

**2024-04-16 Municipal Council  
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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 10:00a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS.

### **Roll Call**

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

**Also Present:** CAO Chris McNeill, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including D. Campbell, C. Mason, N. McCormick, B. Olsen, D. Ryan (10:25 a.m.), N. Whitman (10:17 a.m.), Jim Young; and 1 member of the public.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None

### **Order of the Day**

Request to add In-Camera under 22(2)(e) contract negotiations.

To approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Re: 2024-03-19 Regular Minutes

Approved with no errors or omissions.

### **Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2024-04-09**

SR2024-19 Policy 114 Council Remuneration New

#### **Motion 240416.01 SR2024-19 Policy 114 Council Remuneration New**

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 114 Council Remuneration*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Prout

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

SR2024-20 Tax Sale Surplus

**Motion 240416.02 SR2024-20 Tax Sale Surplus – Letter to Municipal Affairs**

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting that the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual (FRAM) be amended to reduce the length of time tax sale surplus funds are required to be held before transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund from 20 years to 8 years, or one year post tax sale, whichever is greatest, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Connell

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

SR2024-21 Policy 116 Council Meetings New

**Motion 240416.03 SR2024-21 Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures**

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures* as amended, NEW, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024. **(see attached)**

Moved: Councillor Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

SR2024-22 Appoint Development Officer

**Motion 240416.04 SR2024-22 Appoint Development Officer Darren Shupe**

That Municipal Council appoint Darren Shupe as a Development Officer for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to administer the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaw, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Barteaux

Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

SR2024-23 Policy 115 Pension New

**Motion 240416.05 SR2024-23 Policy 115 Pension New**

To recommend that Municipal Council approve *Policy 115 Pension*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Longmire

Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

SR2024-24 Repeal AM-1.4.9, AM-1.4.11 and AM-1.4.12 Policies

**Motion 240416.06 SR2024-24 Repeal AM-1.4.9, AM-1.4.11 and AM-1.4.12 Policies**

To recommend that Municipal Council repeal the following policies:

- *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy*
- *AM-1.4.11 Community Contributions Policy*
- *AM-1.4.12 Tax Exemption and Reduction Policy*

Pursuant to seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Hudson  
Seconded: Councillor Gunn  
Motion carried.

SR2024-25 Policy 111 Planning Advisory Committee New

**Motion 240416.07 SR2024-25 Policy 111 Planning Advisory Committee New**

To recommend that Municipal Council approve *Policy 111 Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice.

Moved: Councillor Gunn  
Seconded: Councillor Longmire  
Motion carried.

SR2024-26 Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee New

**Motion 240416.08 SR2024-26 Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee New**

To recommend that Municipal Council approve *Policy 112 Area Advisory Planning Committee Policy*, as amended, pursuant to seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024. **(see attached)**

Moved: Councillor Sheridan  
Seconded: Councillor Prout  
Motion carried.

SR2024-27 Policy 113 Public Participation New

**Motion 240416.09 SR2024-27 Policy 113 Public Participation New**

To recommend that Municipal Council approve *Policy 113 Public Participation Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024.

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

SR2024-28 Policy 110 Recreation and Culture Reserve Fund New

**Motion 240416.10 SR2024-28 Policy 110 Recreation and Culture Reserve Fund New**

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 110 Recreation and Culture Reserve Fund*, pursuant to seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024.

Moved: Councillor LeBlanc  
Seconded: Councillor Sheridan  
Motion carried.

2024-03-28 Policy 108 Medical Financial Assistance New

**Motion 240416.11 Policy 108 Medical Financial Assistance New**

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 108 Medical Financial Assistance*, as amended, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024. **(see attached)**

Moved: Councillor Prout  
Seconded: Councillor Connell  
Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Re: Warden's April Update**

#### **Re: IR 024-04-16 VWRM and KTA IMSA Board Report**

Redden added– since this report, there was another meeting last Wednesday and Valley Waste has signed a new contract with EFR for garbage collection for 6 + 1 years, at an increase of 18% beginning April 1, 2025.

#### **Re: SR2024-29 Bridgetown Dog Park Association Lease Agreement**

##### **Motion 240416.12 SR2024-29 Bridgetown Dog Park Association Lease Agreement**

That Municipal Council approve a three-year renewable lease agreement between the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Bridgetown Dog Park Association for the lease of a portion of PID 05149505 for a dog park.

Moved: Councillor Enslow

Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

## **Councillor Comments**

### ***District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)***

Welcome from District 1. Since our last Regular Council meeting I have attended a number of meetings including one with the Trans County Transportation Society, a Town Hall hosted by MP Chris D'Entremont, a meeting of the Police Advisory Board, along with the monthly meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch and last evenings meeting of the Fire Services Committee. In addition, I have spoken with a number of constituents on a variety of issues.

I would like to expand on a topic which I mentioned in last months' Comments concerning the number of businesses which are located in District1. From the Kings County line to the corner of Old Mill Road and Route 1 there are a number of businesses which offer a variety of goods and services to the public. In addition, there are a number of other businesses located on the "sideroads" off of Route 1 which also provide their services to any, and all, who stop by. I would encourage anyone who finds themselves travelling through District 1 to consider stopping to check out these many local shops and businesses. Finally, as we are approaching the planting season please be on the lookout for the many farm vehicles on our highways which are beginning the yearly process of preparing, and planting, the many fields for what will hopefully be a bountiful harvest later in the year. A reminder that our farmers are the ones who truly help to provide the food that feeds us all.

P.S. Happy Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***District 2 – Councillor Connell*** noted that the farm markets are starting to open and urged all to support local. On the first Saturday of every month is the Margaretsville Breakfast, and on the first Sunday you can have Breakfast in Port George. A private sector company, Solar Bank Corp is hosting a public meeting in Port George at 630, all welcome. He recently met with a local artist, whose carvings sell all over the world. We don't always realize the talented individuals that live in our county. He was proud of granddaughter, who went to Montreal with her swim team and came in 8<sup>th</sup> overall in Canada. We need to be proud of our people.

*District 3* – Councillor Enslow noted he was glad for a few days of sun, allowing things to dry out in farming country. Attended a lot of activities including: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RCN gala in Halifax; Lions Breakfast – next on 4<sup>th</sup> of May; working with citizens regarding Church Street and roads and interest in the five-year capital plan. There is a lot of support and excitement that we have a five-year plan. Volunteers – more and more activity with the coming Spring. Lots of work at the Visitor Information Centre located in Jubilee Park – volunteers are cleaning and revamping it for the upcoming tourist season.

Some upcoming meetings:

April 23 AGM for Friends of the Bridgetown Library at 1pm

AGM for Bridgetown and Area Chamber of Commerce, Junction 16 at 630

May 4 – Lions Breakfast

Next month various farmers markets will be opening – support them!

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux noted lots of movement around farming in District 4 with related spring activities. Watch for tractors on the road, be safe. Supporting community halls is important to help maintain them. Our County supports community halls to a great extent. There have been meetings around the county about recreation, physical and mental wellness. Important to support and promote. Remember with greening of the grass and mowing. Grass on the highway is very slippery – please be mindful and protect your neighbours. Get out, get healthy, get active.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire (as submitted)

Greetings from District 5

First, I would like to mention a very special lady who celebrated her 103rd birthday this past March. Doris Halliday, belated birthday wishes are coming your way today. This beautiful lady resides in her home in Hillsburn and is a force to reckon with.

This week is National Volunteer Week- April 14<sup>th</sup> through to the 20<sup>th</sup>. I am so proud to stand with the County and recognize these amazing, giving individuals. It is because of your generous spirit, along with your contributions to the community that continue to make a difference for all of us. This year's theme is 'Every Moment Matters'. It is just that. To make a difference it doesn't have to be big, sometimes it is just the simplest of gestures. Thank you, each and everyone of you for brightening our communities.

I have heard from many citizens in my district how pleased they were to receive their copy of the 2024 Community Events Guide. I personally would like to mention the cover of this guide recognizing the beautifully restored Schafner Point Lighthouse in Port Royal. If you haven't been, make it a destination to check out this coming Summer if you are in the area.

On Sunday, June 9 at 10 AM there will be a beginner cabin building workshop, at Margold Center for Arts and Education, Holistic Living and Bookstore. This workshop will be hosted by owners Russell and Maryna Floren at 514 Granville Road. If interested, you can follow Margold on Fb or visit Margold Books in Annapolis Royal and inquire on more information.

Bayside Farms is located at 1126 MacKenzie Mountain Rd., Litchfield (Shore Rd West) and is a wonderful place to stop and pick up fresh veggies (seasonal), frozen berries, all which are spray free. Bayside Farms offer everything from sweet potato, kale, celery, onion, along with their maple syrup, birch syrups, cold pressed juices and so much more. Shop local, it is so satisfying.

Tonight, April 16, 2024, 7-9 PM at the Lower Granville Hall 3551 Granville Rd Port Royal, our Annapolis County's Recreation Team Nancy Whitman and Kyle Garde will host an opportunity to come together, share ideas on recreation that will benefit all of our communities. There will be more dates to follow as they will be hosting at different venues throughout the County so catch a date and join in. Have a wonderful April.

*District 6 – Warden Morrison (as submitted)*

Frank and Dora's eat in/take out re-opens for the season on 19 Apr. It is located on highway 1 where Cornwallis Park meets Deep Brook

Like the cue? Pool at Clementsport Legion Wednesday evening

Cornwallis Park Community Breakfast Saturday May 11

Cornwallis Park Community Association lunch Saturday 27 April to honour community volunteers

Bell Canada service, display says "no line", resident called, two breaks in the actual line fixed in under an hour. Way to go Bell Canada!

Markets – year round on Wednesday afternoons at the Deep Brook Lions Hall.

*District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted that last week was spring cleanup in Bridgetown and areas. Amazed at the volume and quantity of things that are put out – and actually collected before the truck gets there.*

Turkey dinner April 10 West Dalhousie Community Hall – 2 servings 430 and 545.

There are two upcoming recreation meetings District 7, West Dalhousie Community Hall on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and in District 3 in Bridgetown on May 14<sup>th</sup>, both start at 7pm. Attend if you can to provide your feedback.

*District 8 – Councillor Gunn (as submitted)*

It's coming up on Earth Day, and I'm hoping everyone has given their garden some thought and preparation time.

I've had many meetings with constituents, namely about road conditions in the southern parts of the County towards Keji, identifying the necessary road repair and drainage ditching required.

Also met with constituents to talk about the importance of Community Halls, especially how young families need to get involved to help keep these much-needed resource centres afloat. One such community hall near my home is that in Upper Clements, and there will be a meeting the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> with an aim to engage more community participation at the hall. I hope local residents can take part to problem-solve and pitch in.

And speaking of Community Halls organizing events, the Milford and Community Association is hosting the famed Maplefest this Saturday at both 12 noon and 4pm. This is a fundraiser for the Hall, and features baked beans, ham, potato and green salads, pancakes, maple syrup, and pie. It's a great event, and I know it will be a big success, as it always is.

The Bear River and Area Health Fund is having a fundraiser on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Bear River Legion to help raise funds for the roof. This is a sausage and sauerkraut supper and promises to be a good one. Please come out to support this worthy cause.

I am enormously pleased to recognize the achievement of Clementsvale's Jeremy Sanford, who was selected by a committee here at the Municipality as our Provincial selection for Volunteer of the Year. Jeremy is incredibly active in a number of community groups, and namely with the Forrester's Hall in Clementsvale where he grew up and is raising his family. Congratulations Jeremy and thank you and all the volunteers who model civic mindedness and care for their communities.

Next, still on the topic of Civic Engagement, there is a Town Hall-style meeting in Digby on May the 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 6pm at the Legion. The topics are broad ranging, covering Municipal, Provincial and Federal issues, and all are welcome to discuss relevant topics.

I continue to hear from constituents concerned about the lack of recreational options in the western and southern reaches of the County, especially the need for swimming lessons for children. I encourage all to come out to the public meetings on Recreation for our County. In District 8, the meeting is on

Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Bear River Legion – that's 2 weeks from today. Of course, citizens are encouraged to attend any meeting they can, and those times/dates/locations are posted on the County website.

I am particularly excited about an upcoming information session concerning the new Bear River water system on April 23<sup>rd</sup> between 2 and 6pm. The meeting will take place at the Bear River Legion, and all are welcome to come and learn more about it. This has been in the works for a very long time, and I'm delighted that it's happening.

Thank you, and happy garden season. Get your seeds started!

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan thanked the Recreation team for the recent meeting held in Nictaux. The next Bingo at the fire hall is on April 27<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday mornings at the church hall, you can join for games and coffee. Yard sale season has started!

*District 10* – Deputy Warden Redden

Annapolis County Exhibition is August 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> featuring the River Side stage concert with Jess Moskaluke on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30pm. Lunn's Mill is hosting the Babes, Babes, Babes, Burlesque and Drag Tour, on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you are looking for something near Springfield, the East Dalhousie Community center has a full slate of activities, lunches, seed swaps, socials.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc also noted the spring clean up and how so many items are placed roadside and collected before the actual truck arrives. Earth day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>, lets all do what we can to preserve our earth. She has enjoyed seeing the pictures and write-ups about our volunteers. Everyone is a bonus to our County – they make it great. Congratulations to Jeremy Sanford on being selected as the County submission for Provincial Volunteer of the Year.

She recently attended a celebration for Mr. Arthur Uhlman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Three Rivers Community Centre. There were two attendees to note: One citizen that came was Mr. Uhlman's elementary school teacher who is now 102 years old; and another attendee is 103 – it was a great time of celebration. Three Rivers Community Centre has a lot of activities going on – check them out on Facebook. People are out and about doing more yard work and getting ready for gardens.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Re: RCMP Annapolis Detachment Annual Report - Staff Sgt Maxwell reviewed the report that was circulated in the agenda package, noting success with the stated priorities for last year, which were:

- traffic enforcement – more than the year before.
- property crime – number of complaints – fewer were received, but the solve rate was more than double the year before.
- comprehensive education – Sharon Elliott (Seniors Safety) and Adam Burns (Youth) lead this initiative. Both are extremely busy.

Re: Police Advisory Board – Chair Dane Berringer noted that the Police Advisory Board is the heart of community-based policing in Nova Scotia because it includes citizens, RCMP, and politicians working together. He noted that after public input, the four priorities set for the RCMP for this upcoming year are:

- intelligence-led policing
- reduction of property crime
- Road safety / impaired driving



- Police visibility and public engagement –

The Police Advisory Board encompasses the community and police working together. He thanked the Board, SSgt Maxwell, and Cpl. Hawkes, who all willingly participate.

**In-Camera**

To meet in-camera from 11:48 a.m. until 1:22 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 1:23 p.m.