

2024-06-18 Municipal Council

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George St. Annapolis Royal, NS.

ROLL CALL

- District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
- District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
- District 3 – Dustin Enslow, present
- District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present
- District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present
- District 6 – Alex Morrison, Warden, present
- District 7 – David Hudson, present
- District 8 – Michael Gunn, present
- District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
- District 10 – Brad Redden, Deputy Warden, present
- District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

Also Present: CAO Chris McNeill; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff, A. Anderson, L. Bent, D. Campbell, K. Kempton, N. McCormick, B. Olsen, D. Ryan, and Jim Young.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Connell disclosed an interest in item 5.18 SR2024-43 Community Grants Applications – Port George Regional Recreation Centre as he is the Chair of the committee.

Order of the Day

There was a request to add an item In-Camera in accordance with section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*.

To approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Minutes

Re: 2024-05-21 Regular Minutes

Approved, no errors or omissions.

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Re: SR2024-39 Appoint Development Officer Katharine August

Motion 240618.01 SR2024-39 Appoint Development Officer Katharine August

That Municipal Council appoint Katharine August as Development Officer for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to administer the Municipality’s Land Use Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaw.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-40 Application for Municipal Heritage Registration Whitman Cemetery

Motion 240618.02 Application for Municipal Heritage Registration Whitman Cemetery

To recommend that Municipal Council refer the Whitman Cemetery Heritage Property Application to the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) for review and consideration for recommendation to include in the Annapolis County Registry of Heritage Properties.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-41 Funding for Compost Cart Replacement 2022/23 Compost Cart Replacement

Motion 240618.03 SR2024-41 Funding for Compost Cart Replacement 2022/23 Compost Cart Replacement

To recommend that Municipal Council authorize that the 2022/23 compost cart replacement be funded from the operating reserve in the amount of \$18,949.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-41 Funding for Compost Cart Replacement 2023/24 Compost Cart Replacement

Motion 240618.04 SR2024-41 Funding for Compost Cart Replacement 2023/24 Compost Cart Replacement

To recommend that Municipal Council authorize that the 2023/24 compost cart replacement be funded from the operating reserve in the amount of \$28,056.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-42 New Cost-Shared Paving Program Portion Granville Street Bridgetown

Motion 240618.05 SR2024-42 New Cost-Shared Paving Program Portion Granville Street Bridgetown

That Municipal Council submit a 0.75-kilometre portion of Granville Street, Bridgetown, for re-paving under the new 5-year trunks and routes provincial re-paving program at an estimated cost of \$450,000.

Moved: Councillor Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities

Warden Morrison noted community groups make application for grants along with the assistance of staff. Applications are reviewed at Committee of the Whole, with opportunity for full discussion. Council will deal with recommendations from COTW in two groups: Community Grants Applications Community Facilities – Port George Regional Recreation Centre, and then one motion to approve the balance of Community Grants Applications Community Facilities applications as recommended.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Connell disclosed an interest in item 5.18 SR2024-43 Community Grants Applications – Port George Regional Recreation Centre as he is the Chair of the committee.

Councillor Connell left the room at 10:10 a.m. and did not participate in any discussion or consequent decision.

Re: SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Port George Regional Recreation Centre

Motion 240618.06 SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Port George Regional Recreation Centre

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Port George Regional Recreation Centre in the amount of \$5,000 to help support the installation of a heat pump, in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

Moved: Redden
 Seconded: Gunn
 Motion carried.

Councillor Connell returned at 10: 11 a.m.

Re: SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities

Motion 240618.07 SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications – Community Facilities

To approve the balance of Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities as recommended by Committee of the Whole on June 11th:

Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation	\$10,000
South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association	\$10,000
Three Rivers Community Centre	\$18,299.10
Annapolis Region Community Arts Council	\$5,000
Paradise Community Hall Association	\$10,000
Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena	\$8,000
Bridgetown Curling Club	\$5,000
Paradise Historical Society	\$20,000
Centrelea Community Club	\$10,000
Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society	\$20,000
Granville Ferry Community Association	\$11,032.65
Annapolis County Trails Society	\$10,000
Cottage Cove District Wharf Society	\$20,000
Clarence Community Club	\$5,000
The Wharf Rat Rally Motorcycle Association	\$2,500
Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse	\$2,500
Valley Doulas & Kings County Family Resource Centre	\$2,500
Clean Annapolis River Project Society	\$5,000
The Age Advantage Association	\$5,000

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
 Seconded: Councillor Gunn
 Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-44 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 107 Source Water Protection Advisory Committee - Amend

Motion 240618.08 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 107 Source Water Protection Advisory Committee - Amend

That Municipal Council amend Policy 107 Source Water Protection Advisory Committee, pursuant to seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-44 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee - Amend

Motion 240618.09 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee - Amend

That Municipal Council amend Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee in accordance with seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-44 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures – Amend

Motion 240618.10 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures – Amend

That Municipal Council amend Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings - Procedures pursuant to seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Deputy Warden Redden

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-45 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 120 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy - New

Motion 240618.11 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 120 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy - New

That Municipal Council approve Policy 120 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy in accordance with seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan

Seconded: Deputy Warden Redden

Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-45 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees - New

Motion 240618.12 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees - New

That Municipal Council approve Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees pursuant to seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-45 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 122 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees - Amend

Motion 240618.13 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 122 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees - Amend

That Municipal Council approve Policy 122 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees in accordance with seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Councillor Enslow
Seconded: Councillor Connell
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-46 AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy – Repeal

Motion 240618.14 AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy – Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy, pursuant to seven-day notice given on June 11th.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden
Seconded: Councillor Enslow
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-47 Bridgetown School Trust BRCS Award Payouts Bridgetown School Trust Payout to BRCS

Motion 240618.15 SR2024-47 Bridgetown School Trust BRCS Award Payouts Bridgetown School Trust Payout to BRCS

That Municipal Council authorize payment from the Bridgetown School Trust to the Bridgetown Regional Community School in the amount of \$8,893, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Hudson
Seconded: Councillor Enslow
Motion carried.

Re: SR2024-47 Bridgetown School Trust BRCS Award Payouts Bridgetown School Trust Payout for Scholarships/Awards

Motion 240618.16 SR2024-47 Bridgetown School Trust BRCS Award Payouts Bridgetown School Trust Payout for Scholarships/Awards

That Municipal Council authorize payment up to \$2,800 for scholarships/awards recipients upon attendance of post-secondary education, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Enslow
Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc
Motion carried.

Re: 2024-07-03 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - Habitation Community Planning Documents

Motion 240618.17 2024-07-03 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - Habitation Community Planning Documents

That Municipal Council call a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting for July 3, 2024, at 6 pm, at the Lower Granville Community Hall for consideration of the Habitation Community planning documents, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

Re: 2024-07-10 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - Upper Clements Area Planning Documents

Motion 240618.18 2024-07-10 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - Upper Clements Area Planning Documents

That Municipal Council call a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting for July 10, 2024, at 6 pm, at the Upper Clements Community Hall for consideration of the proposed Upper Clements planning documents, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Enslow

Motion carried.

New Business

Re: SR2024-48 Municipal Innovation Program Funding Application

Motion 240618.19 SR2024-48 Municipal Innovation Program Funding Application

That Municipal Council authorize an application, along with Town of Annapolis Royal and Town of Middleton, to the provincial Municipal Innovation Program for 75% funding for an Economic Development Coordinator position for a one-year term.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

Re: Annapolis County Community Spaces Inventory 2024 - Director of Community Development Debra Ryan provided a bound copy of the Annapolis County Community Spaces Inventory 2024, noting this is the final report, covering Annapolis County and the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton. It includes community halls, Lions halls, Royal Canadian Legions, fire halls, and more, documenting spaces in nearly 50 communities.

Re: 2023-2027 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan Year One Accountability Report – CAO McNeill noted that in September 2023, municipal council approved a 4-year strategic plan. We do a lot more than is in the plan, and this report provides accountability and shows our progress. Some items have not been started because it is a four-year plan, some are in progress, and some have been completed.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Good morning from District 1.

Since our last Regular Council meeting I have attended a number of meetings along with my fellow Councillors. In addition, I have spoken with a number of residents on a variety of issues.

Welcome to our fresh strawberry season with a variety of fresh, local berries available at a number of locations in our county. With this in mind, I would like to let everyone know that the Melvern Square United Baptist Church, located at 377 Stronach Mountain Road, will be holding their Bake Sale, BBQ, and Strawberry Shortcake Sale on Saturday, June 29th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Once again, the Melvern Square Community Centre will be holding a Canada Day Celebration on July 1st with a program similar to last year with the Children's Parade starting at the United Baptist Church at 11:15 and ending at the Community Centre. This will be followed by a BBQ and our famous soap-slide. I am pleased to announce that two new eateries will be opening in District 1 over the summer. Ed's Seafood Take-out and Dal's Counter Take-Away will both be located on Highway #1 in Wilmot. Best Wishes to both new businesses!

Finally, a reminder that schools will be closing next week. Congratulations to all graduates, students, parents, staff and bus drivers for all of their hard work over the past school year. I wish you all a safe and happy summer!

District 2 – Councillor Connell noted regular activities in District 2: Port George breakfast, on the first Sunday of the month, and Margaretsville breakfast on the first Saturday of the month until fall. Spurr Family facility in Wilmot has some of the first strawberries of the season in the valley. They have added entertainment and food trucks, for family-orientated activities. The Port George Jamboree has been cancelled this year because the Lions are supporting Rib Fest this year and it takes a lot of volunteers to organize an event of that size. This is a setback for Port George, and they will reevaluate for next year. The Port George Hall doing good since covid, with jam sessions back to pre-covid attendance.

District 3 – Councillor Enslow was pleased to be part of the delegation to FCM in Calgary, a phenomenal experience; the trade show and networking were great. Shout out to farmers market in Clarence with their annual opening this Sunday. Canada Day celebrations in Bridgetown and Port Lorne. First responders fundraising golf tournament this Saturday. Friday is the official start of summer, June 21st. check on neighbours during high-heat events. We have wonderful waterfront areas, visit them.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux noted, after much thought, he will not be reoffering for another term of council in October. He has enjoyed representing his constituents but has other priorities that now require his attention. Thank you for your support while on council and serving on committees.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted this is a busy month for students, teachers, and bus drivers. Be mindful. Congrats to all students finishing this school year, both graduating and those returning. Lots going on this month. Attended the Dugua exhibit in Lower Granville Hall, which has been well attended. Speakers and drumming were marvelous. Thanks to all who put in the hard work to make it happen. Coastal protection concerns continue to be a hot topic. Bayside Farms, Mackenzie Mt. Rd. has strawberries and other items, no spray. Camping, lodging, bunkies, cottages, RV, many options are available in District 5, waterfrontage on bay or river. Hard to name them all. this is Indigenous month, and on June 21st at Keji there will be a wonderful event. Fundraiser paint night for Cats for Keeps, following a sold-out turkey dinner fundraiser, will be hosted at Lunns Mill. Fundy Community Hall Shore

Road (Youngs Cove)- Friday night jams, bring a snack, also a yard sale there this weekend indoor and outdoor. Lower Granville Hall hosting a lobster dinner take aware on July 14th for the Port Royal lighthouse – they sold out last year, so get your tickets soon. Crow’s Nest in Hillsburn offers great seafood. July 3rd is the PAC public meeting at the Lower Granville Hall to review the Habitation plan. Check out the Annapolis County events guide for lots of activities in all districts.

District 6 – Warden Morrison noted citizens have been going outside and looking up – waiting for the ‘heat dome’. Fortunate in District 6 with a number of great parks: Upper Clements picnic park, trails and the new accessible trail will be used by many. Fundy View Park is so popular we’ll need to extend parking. Clementsport branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held a D-Day event to pay tribute to those who took part in D-Day, even though the Canadian Army had been fighting in Europe since 1943. The Royal Canadian Legion conducted a nation-wide search for veterans of D-Day, noting that only 13 were in attendance at the ceremony in France, and probably the last one with veterans present, as it is held every 5 years.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted a terrible accident a few weeks ago; a young girl lost her foot after being run over by a ride on tractor. Please keep an eye on children, especially very young children. Be diligent and supervise children. The big upcoming event in Bridgetown is BASH – held every 5 years – Bridgetown Area Summer Homecoming, from July 11-14. This is an excellent opportunity to get together, renew friendships, and reminisce. It includes July 11 Meet & Greet at Jubilee Park, July 12 Memorial Cup golf tournament at Eden, strongman, pickleball and family activities at the SportsHub, street bazaar on Rink Street, public swim at Centennial Pool, and a Dinner Theatre that night. July 13 PancakeBreakfast at the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department; and at Jubilee Park Annapolis Riverfest – a celebration of the Annapolis River. Evening of July 13th a beach party BASH dance at the arena. Should be a fun few days.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn (*as submitted*)

Happy Indigenous History Month to all.

This past month, I was busy meeting, speaking and emailing with constituents on a number of topics, including zoning and planning, the condition of Northfield Road and that it is being addressed by Public Works, Bear River water and waterfront, and - - a very interesting question - - how are Municipal tax dollars spent. This led to a great discussion, and I’ll be happy to share a recent pie graph received in the Municipal Financial Condition Indicator Report that shows the breakdown neatly.

I was happy to get out to the Clementsvale Spring Market, and was very pleased to see the new playground equipment installed. That was a big community effort, and congratulations are due to the volunteers and team that made it happen. I’m looking forward to their upcoming Canada Day celebrations at Forrester’s Hall between 1 and 4pm.

I’ve also been pleased to join the Firefighters and Volunteers of the Bear River Fire Department for breakfasts on the first Saturday of the month between 7 and 10am. It’s a great meal and a good time is always had by all. I am also looking forward to attending the upcoming Canada Day events that begin at noon and include live music and a supper at the legion. Supper starts at 5pm, so get your tickets early if you’re able to come out.

On a rather somber note, Maitland Bridge lost an incredible character and a dynamic volunteer in Roderick Ford. His contributions to his community hall will undoubtedly leave a gap that will be hard to fill, and I’m sorry I was out of Province and missed his service. And the community of Perrotte has lost

a son in the passing of Alan Trimper who was known clear across the County as accountant and problem solver for so many. My condolences to both these fine gentlemen's families and join their communities in recognizing what significant impacts they both have had on the lives of so many.

And finally, since June 21st is Indigenous People's Day in Canada, I am delighted to share that I'll be heading to Kejim'kujik to hear my granddaughter and her preschool class sing the Honour Song. Thank you to her teacher, Jennifer Lohnes-Freeman from Milford, for making this special event happen.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan sent out congratulations to all students. There is a concert at Nictaux Falls Park on July 3rd at 630. The Lions Antique Car Show is being rescheduled to August. Bingo on June 22nd at Nictaux fire hall.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden (*as submitted*)

At the Inglisville Community Hall, June 22nd, Strawberry Supper Eat-In or Take out, Runs from 4:30 to 6pm, \$12.50 for adults, \$5 for Youth.

Attended Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the unofficial overarching theme I took away was cooperation, cooperation between levels of government, between adjacent municipalities, and even many of the trade show delegates emphasized collaboration, be in modular housing or analytical tools.

What is now a local emergency in Calgary was a literal a figurative wakeup call about the many challenges of municipal infrastructure for municipalities across this country. It has also received an uncommon amount of media coverage allowing a rare insight into the complexity of these repairs. I encourage everyone to read about this event.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc noted that June is an exciting month – she added another grandson in Alberta this month, and June is where things change for young people, with an adventure that will change their lives, and may change minds a few times. This also changes dynamics of families, with leaving the nest. Wishes all well, from raising children to be able to step into adventure. Good luck to all. Enjoyed Dugua exhibit, very well presented, a showpiece of Nova Scotia history, and how friendship between the Mi'kmaq and French grew from the sharing of wealth, knowledge, etc. It was well attended. Thank you for having put this together. Phenomenal. Have a great summer.

Re: [Council Motion Tracking List](#) – circulated for information.

In-Camera

To meet in-camera from 11:12 a.m. until 12:33 p.m. in accordance with section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk