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## GENERAL

1. This policy is entitled “*Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees Policy.*”

## AUTHORITY FOR POLICY

2. Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 44, 200 and 345 *Municipal Government Act*, as amended

## DEFINITIONS

3. Unless otherwise defined below, terms used in this policy shall have the same meanings as those defined in the *Municipal Government Act*.
  - 3.1 **Term of Appointment** – Except to the extent that the term of appointment is otherwise determined by statute, bylaw, policy or resolution, citizen members shall be appointed for two (2) years with the term commencing in December following each municipal general election or bi-annual election anniversary. Except as otherwise provided in this policy, no appointment shall cease until such time as a successor is appointed.

## PROVISIONS

4. From time to time Municipal Council may establish an Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee as deemed necessary and advisable to provide input on matters of timely consideration.
5. Such a committee shall be for a limited time period as per its mandate determined by Municipal Council.
6. Except as otherwise determined by statute, bylaw or policy, every person shall be eligible to be appointed as a citizen member of an Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee who meets the qualifications of *Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees*.
7. Membership criteria may vary at the discretion of Council. (*Section 26 MGA*).
8. Ad hoc citizen advisory committees shall not be entitled to remuneration but will be reimbursed for travel expenses for up to two meetings per month at such rate as may be prescribed by municipal council in *AM-1.8.1 Travel and Expenses Policy*.
9. Municipal Council may replace at any time committee members who resign or who, in Council’s opinion, are unable or unwilling to discharge their duties.
10. Except to the extent that the chair is otherwise determined by statute, bylaw or policy, municipal council may appoint a person to serve as chair of the committee, after seeking the advice of the Nominating Committee.
11. If Municipal Council does not appoint a chair, the committee shall elect a chair from one of its members.

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12. The chair shall be entitled to speak and to vote on any motion. Subject to the other provisions of this policy, the chair shall have the same powers and responsibilities at committee meetings that are conferred upon the chair at municipal council meetings pursuant to *Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meeting Procedures*, with any necessary modifications for context.
13. Except to the extent that the secretary is otherwise determined by bylaw or policy, the Chief Administrative Officer or his / her designate may appoint an employee of the County to serve as Secretary, with a voice but no vote.
14. If the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate does not appoint a secretary, the committee shall elect a secretary from one of its members, in which event the Secretary shall be a full voting member of the committee.
15. The secretary shall keep minutes of the committee meetings and ensure that the Municipal Clerk is provided with a signed copy of all approved minutes which are signed by the chairperson and recording secretary.
16. The committee shall meet at such time and place which it sets at a preceding meeting or at such other time and place as the Municipal Council, the Committee's Secretary, the Committee's Chair or a quorum of committee members may set by providing notice of meeting to all committee members at least 5 business days in advance.
17. The Secretary shall provide notice of meetings to the public by posting a "Notice of Committee Meeting" containing the time, date and place at the Administration Office in Annapolis Royal and the Planning Office in Lawrencetown.
18. Subject to any resolution of municipal council, the resources which may be utilized by the committee include:
  - (1) advice and support of the Chief Administrative Officer OR the Municipal Clerk or his or her designate;
  - (2) use of the county's facilities and supplies for meetings, arranged through the Secretary or the Municipal Clerk;
  - (3) such other resources as may reasonably be required, by arrangement through the CAO.
19. All meetings minutes, and records of the committee shall be open to the public except as expressly authorized by law.
20. The committee may meet in closed session to discuss matters relating to:
  - acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property;
  - setting a minimum price to be accepted by the municipality at a tax sale;
  - personnel matters;
  - labour relations;



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**Approved September 2020**

**Amendments**

**April 2021**

Deleted section 22:

*22. A quorum of the committee shall be the same as that which applies to municipal council pursuant to provincial legislation, with any necessary changes for context.*

and replaced with the following:

*22. A quorum of the committee shall be a majority (more than half) of the members appointed by Municipal Council at the time the meeting occurred.*

**June 2024**

**Approved Policy 122 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees**

**Changes from previous policy (AM-1.3.6.1 Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committees Policy)**

In Section 6:

Except as otherwise determined by statute, bylaw or policy, every person shall be ~~qualified~~ **eligible** to be appointed as a citizen member of an Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee who meets the qualifications of ~~Sub-section 4.3 in AM-1.3.4~~ **Policy 121 Citizen Appointments to Committees Policy**.

In Section 12:

The chair shall be entitled to speak and to vote on any motion. Subject to the other provisions of this policy, the chair shall have the same powers and responsibilities at committee meetings that are conferred upon the chair at municipal council meetings pursuant to ~~AM-1.2.0 Council Meetings and Proceedings~~ **Policy 116 Committees of Council and Council Meeting Procedures**, with any necessary modifications for context.

In Section 26:

Subject to the other provisions of this policy, the rules of procedure, conduct and debate pursuant to ~~AM-1.2.0 Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy~~ **116 Committees of Council and Council Meeting Procedures** apply at committee meetings with any necessary modifications for context, except that no notices of reconsideration shall be permitted at committee meetings.