlotte Hill was selected and Benjamin Stevens and Susan Foulkes were commissioned to write the play. The Annapolis District Drama Group and members of the public volunteered to fill the roles. There were thirteen(13) formal rehearsals. Municipal Staff designed the program, tickets and organized the reception for the evening show. Full cooperation was received from Court Services in arranging the court to accommodate the maximum number of seats and making the court room look as close as possible to an 1880 sitting.
- Presentation of the Play: There were two showings of the play on October 4th (afternoon and evening). Both shows (128 seats each) were sold out. Chief Justice Michael MacDonald, and former Nova Scotia Premier Russell McLellan addressed the audience at the evening show, which was followed by a reception.
- Future Play Showings: Democracy 250 is working with the playwrights to design a travelling version of the play which could be presented to high schools throughout Nova Scotia and become a legacy project. The writers have also given permission for the play to be presented at Kings Theatre as a future fundraiser.

MOTION 081021.22 Democracy 250 Project "Trial of Charlotte Hill" - Update

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council receive the report on the Democracy 250 Project "Trial of Charlotte Hill" with much thanks and commendation being conveyed to participants and Staff for helping to make this event a resounding success. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Re: Proclamation of October as 'Wikewiku's Mi'kmag History Month'

MOTION 081021.23 Proclamation of October as "Wikewiku's Mi'kmaq History Month" It was moved by Councillor Vitiello, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, that Municipal Council proclaim the month of October as "Wikewiku's Mi'kmaq History Month" in the County of Annapolis, Motion carried unanimously.

Addendum Items:

<u>Re: Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency – Report from Managing Director</u> - Managing Director Mike Gushue submitted a report for the period September 24th to October 23rd which focused on the priorities identified in their business plan of: 1. Support for Business (BRE); 2. Alternate Energy (Biomass); 3. Experiential Tourism; 4. Geomatics; and 5. Adding Value to Natural Resources (mink). An update was also provided on the following activities:

- o Financial Management: positive variance of \$2,829 for the month and \$53,390 on the core budget.
- o Human Resource Management: changes to employee manual approved and implementing ISO standards.
- o Bay of Fundy Transportation Coalition: request made to Minister of ACOA for representation on working group.
- o Business Retention and Expansion BRE: training sessions to learn best practices/approaches.
- o Retail Workshop: retail workshop scheduled for October 29th for Middleton/Lawrencetown.
- Women in Business: a workshop held onsite & a 'Women's Only Weekend planned' for Oct. 24th-26th.
- Saint John Initiative-Energy Opportunities: a delegation went to Saint John, NB for a session on energy development and application has been made for funding to hire a contract person to work on behalf of the four RDAs in southwester NS to assist companies to identify opportunities in energy to participate in energy development in Saint John area.
- o Marketing Plan: new website launched and a blogging workshop scheduled for October 29th.
- o Geomatics: the Manager of the Incubation Centre has been hired and next Tech Social is on Oct. 29th.
- o Tourism: two workshops (featuring Celes Davar) to be held the week of November 17th.
- o Biomass/Biofuel: the CBCL report stated there is more than adequate supply to support a pellet operation and additional follow up is taking place.
- Agriculture: Phases 1 and 2 (relating to mink farming) are being pursued.
- Other Activities: there are numerous active files.

MOTION 081021.24 Annapolis Digby Economic Dev. Agency: Managing Director's Report Councillor Vitiello moved, seconded by Councillor Anderson, that the Managing Director's Report for the Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency (from September 24th to October 23rd) be received for information. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Re: Springfield School Property-Remediation</u> – Councillor Connell noted the site should be remediated (the remaining basement foundation should be back-filled and covered) for the community, so that it could be given consideration as an asset rather than a liability; i.e. – having the potential to be used for the well-being of the community (such as a heli-pad location).

MOTION 081021.25 Springfield School Property - Remediation

Councillor Connell moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that the dangerous conditions (unsecured basement foundation) with respect to the former Springfield School Property be addressed immediately and the site be secured for the winter. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn for Public Hearing

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, that Council adjourn at 11:10 a.m. to conduct a public hearing relating to the Development Agreement Application of Loomers Pumping Services Ltd. in the East End Area municipal planning area. Council reconvened at 11:16 a.m. with all Councillors present as previously stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Re: East End Area Advisory MPS & LUB - Loomers' Pumping Service Development Agreement

MOTION 081021.26 East End Area MPS &LUB – Loomers' Pumping Service Dev. Agreement In accordance with the report of the Planner and the motions for recommendation of approval from the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee and the East End Area Advisory Committee and after holding a Public Hearing thereon; it was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Municipal Council enter into a development agreement with Marjorie Loomer, the registered property owner and Garnet Loomer, a Director of Loomers Pumping Services Limited, so as to permit the addition of a 50 foot by 50 foot addition to the existing non-conforming industrial use building located in the Highway Commercial (C-2) Zone. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation:

Re: Recognition of Service for Councillor Not Returning – On behalf of Municipal Council, Warden Newton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Councillor Phil Milo for his dedicated service as public servants to benefit residents in the County of Annapolis.

In-Camera Session

Pursuant to Section 22(1)(e), Council went in camera at 11:20 a.m. upon motion of Councillor McWade, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to discuss contract negotiations regarding lease space at the Lifeplex Mall, Cornwallis Park. Council reconvened into regular session at 11:40 a.m.

<u>Re: Lifeplex Mall, Cornwallis Park – Lease with R.G. Graves Groceries Ltd.</u> – A Request for Decision dated October 20th was submitted by the Director of Finance providing background information on options for vacant space at the Lifeplex Mall.

MOTION 081021.27 Lifeplex Mall: Contract Agreement with RG Graves Groceries Ltd. It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council approve the lease proposal from R.G. Graves Groceries Ltd. as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Council adjourned at 11:42 a.m. upon motion of Councillor McWade, seconded by Councillor Wilkins.

Warden	Municipal Clerk