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### MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS

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10:00 a.m. – Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal

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- 7. COUNCILLOR COMMENTS
- 35-43 8. Council Motion Tracking List (March, April, May)
  - 9. IN CAMERA
    - 9.1 In accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*
  - 10. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 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, absent

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

<u>Also Present</u>: CAO Chris McNeill; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff, L. Bent, D. Campbell, and 1 member of the public.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

### Order of the Day

Request to add two items <u>In-Camera</u> under 22(2)(c) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Request to add under New Business 6.2, IMSA (VW and KTA) Update

To approve the Order of the Day as amended.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

#### Minutes

Re: 2024-04-16 Regular Minutes
Approved, no errors or omissions.

### COMMITTEE of the WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

• Special Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2024-05-07

Re: SR2024-30 S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw Application – Tom's Cool Bus.

Motion 240521.01 SR2024-30 S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw Application – Tom's Cool Bus

That Municipal Council authorize the Clerk to issue a Vendor on Municipal Property permit for the 2024-25 fiscal year to Tom Marshall, for the operation of Tom's Cool Bus Canteen at the

Annapolis River Causeway Park in accordance with *S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw*, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Gunn

Seconded: Councillor Barteaux

Motion carried.

### Re: Policy 117 Fire Services Capital Funding - New

### Motion 240521.02 Policy 117 Fire Services Capital Funding New

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 117 Fire Services Capital Funding*, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 7, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

#### • Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2024-05-14

### Re: SR2024-31 Review Duplicate Road Names - Wilmot, Melvern Square

### Motion 240521.03 SR2024-31 Review Duplicate Road Names – Wilmot, Melvern Square

That Municipal Council initiate the road name review process to review the duplicate road name of Pleasant Street in Wilmot and Pleasant Street in Melvern Square, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Prout Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

### Re: SR2024-33 Community Solar Program

### Motion 240521.04 SR2024-33 Community Solar Program Letter of Support

That Municipal Council provide a letter of support to 4579183 Nova Scotia Limited in support of their application to the Province of Nova Scotia for a Community Solar Project on lands of PID #05060207, 196 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Annapolis County, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Longmire Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried, 9 in favour, 1 against.

### Re: SR2024-34 AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy – Repeal

### Motion 240521.05 SR2024-34 AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy*, in accordance with sevenday notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

#### Re: SR2024-34 AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy - Repeal

#### Motion 240521.06 SR2024-34 AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy*, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

### Re: AM-6.2.1 COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy – Repeal

### Motion 240521.07 SR2024-34 AM-6.2.1 COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-6.2.1 COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy*, in accordance with seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Sheridan

Motion carried.

### Re: SR2024-35 AM-1.4.10 AC Fire Services Association Grant Policy Repeal

### Motion 240521.08 SR2024-35 AM-1.4.10 AC Fire Services Association Grant Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-1.4.10* Annapolis County Fire Services Association Grant Policy, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Connell Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

### Re: SR2024-36 Policy 119 Inaugural Council Meeting New

#### Motion 240521.09 SR2024-36 Policy 119 Inaugural Council Meeting - New

That Municipal Council approve *Policy 119 Inaugural Council Meeting*, in accordance with sevenday notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

#### Re: SR2024-38 Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures Amend

## Motion 240521.10 SR2024-38 Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings Procedures - Amend

That Municipal Council amend *Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings Procedures*, to remove *Article 1 Inaugural Meeting* and renumber, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.

Moved: Councillor Sheridan Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

### Re: SR2024-37 Valley Waste Service Agreement Extension

#### Motion 240521.11 SR2024-37 Valley Waste Service Agreement Extension

That Municipal Council authorize staff to provide a notice of intention to Valley Waste-Resource Management on or before July 1, 2024, expressing that the Municipality wishes to extend or renew the service agreement beyond March 31, 2025, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Deputy Warden Redden Seconded: Councillor Gunn

Motion carried.

### Re: MTRI Woodlands for Wildlife Program (PID05101480 Hollow Mountain Road)

Motion 240521.12 MTRI Woodlands for Wildlife Program PID05101480 Hollow Mountain Road That Municipal Council enter into an agreement with Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute for part of PID05101480, Hollow Mountain Rad, for their Woodland for Wildlife program, provided the protection does not impact the future development of the remaining lands, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Gunn Seconded: Councillor Hudson

Motion carried.

### Re: Letter of Support for SOOF Request for Provincial Protected Sites

### Motion 240521.13 Letter of Support for SOOF Request for Provincial Protected Sites

That Municipal Council send a letter of support to Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) who are requesting Beals Brook and Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Areas to be designated by the province as protected sites, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Gunn Seconded: Councillor Prout

Motion carried.

#### Re: Ecological Forestry – Graywood

### Motion 240521.14 Ecological Forestry - Graywood

That Municipal Council recommend further develop the ecological forestry initiative on the Graywood location and neighbouring lots owned by the County, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Councillor Gunn Seconded: Councillor Connell

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

### Re: Warden's May Update

Warden Morrison added that he also attended the Fun Run on the past weekend for the Annapolis Royal Pool fundraiser, as well as a presentation at the library regarding the wives of Pierre DuGua de Mons and Samuel Champlain.

### Re: IMSA (VW and KTA) Update

Deputy Warden Redden reported that staff of IMSA Board are being encouraged to bring updates to councils, however, there are not yet enough details until likely their June meeting. Technically, the IMSA expires on July 12. (end of the funding). If things are ready before June, they will hold a special meeting. Then the information can be presented to the various councils.

### **Councillor Comments**

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

Good morning from District 1. I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Victoria Day weekend with family and friends.

Since our last Regular Council meeting, I have attended a number of meetings along with my fellow Councillors. In addition, I attended a meeting of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board, the May meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighborhood Watch, the county Recreation meeting at the Melvern Square Community Centre, the Police Day celebration at the Middleton Rotary Park, and, along with our Chairman of the Police Advisory Board (Dane Berringer), the Police Services Meeting in Liverpool last Friday. I also have spoken with a number of residents of Annapolis County on a variety of issues.

With the warmer weather now here activity in the County is on the rise. Our local farm markets often have their own greenhouses which are providing fresh local products to their businesses, along with other local produce which they have in stock. Please strongly consider buying local when you are out shopping, it will be a great benefit to our communities and to our county.

Finally, the largest outdoor flea market in the county, located in Wilmot, is now open on the weekends and is full of bargains to be found by those who drop in for a visit.

District 2 – Councillor Connell attended a few meetings such as Fire Services and the Recreation meeting held in Port George. The Port George Hall is hosting jams on Monday nights, which is going well. The northern lights were a big natural event on the shore, with lots of cars along the road to enjoy the view. Garden shops throughout the county are now open. Shop local. Farming is good so far this year, no complaints about mud on the roads. It is a farming community and there might be some mud on the roads. Be patient.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux noted he has attended lots of meetings taking care of county business, and council is very busy. Glad weather is warming up. Moschelle Hall is having their regular pancake breakfast May 25, 9-11. Card night on Thursday nights at 7pm.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire (as submitted)

Good Morning from District 5,

This month, I want to give a special shoutout to all the county employees who work tirelessly in our districts. From hosting meetings and approving permits to conducting inspections, managing water and sewer systems, facilitating projects, taking minutes, organizing recreation events, reporting to the council on concerns, cleaning up our parks, creating trails, receiving and reviewing grant applications, and so much more, your dedication does not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the citizens in District 5, I wish to thank each and every Annapolis County employee for their hard work.

- Healthcare Recruitment Conference Truro - I was fortunate to attend the Healthcare Recruitment and Retention Community Conference held in Truro on April 23 and 24. We all face common challenges, and coming together to address these challenges was a powerful exercise. The goal was to make the recruitment process smarter, provide support, and meet the needs of all parties. Our priority was unity in the community and newcomers' success.

- Spring NSFM Cape Breton Members of NS Municipalities gathered at the Spring NSFM at the beautiful Inverary Inn in Baddeck. Our guest speaker, Brad Gushue, delivered outstanding remarks that laid a solid foundation for the conference. His words often resonated with me: "Keep working hard, don't give in, and most importantly don't give up. Fight hard for what you believe in and be humble." Topics at the conference included:
- Reliable Cellular and Internet Services for NS Essential, especially in rural NS. The work is ongoing and close to connecting us all.
- Youth Engagement Summits in various communities highlighted the importance of listening to our youth, involving them in discussions, and recognizing their crucial role in our communities' futures. Including our newcomers is equally important.
- Coastal Protection Provincial commitment to providing a team of experts to aid municipalities in planning. I am always inspired by the opportunity to meet and discuss common concerns, see how others have solved challenges in their communities, and recognize the importance of collective voices and views. It is more than just time away from the office; it's a valuable opportunity to learn from others. I thank the County for the opportunity to attend these events.

#### District 6 - Warden Morrison

Looks forward to enhancement from an accessibility and standard use point of view for the parking space at Fundy View Park.

District 7 — Councillor Hudson Hopes all had a good Victoria Day weekend. He has attended many meetings including NSFM in Baddeck, a worthwhile conference. Unfortunately, the last day of the conference had to be cancelled because of an extended power outage.

Banking machine in Bridgetown, Bank of NS closing in November. Last week they announced they will install an ABM in Bridgetown. An ATM and ABM are basically the same. ATM is an American term, and ABM is Canadian term. The machines do the same things – either full service or simply cash dispensing machines. The location will be at Graves store and it will dispense cash, not a full service machine.

#### District 8 – Councillor Gunn (as submitted)

Good morning, and happy May. It's an especially reflective day today as it is the International day to recognize Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

This is particularly relevant in my district since the conversations I've had with constituents have included how to be heard and become better represented at the 3 levels of government.

Other communications have addressed the need for more recreation opportunities in District 8, the need for residents to support Community Halls, specific planning issues and bylaw restrictions, significant road issues, and employment.

April was a busy month for the many church and community halls to offer spring markets and fundraisers, and I'd like to recognize the many volunteers who are keeping these centres open and thriving for their residents.

I was also honoured to attend the Bear River Fire Department banquet that recognized the service of its many members, and to thank them for their commitment.

There was also a fundraising supper for the Bear River Health Centre that was well attended and a fabulous meal; and of course, the famed Maplefest of South Milford was an enormous success as always. I'm looking forward to the Forrester's Hall Spring Market in Clementsvale next Saturday, and hope it is also a well-attended event.

The Forestry Committee met twice and recommendations have been made to Council.

There was a steady flow of people to the meeting in Bear River about bringing water to the downtown core, and I would like to thank our staff for explaining the progress they have made and the upcoming plans. The community certainly appreciated the updates.

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and has given some thought to putting in a garden this year. It's looking like a great season for growing ahead of us.

#### District 9 - Councillor Sheridan

Nictaux playground group cleanup in Lorcan subdivision followed by a BBQ. The next Nictaux Fire Hall Bingo is May 25<sup>th</sup>.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Redden (as submitted)

Annapolis County Exhibition 50/50 Raffle is on, you can get you tickets online through the Exhibition Website or their Facebook page.

New Germany Farm market has started for the season, it runs on Fridays until October 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 2pm in the afternoon and continuing until 6pm.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc warm weather and people are out and about. Please be safe, wherever you are, watch for motorcycles, kids on bikes, on the waterways, roads and trails.

Turkey supper on Thursday at 3 rivers comm centre – 18\$ for full turkey supper. Pre order by today. Encourage all volunteers who run these events activities at our halls and centres. Check out their Facebook page – always something going on!

#### **IN-CAMERA**

To meet in-camera from 10:46 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(c) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Moved: Deputy Warden

Seconded: Councillor Longmire

Motion carried.

#### Amend the Order of the Day

To amend the Order of the Day to add Bear River Water Project Easement.

Moved Deputy Warden Redden

Seconded: Councillor LeBlanc

Motion carried.

Re: Bear River Water Project – Easement PID 30140537

### Motion 240521.15 Bear River Water Project Grant of Easement PID#30140537

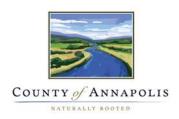
To authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Grant of Easement on PID 30140537between the Grantor and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis for the Bear River Water Project.

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

### <u>Adjournment</u>

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Warden	Municipal Clerk



## BOARDS and COMMITTEES Recommendations

### AdHoc, Standing, and Advisory Committees

**To:** Municipal Council

Meeting Date: June 18, 2024

**Prepared By:** Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young

**Subject:** Recommendations from 2024-06-11 Committee of the Whole

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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.

- **SR2024-40 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.
- 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.

• 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.

• 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.

• SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$10,000, to complete year five of five of a multi-year commitment in accordance with *Policy 101 Community Grants*.

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### • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association in the amount of \$10,000 to help support trail repair and maintenance in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Three Rivers Community Centre

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Three Rivers Community Centre in the amount of \$18,299.10 to help support the purchase and installation of a single-phase dishwasher in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Annapolis Region Community Arts Council

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council in the amount of \$5,000 to help support repairs to the ARTSPLACE Gallery located in Annapolis Royal in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Paradise Community Hall Association

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Paradise Community Hall Association in the amount \$10,000 to help support roof repairs to the building in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena in the amount of \$8,000 to help support upgrades to the ice plant and electrical entrance in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Bridgetown Curling Club

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Bridgetown Curling Club in the amount of \$5,000 to help support floor painting, new electrical control valve, and a jet ice water treatment system in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Paradise Historical Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Paradise Historical Society in the amount of \$20,000 to help purchase a vertical shaft unit to support the installation of a vertical accessible lift in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Centrelea Community Club

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Centrelea Community Club in the amount of \$10,000 to help support renovations to improve heating and electrical systems in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society in the amount of \$20,000 to help support renovations to public washrooms, main entrance and office areas in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

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### • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Granville Ferry Community Association

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Granville Ferry Community Association in the amount of \$11,032.65 to help support roof repair, water damage repairs, and new door for south entrance in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Annapolis County Trails Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Annapolis County Trails Society in the amount of \$10,000 to help support trail maintenance along sections of the Harvest Moon Trail in Annapolis County in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### • 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.

### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Cottage Cove District Wharf Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Cottage Cove District Wharf Society in the amount of \$20,000 to help support phase two of wharf repairs in Annapolis County in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### Re: SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Facilities Clarence Community Club

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Clarence Community Club in the amount of \$5,000 to help support the installation of heat pumps and pavilion upgrades, in accordance with Policy 101 Community rants.

## • SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Community Projects Wharf Rat Rally Motorcycle Association

That Municipal Council approve a grant to The Wharf Rat Rally Motorcycle Association in the amount of \$2,500 help with marketing costs for the annual Wharf Rat Rally, in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse in the amount of \$2,500 to help support the purchase of interpretive panels, in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Valley Doulas & Kings County Family Resource Centre

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Valley Doulas & Kings County Family Resource Centre in the amount of \$2,500 to help support post partum and support programs, in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

## SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications Clean Annapolis River Project Society

That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Clean Annapolis River Project Society in the amount of \$5,000 to help support the annual Annapolis River Festival, in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

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### SR2024-43 Policy 101 Community Grants Applications The Age Advantage Association

That Municipal Council approve a grant to The Age Advantage Association in the amount of \$5,000 to help support marketing costs for "MapAnnapolis", in accordance with Policy 101 Community Grants.

### • SR2024-44 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

### • SR2024-44 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

## • SR2024-44 Housekeeping Amendments Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings – Procedures – Amend

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### • SR2024-45Housekeeping 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.

### • SR2024-45Housekeeping 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

### • SR2024-45Housekeeping 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

### • SR2024-46 AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy - Repeal

That Municipal Council repeal *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy*, pursuant to sevenday notice given on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### • 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.

### 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.

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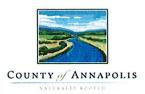
### • 2024-07-03 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - Habitation Community Planning Documents

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.

## • 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.

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### STAFF REPORT

Report To: Mui

Municipal Council

Meeting Date:

June 18, 2024

Prepared By:

Chris McNeill, Chief Administrative Officer

Report Number: SR2024-48

Municipal Innovation Program

**Application** 

Subject:

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL INNOVATION

**PROGRAM** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

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.

#### BACKGROUND

Municipal Innovation Program provides funding for regional cooperation projects to help the long-term sustainability of local governments. Municipalities and villages can apply for funding from the Municipal Innovation Program to support innovative approaches to regional collaboration.

The program funding must be used to create new or enhanced regional municipal services, improve municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities, or establish effective inter-municipal relations through joint and collaborative activities. Projects that include collaborating with multiple municipalities or have beneficial impacts for larger populations are given priority.

The Municipal Innovation Program may fund up to 75% of eligible costs of the project. Funding can be used for professional services work that supports the development of action plans and implementation plans, employment costs for a shared term position that builds capacity within participating municipalities to help achieve project outcomes, and costs for implementing project, including professional services (like legal services, land use planning and facilitation costs).

#### DISCUSSION

Annapolis County Inter-Municipal Working Group (ACIMWG) during its discussions on economic development several months ago recommended that the three municipalities involved apply to the Nova Scotia Minister of Economic Development to establish an Annapolis County REN. A letter of response was recently received denying this request.

As a follow-up to that decision, the ACIMWG have requested that the three municipalities apply to the NS Municipal Innovation Program for costing sharing for

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an economic development staff person for one-year with 75% of the cost being paid for by the province.

The application deadline was June 13, 2024, and our application has been submitted, but will not be processed until they receive a letter from Municipal Council approving its application to the program.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 57 (1) of the Municipal Government Act states that a municipality may

- (a) solicit and encourage the establishment and development of new, and the establishment, development and expansion of existing institutions, industries and businesses in and around the municipality;
- (b) publicize the advantages of the municipality or any part of the municipality and the surrounding areas as a location for the establishment and expansion of institutions, industries and businesses;
- (c) pay grants to a body corporate for the purpose of promoting the municipality or any part of the municipality and the surrounding areas as a location for institutions, industries and businesses;
- (d) prepare and disseminate information about the municipality or any part of the municipality and the surrounding areas for the assistance of institutions, industries and businesses intending to locate or expand in the municipality or the surrounding area.

Section 60(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality or a village may agree with one or more municipalities, villages, service commissions, the Government of the Province or of Canada or a department or agency of either of them or a band council pursuant to the Indian Act (Canada) to provide or administer municipal or village services.

#### **BUDGET IMPACTS**

It is expected that the position and associated expenses will be in the range of \$80,000 for the full year, with 75% of that or \$60,000 being requested from the province. The remainder of \$20,000 will be split between the three municipalities proportionally.

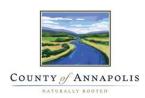
In the 2024-2025 operating budget, Council has set aside \$85,000 for economic development initiatives such as this so the funding is available without any need for a further funding ask.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

This approval will be sent to the Town of Annapolis Royal who are coordinating our joint application.

Prepared by:

Chris McNeill, Chief Administrative Officer



### INFORMATION REPORT

**Report To:** Municipal Council **Meeting Date:** June 18, 2024

**Prepared By:** Chris McNeill, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: 2023-2027 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan Year One

**Accountability Report** 

#### **BACKGROUND**

On September 19, 2023, Council reviewed and approved a 4-Year Strategic Priorities Plan that provided a clear direction to aid them in their day-to-day decision making, and to assist with developing long term capital and operating plans. While not a legislated requirement, the development and adoption of this plan was critical to providing staff with clear direction for their work and to allow them to see where their work fits in with the overall goals of other departments and the Municipality. Additionally, the work of local residents, businesses, and community groups is paramount to a strong complete community and the Municipality requires the support and work of these groups and individuals to assist in the implementation of this plan.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Over the past 9 months, municipal staff have been implementing the plan and the results of work to date are included in the attached 2023-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan Year One Accountability Report. The plan, along with actions completed as of May 31, 2024, are divided into five sections: investing in housing and housing infrastructure, investing in county-wide community facilities, investing in our people, and investing in partnerships and accountability.

The accountability report shows actions completed highlighted in green at 5, actions underway in yellow at 24, and priorities not yet started in white at 8.

The plan's goal is clearly about making strategic investments. The investments are far reaching from millions of dollars to be invested in water and sewer infrastructure to support more housing development faster, but also to support smaller community halls with backup generator power, and individual seniors with accessing more funding assistance from all four levels of government. As well, some of the investments are meant to support and advocate for better and fairer services for our community members.

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Accomplishing these investments takes time and energy from Council, staff, and the community. This first report is meant to show positive progress towards achieving these goals and strategic priorities, and to provide public accountability for its efforts. We must however remember; this is a four-year plan and not everything can be started or finished in year one or year two.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 9A of the *Municipal Government Act* states that the purposes of a municipality are to

- (a) provide good government;
- (b) provide services, facilities and other things that, in the opinion of the council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality; and
- (c) develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

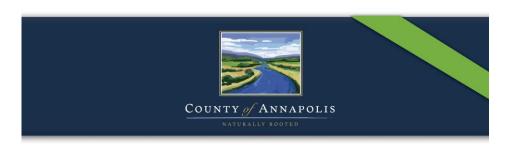
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Green – completed (5)

Yellow – underway and in progress (24)

White – no action taken to date (8)



# 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN YEAR ONE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 - INVESTING IN HOUSING AND HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE	
1. The Municipality will inventory all its available lands, as well as those privately owned, that can be easily serviced with municipal water and / or sewer services. This information will be made available on our website and shared with local and national developers and contractors. These communities could include Nictaux, Bridgetown, Lequille, Cornwallis Park, Granville Ferry, and Upper Clements.	This work is now in progress and will be available to potential developers and contractors in the fall of 2024.
2. To support the development of new housing throughout Annapolis County, the Municipality will develop a plan of extending water and / or sewer services in various communities with priority given to extending these services first to those areas which will see developers commit to building housing in those areas immediately. Bear River will be the first community in 2024.	Progress on this inventory is now underway and will be finalized in the spring of 2025.
3. Support builders, contractors, developers, residents, and businesses, who are willing to invest in Annapolis County today with new housing. We will guarantee a three-day turnaround time for all fully completed building permit applications 95% of the time and we will refund all building and development permit fees if construction is completed within 12 months of initial application.	This action is set to begin on April 1, 2025.
4. In the fall and winter of 2023-2024, the Municipality will develop a plan to consider the creation of a large-scale housing development on the lands of the former Upper Clements Theme Park (with mixed densities), which will require an investment in new modern roads, water, and sewer infrastructure. If developed, lots will be made available for sale to any person or developer willing to build new housing at a preferred sale price of \$30,000 per serviced lot, with 50% of the purchase price refunded after each house is completed. There is potential for up to 300 new housing units on this land.	The municipality carried out an appraisal of the lands in 2023.  Currently, a project manager is developing RFPs for two additional short studies and preparing preliminary property design layouts for public input.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
5. In the fall of 2024, the Municipality will make available to developers and builders detailed community demographic information and property data at no cost to assist with determining the local needs for housing and residents' ability to pay for various levels of housing in different communities throughout Annapolis County.	No action on this priority has taken place to date.
6. The Municipality will create a new 10-year Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for Annapolis County that will allow for accessory dwellings on all appropriately sized lots. This will allow more homeowners to create in-law suites, granny suites, and small housing options on their main home property without the need for a subdivision of lands or the purchase of more lands, while protecting the community character of our neighbourhoods. Additionally, the new plan will allow for more housing development and various types of housing development to be constructed with fewer restrictions and quicker approvals.	More than 30 community consultations took place and draft plans were brought forward to PAC for review. The plan was recommended to Council and sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. It was approved and is in effect as of April 23, 2024.
7. The Municipality will continue to work with potential private sector developers to advocate for the establishment of more long-term care, nursing home, residential care, and assisted living facilities in Annapolis County, to allow our residents to continue to reside in their own community closer to family and friends in their later years.	Staff are working with Mountains and Meadows on their new facility and met with MacLeod Group about their new long term care facility set to begin in 2028.
8. The Municipality will establish a Federal-Indigenous-Provincial-Municipal-Banking Housing Community Advisory Committee that will meet with interested builders and developers to review available funding programs, provide assistance with completing applications to access funding, and support developer and builder needs with financing options. This service will be available year-round throughout Annapolis County.	No action on this priority has taken place to date. The Municipality was hoping to advance this with funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund.
9. We will begin planning for a streamlined electronic permitting system which will allow for all permits in the future to be submitted on one form (now up to 8 different forms) and provide applicants with real-time access to the status of their application and electronic copies of all permits. It is planned that this new process will be in place in 2024-2025 pending budget approval and external technology support and availability.	No action on this priority has taken place to date. The Municipality was hoping to advance this with funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund.
10. We will work with Annapolis Basin Conference Centre and other non-profit and private sector developers in Cornwallis Park, and other areas, to upgrade, enhance, extend, or install the required public infrastructure such as water and sewer piping to allow for denser and quicker affordable housing.	Staff have met with several developers and were hoping to advance this with funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund.

	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE			
ST	STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 - INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE				
1.	We will plan for, design, and work with other levels of government, including Bear River First Nation, Municipality of the District of Digby, and the community of Bear River, to develop and install a new modern public water system in the core of Bear River, along with the ability for residential properties in the area to connect to the system at an estimated cost of \$2.6 million.	Designs completed, funding secured, public meetings held including with Board of Trade, indigenous consultation done, NS Public Works permits obtained, RFP developed and issued for 3 of 4 phases to date, property agreements being negotiated.  Phases 1-3 tender prices total \$1,960,000. Project should get underway in July 2024.			
2.	To provide better quality water, and to increase the current water system pressure, the Municipality will upgrade the water system along Highway 201 between Annapolis Royal and Cape Road (including Hillside Drive) in partnership with Town of Annapolis Royal, with new lines and boosters at an estimated cost of \$600,000.	Designs completed, funding secured, public meetings held, indigenous consultation done, NS Public Works permits obtained, RFP issued. The tender price, including materials purchased by the Municipality, totals \$600,000. Project was scheduled to get underway in May 2024, but is now delayed until the fall due to permit approval delays.			
3.	To ensure the long-term sustainability of the municipal water system in Granville Ferry, Annapolis Royal, and Lequille, the Municipality will first design, then construct a new water tower and water system in Granville Ferry to service the current customer base of about 500 properties, with future growth potential to double this number to more than 1000, at an estimated cost of \$6 million.	Preliminary design work has been completed with two potential options for a new water tower or refurbishment of the current one. The estimated price is \$4,500,000 for new and \$3,000,000 for a refurbishment. Consultant has begun working on detailed designs for a replacement tower.			

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4.	Loss of power is a regular occurrence and its negative impact on all our communities is widespread throughout Annapolis County. To support as many communities as possible, the Municipality will establish a community facility generator program with funding of up to \$2,500 for small facilities and up to \$5,000 for large or regional facilities. The funding can be stacked with other provincial or federal funding to help each community install generators at little to no cost.	Program guidelines have been completed along with the application form. Program is now being promoted and applications being accepted. Funds for the program were budgeted in 2024-2025.
5.	The County's east end has the greatest and soonest potential for new housing development. To advance these private sector developments, and to show our commitment to community growth in the east end of Annapolis County, the Municipality will contract for the creation of detailed water and sewer infrastructure design work in areas adjacent to Kings County like Meadowvale, Wilmot and Melvern Square; as well as those communities adjacent to Middleton such as Nictaux, to plan for future housing growth. And, where commitments are made for substantial new housing projects, to invest in the required infrastructure to support this new housing.	Staff are working with contracting engineers to develop designs and costs, including joint projects with Kings County at a cost of \$150,000. This report is expected to be presented to the Area Advisory Committee in the early fall of 2024.
6.	The former Upper Clements Theme Park has the potential to be developed into a large residential area with the recent acquisition of 64 acres of land. Council will contract for the preliminary design of this property, carry out public consultations to begin work on the development, and seek funding for a large-scale community project. This could include housing, commercial spaces, recreational lands, and other complimentary community uses.	The municipality carried out an appraisal of the lands in 2023.  Currently, a project manager is developing RFPs for two additional short studies and preparing preliminary property design layouts for public input.
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	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE			
ST	STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 - INVESTING IN COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES				
1.	Compiling a full inventory of all municipally owned and community-owned recreational properties and buildings across Annapolis County with a goal of determining where our current strengths are and what geographic areas of the County require more recreational investments.	This priority work is well underway and is expected to be completed in June 2024.			
2.	Completing a review of the Municipality's three current recreational grant programs to streamline community recreation grant funding into one simpler Community Recreation Grant Funding Program with increased funding opportunities in terms of both scope and funding amounts, a special focus on underserviced areas or communities with few current recreational opportunities in their own geographic area, as well as accessibility.	This grant policy review took place in the fall of 2023 which resulted in approval by Council of a new policy on October 17, 2023.  First applications have been accepted and first recommendations for approval will be brought to Council in June 2024.			
3.	Establishing a core standard of basic infrastructure facilities that should be available in the five core areas of Annapolis County (North, South, East, West and Central) for health, safety, and recreational purposes. After creating the core standard, public consultations in specified areas will take place to ensure developments are consistent with community expectations and future sustainability.	No action on this priority has taken place to date. This work cannot be started until after the recreation review is complete in the summer of 2024. After that time, this work will be completed in the winter of 2025.			
4.	Carry out a review of current and potential new active transportation routes for bicycles, pedestrians, and motorized and non-motorized vehicles. Develop a 10-year plan for the redevelopment of some current routes, and facilitate the process of developing new routes, ensuring accessibility for all. This will be done in conjunction with Nova Scotia Public Works, All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia, Annapolis County Trails Associations, Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton, Village of Lawrencetown, and private property owners.	No action on this priority has taken place to date. This priority area will be started after the completion of the Community Development department's 10-year recreation plan is finalized and plans can be established for this over the following 10 years.			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
5. During the re-development of all municipally owned public park areas, install Level 2 (or higher) electric vehicle charging stations at each facility beginning in 2024-2025, with a goal of multiple charging locations in each core area by 2029-2030.	The first electric vehicle charging station is scheduled to be installed in the downtown Bridgetown parking lot in June 2024. Other Level 2 charging stations will be implemented in 2025 and 2026.
6. Providing the highest quality recreational facilities in the Annapolis Valley through the annual investment of funding for municipally owned facilities and properties, as well as community-owned facilities, with investment preference given to those properties with smaller populations, fewer recreational opportunities, and increased accessibility.	This priority area is an ongoing strategy of investing more resources in staff, equipment and facilities which have started to take place in 2024 with more parks staff, more large investments in recreation facilities in Upper Clements and Nictaux, and more funding for regular facility maintenance, including accessibility improvements.
7. Continue to develop in-house staffing capacity to design, build, and maintain all community infrastructure, like trails and parks, to ensure future sustainability and accessibility of facilities while protecting against future substantial cost increases and unavailability of products, servicing, and labour.	This work is being given more focus now with increased staff training, new positions like a full-time carpenter, in-house pavement patching, and more focus on in-house engineering designs and planning.
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1.	The Municipality will undertake a fire services review through an external fire services expert to provide a full assessment of our 11 fire departments and the services they provide to determine if the Municipality is providing enough support and resources to them, and to look for ways for all partners to cooperate more fully to plan for the long-term success of these volunteers.	RFP for an external study was developed and issued and independent report was partially completed in December 2023.  Three meetings were held with 11 fire chiefs and a new operating and capital funding plan was approved and presented to fire chiefs in May 2024. A new fire capital fire reserve policy was also approved by Council on May 21, 2024. A new Fire and Emergency Services Policy is also currently being prepared.
2.	There are numerous funding programs available from all four levels of government for less fortunate or low-income families in our communities. We will hold open houses in different locations in Annapolis County to enroll more eligible residents in these programs so residents can keep more of their money. We will provide assistance with applying for municipal and provincial funding programs.	No action on this priority has taken place to date
3.	Our Municipality is successful when we have well trained and supported staff. To ensure we are able to provide the best possible services to residents and communities, we will implement a new organizational structure that focuses on providing better and timelier services to residents through investments in our staff and reducing red tape.	A comprehensive human resources review took place in the spring and summer of 2023. A new organizational structure was implemented that provides for a more responsive government.
4.	The greatest concern for the Municipality today is poverty. Annapolis County has one of the highest rates of poverty in the province and that is unacceptable. To lift families out of this dire situation requires a team effort. To begin this important work, the Municipality will establish an Anti-Poverty Working Group and extend invitations to various education, health, employment, housing, social services, and community leaders to the table to develop a Community Action Plan.	No action on this priority has taken place to date

	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
5.	Health care is a universal right, and it needs to be free. Sadly, some health care facilities in Nova Scotia discriminate against residents by charging a parking fee, while many other health care facilities enjoy free parking. Annapolis County residents must pay to access Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Middleton and Annapolis Community Health Centre in Annapolis Royal. We will advocate for free parking at all health care facilities in Nova Scotia, including Annapolis County.	Letter was sent to Minister of Health on October 22, 2023, asking that parking fees be removed at all public heath care facilities. Reply letter said no.  A follow-up letter was sent on January 5, 2024, asking Minister to at least charge the same parking rate to everyone. Reply letter said no.
6.	Recognition is important. Outstanding recognition is vitally important to bestow on deserving individuals as it highlights the strong community that individuals came from, currently contribute to, or live in. For that reason, we will establish Nova Scotia's first municipal order, the Order of Annapolis County, to exist alongside the Order of Canada and Order of Nova Scotia.	Draft program has been developed but not yet proofed or reviewed internally. This will be completed during the fall of 2024 and rolled out publicly in the spring of 2025.
7.	Emergencies are becoming more commonplace and learning about what is happening and what residents need to do to stay safe has been challenging. To help those most vulnerable, we will pilot a landline, texting, cell phone, and email alerting system where people will be able to register for real time alerts.	Research into potential software and program options was completed and an application was selected and budgeted for in 2024-2025. The app has now been tested and is up and running. Lots of promotion will take place this summer to try to get everyone to register with over 700 registered to date.
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	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
ST	RATEGIC PRIORITY 5 - INVESTING IN PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
1.	We will facilitate the establishment of an Inter-Municipal Working Group including the Town of Annapolis Royal and Town of Middleton to review current working relationships and agreements. This will be done with a goal of working closer together through sharing of staff and resources, streamlining or eliminating unnecessary agreements, and looking for ways to support more efficient infrastructure, programs, and services for all residents of Annapolis County.	Terms of Reference for Committee were developed and approved by all three municipalities. About a dozen inter-municipal meetings have taken place to date with another dozen scheduled for 2024. A new positive relationship has developed with new joint initiatives already underway.
2.	To work with our neighbouring municipalities to maximize efficiencies in the delivery of similar services. We will strengthen and re-build our relationship with all municipalities in Annapolis Valley and work towards a single, unified solid waste management system with Valley Waste, and continue to support the important work that Kings Transit provides to our residents.	New agreement entered into in fall of 2023 for 15 months for solid waste. Discussions are currently underway to consider entering into a further 7-year solid waste contract and to consider reentering Valley Waste as an equity partner.
3.	Moving forward, we will consider greater investments in economic development and will contemplate joining Valley Regional Enterprise Network (Valley REN) to work more diligently and cooperatively with our business community throughout the Annapolis Valley, especially the Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce, to better support our current businesses by leveraging more business retention and expansion support, along with increased marketing efforts.	Discussions have taken place with two towns and proposal created to create an Annapolis County REN. Letter has been sent to the Minister of Economic Development with no response to date. If REN is not approved, we will consider joint economic department with two towns.
4.	We recognize that Annapolis County is very large geographically and it is not easy for some to access services at our office in Annapolis Royal. We will therefore endeavour to establish a part-time satellite office in Middleton to better service the needs of our residents in the east end of Annapolis County.	Space has been located and negotiations and plans are underway to establish an office in Middleton in late summer of 2024.

	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ACTION TO DATE
5.	Climate change and sustainability are important, and we need to do more. We will develop a plan for how the Municipality plans to address its own carbon footprint and consider such things as the use of more renewable energy, converting our vehicle fleet away from diesel to more environmentally responsible fuels, advocating for more protection of our old forests, and develop policies that will reduce or eliminate unnecessary negative impacts on the environment.	A new committee including citizen members has been established to update our 2013 Climate Change Action Plan. Funding has been received to develop a joint plan as well with the two towns.  The Committee is working on benchmarking baseline data for wastewater facilities, buildings, and vehicles, and will be developing a plan for action thereafter.
6.	To improve our financial accounting and reporting, we will re-constitute our Municipal Audit Committee with more community representatives, provide a more detailed Terms of Reference and scope, and we will provide more regular updates to the community on our financial status.	A new audit committee terms of reference were developed and approved by Council on November 21, 2023. First meeting of new committee is scheduled for June 17, 2024.
7.	Accessibility for all must be commonplace moving forward and not seen as an add-on or extra cost. We will continue to promote and advance the requirements for this with community groups and businesses by providing financial support and advice when possible and be a leader in improving all municipality-owned facilities so more residents can access them without barriers.	Accessibility is now a regular discussion for all facility and program planning. In the past year, Tidal Beach Park, Bridgetown Parking lot, Sports Hub, and Jubilee Park all had accessibility upgrades. In 2024-2025, Upper Clements Trails and Nictaux playground will see accessibility upgrades. Also, a summer student focused on accessibility will be hired. As well, a new, more accessible, website is being developed.



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Month Requested	Staff Report Number	Description	Council Approval	Follow-up Expected
	SR2023-71	East End Servicing Study That Municipal Council authorize an additional \$97,218 in funding from county water and sewer reserves for the expanded scope of the East End Servicing Study, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 230919.09	To be completed March 31, 2024
September 2023	SR2023-18(2)	Fire Services Review That Municipal Council authorize an additional \$14,000 in funding as an unfunded liability for the awarding of the Fire Services Review contract, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 230919.11	To be Completed December 2023
December 2023	SR2023-87	Municipal Capital Growth Fund Submission Bear River That Municipal Council support the submission of an application to the Municipal Capital Growth Fund in the amount of \$1,704,000 for 50% of the construction phase of the Bear River Water System Project, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 231219.03	In progress
February 2024	Audit Committee	Policy 104 Audit Committee Appointments  That municipal council appoint the following three citizen members to the Audit Committee, Erich Beifuss, Alexander Robert Cowan, and Melony Robinson, for a term ending November 30, 2024; and that municipal council appoint the following three councillors to the Audit Committee, for a term ending October 31, 2024, Deputy Warden Brad Redden, and Councillors Dustin Enslow and Wendy Sheridan.	Motion 240220.13	Orientation pending 1st meeting June 17
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.12	Pending signatures
May 2024		MTRI Woodlands for Wildlife Program PID05101480 Hollow Mountain Road That Municipal Council enter into an agreement with Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute for part of PID05101480, Hollow Mountain Rad, for their Woodland for Wildlife program, provided the protection does not impact the future development of the remaining lands, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 240521.12	In progress

May 2024	Ecological Forestry - Graywood	Motion	In progress
	That Municipal Council recommend further develop the ecological forestry initiative on the Graywood location and neighbouring lots owned by the County, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	240521.14	
May 2024	Bear River Water Project Grant of Easement PID#30140537  To authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Grant of Easement on PID 30140537 between the Grantor and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis for the Bear River Water Project.	Motion 240521.15	In progress

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Month Requested	Staff Report #	Description		Date Complete
March 2024	SR2024-114	Policy 109 Tax Exemption and Reduction NEW  That Municipal Council approve Policy 109 Tax Exemption and Reduction, pursuant to seven-day notice given on March 12, 2024.	Motion 240319.01	complete
March 2024	SR2024-15	Derelict Vehicle Collection Program  That Municipal Council approve the Derelict Vehicle Collection Program for a three-year term (2024-2025 to 2026-2027) with an option for the County of Annapolis to extend the Program for an additional two years.	Motion 240319.02	Complete
March 2024	SR2024-04(3)	Community Grants Upper Clements and District Community Hall Association  That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Upper Clements and District Community Hall Association in the amount of \$1,200 to support roof repairs to the hall in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program.	Motion 240319.03	Complete
March 2024	SR2024-04(3)	Community Grants Fundy Folk Association  That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Fundy Folk Association in the amount of \$5,000 to help support the Evergreen Theatre Stage Lighting Replacement Project in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Small Project Matching Grants.	Motion 240319.04	Complete
March 2024	SR2024-04(3)	Community Grants Round Hill and District Recreation Commission  That Municipal Council approve a grant to the Round Hill and District Recreation Commission in the amount of \$16,679.87 to support building repairs and upgrades to the Bishop Park recreation facility in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Large Capital Pledge Grant.	Motion 240319.04	complete
March 2024	SR2024-16	Bridgetown Dog Park  That Municipal Council enter into a three-year lease agreement with Bridgetown Dog Park Association for the lease of PID# 05149505; Bridgetown, to allow for the creation of a dog park.	Motion 240319.06	complete

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March 2024	PRR Committee	Policy 108 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance That Municipal Council send Policy 108 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Policy back to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (Adhoc) for further review.	Motion 240319.07	Complete at Apri COTW
March 2024	PRR Committee	Mandate of Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (Ad Hoc) That Municipal Council confirm that the mandate for the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee includes supporting community recruitment and retention activities such as community navigators and welcomers.	Motion 240319.08	complete
March 2024	SR2024-14	M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw – Final Reading That Municipal Council give Final Reading to approve the new M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw, in accordance with First Reading given on February 20, 2024.	Motion 2403- 19.09	Complete
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Operating Budget That Municipal Council approve the draft 2024-2025 operating budget reflecting revenues of \$25,789,443, expenditures of \$25,786,839, and a residual surplus of \$2,603.	Motion 240319.10	complete
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Tax Base Rate  That Municipal Council approve a 2024-2025 operating budget taxation base rate for all residential and resource assessments of 1.025 per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial tax rate of \$1.80 per \$100 of assessment for all commercial assessments.	Motion 240319.11	complete
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Bridgetown Area Rate That Municipal Council approve a 2024-2025 operating budget taxation area rate for all residential and resource assessments in Bridgetown of 45.31 cents per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial taxation area rate in Bridgetown of 74.13 cents per \$100 of assessment, and a taxation area rate for all properties in Assessment District 12 (Lawrencetown) of the amount to be approved by the Lawrencetown Village Commission.	Motion 240319.12	complete
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Fire Hydrant Area Rates  That Municipal Council approve fire hydrant taxation rates for the 2024-2025 fiscal year based on \$100 of assessment:  - Margaretsville District 2 18.69 cents	Motion 240319.13	complete

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		- Inglewood District 3 18.90 cents		
		- Granville Ferry Districts 4&5 17.05 cents		
		- Carleton Corner District 7 15.40 cents		
		- Church Road District 3 14.43 cents		
		- Middleton Districts 2&10 19.34 cents		
		- Cornwallis Park District 6 22.82 cents		
		- Bridgetown Districts 3&7 30.68 cents		
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Streetlight Area Rate	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council approve a 2024-2025 operating budget taxation	240319.14	
		area rate for all assessment accounts of 3.67 cents per \$100 of		
		assessment, for the provision of streetlights county-wide.		
March 2024	SR2024-17	Fire Area Rates	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council approve fire taxation rates for the 2024-2025	240319.15	
		fiscal year as follows based on \$100 of assessment:		
		- Kingston Fire Districts 1&11 amount authorized		
		by Kingston Fire Commission		
		- Fire Capital All Districts 6.11 cents		
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Paving Area Rates	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council approve street paving taxation rates for the	240319.16	
		2024-2025 fiscal year as follows based on \$100 of assessment:		
		- Chipman/Baxter District 9 5.38 cents		
		- Cameron Drive District 1 2.26 cents		
		- Brookside/Pine Grove District 1 5.57 cents		
		- Bradley Street District 1 3.75 cents		
		And that Ward Estates, District 11, be charged a lump sum		
		amount of \$373.65 in lieu of a taxation rate.		
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024 Tax Due Date and Interest	Motion 240319-	complete
		That Municipal Council approve the due date for taxes of June 30, 2024,	17	
		and that all rates and taxes remaining outstanding after this date be		
		subject to interest at a rate of 12% per year, compounded monthly.		
March 2024	SR2024-17	2024-2025 Sewer Rates	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council approve a sewer rate for all publicly connected	240319.18	
		sewer system customers outside Bridgetown of \$609.28 per year; and a		
		base rate of \$23.98 per quarter and a usage charge of \$2.19 per cubic		

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		metre for all publicly connected sewer system customers within Bridgetown.		
March 2024	SR2024-17	5-Year Capital Investment Plan That Municipal Council approve the draft 5-year Capital Investment Plan reflecting financial investments over 5 years of \$75,557,819, and a 2024-2025 capital investment of \$8,857,819.	Motion 240319.19	complete
March 2024	SR2024-17	3-Year Water Utility Operating Budget That Municipal Council approve the draft three-year Water Utility Operating Budgets for Bridgetown and Annapolis County reflecting operating revenues in 2024-2025 of \$722,859 for Bridgetown and \$1,055,186 for Annapolis County.	Motion 240319.20	complete
March 2024	SR2024-18	Letter to Minister of Justice – 3 Officers  That Municipal Council send a letter to Nova Scotia Minister of Justice requesting an increase of three (3) RCMP officers assigned directly to the Annapolis County Detachment, effective April 1, 2024.	Motion 240319.21	complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.01	Complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.02	Complete
April 2024	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	Motion 240416.03	Complete
April 2024	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	Motion 240416.04	Complete

		the Municipality's Land Use Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaw, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.		
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.05	Complete
April 2024	SR2024-23	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.	Motion 240416.06	Complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.07	Complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.08	Complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.09	Complete
April 2024	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.	Motion 240416.10	Complete
April 2024		Policy 108 Medical Financial Assistance New That Municipal Council approve <i>Policy 108 Medical Financial Assistance</i> , as amended, in accordance with seven-day notice given on April 9, 2024	Motion 240416.11	Complete

May 2024	SR2024-30	Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw Application – Tom's Cool Bus  That Municipal Council authorize the Clerk to issue a Vendor on Municipal Property permit for the 2024-25 fiscal year to Tom Marshall, for the operation of Tom's Cool Bus Canteen at the Annapolis River Causeway Park in accordance with S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee	Motion 240521.01	Complete
May 2024		of the Whole.  Policy 117 Fire Services Capital Funding New  That Municipal Council approve Policy 117 Fire Services Capital Funding, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 7, 2024.	Motion 240521.02	complete
May 2024	SR2024-31	Review Duplicate Road Names – Wilmot, Melvern Square  That Municipal Council initiate the road name review process to review the duplicate road name of Pleasant Street in Wilmot and Pleasant Street in Melvern Square, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 240521.03	complete
May 2024	SR2024-33	Community Solar Program Letter of Support  That Municipal Council provide a letter of support to 4579183 Nova Scotia Limited in support of their application to the Province of Nova Scotia for a Community Solar Project on lands of PID #05060207, 196 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Annapolis County, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 240521.04	complete
May 2024	SR2024-34	AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy - Repeal That Municipal Council repeal AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, in accordance with seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.	Motion 240521.05	complete
May 2024	SR2024-34	AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy - Repeal  That Municipal Council repeal AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Response Policy, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.	Motion 240521.06	Complete
May 2024	SR2024-34	AM-6.2.1 COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy - Repeal  That Municipal Council repeal AM-6.2.1 COVID-19 Property Tax  Financing Program Policy, in accordance with seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.	Motion 240521.07	Complete

May 2024	SR2024-35	AM-1.4.10 AC Fire Services Association Grant Policy - Repeal	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council repeal AM-1.4.10 Annapolis County Fire Services Association Grant Policy, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.	240521.08	
May 2024	SR2024-36	Policy 119 Inaugural Council Meeting - New	Motion	complete
		That Municipal Council approve <i>Policy 119 Inaugural Council Meeting</i> , in accordance with seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.	240521.09	
May 2024	SR2024-38	Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings Procedures - Amend	Motion 240521.10	complete
		That Municipal Council amend <i>Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meetings Procedures</i> , to remove <i>Article 1 Inaugural Meeting</i> and renumber, pursuant to seven-day notice given on May 14, 2024.		
May 2024	SR2024-37	Valley Waste Service Agreement Extension  That Municipal Council authorize staff to provide a notice of intention to Valley Waste-Resource Management on or before July 1, 2024, expressing that the Municipality wishes to extend or renew the service agreement beyond March 31, 2025, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 240521.11	complete
May 2024		Letter of Support for SOOF Request for Provincial Protected Sites  That Municipal Council send a letter of support to Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) who are requesting Beals Brook and Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Areas to be designated by the province as protected sites, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.	Motion 240521.13	complete