

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the regular session of **Municipal Council** held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 10:07 a.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Present: Warden Timothy Habinski, Deputy Warden Martha Roberts; Councillors John A MacDonald, Wayne Fowler, Burt McNeil, Gregory Heming, Alex Morrison, Michael J Gunn, Wendy Sheridan, and Diane LeBlanc.

Absent: Councillor Marilyn Wilkins

Also

Present: CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff.

Additions to the Agenda *(to end of Agenda)*

Requests were made for the following items to be added to the agenda: under In-Camera, 4(B) *Municipal Government Act* Sections 22(2) (c) personnel and (f) litigation or potential litigation; and under Additions/Deletions 11(A) Kings Transit, (B) Bear River Water Update, (C) Letter of Acknowledgement for RFD Grant Application for Lawrencetown Youth Arena, and (D) RFD Bridgetown Arena. A request was made to address item 8A before in-camera.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion of Councillor LeBlanc and Deputy Warden Roberts, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

MOTION 190115.01 Minutes – Special Session 2018-12-14

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that the minutes of the special session held on December 14, 2018 be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 190115.02 Minutes – Regular Session 2018-12-18

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the minutes of the regular session held on December 18, 2018, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 190115.03 Minutes – Special Session 2019-01-03

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that the minutes of the special session held on January 3, 2019, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Re: Lawrencetown Village Commission – Mr. Brian Reid, Chair of the Lawrencetown Village Commission, had been invited to clarify intent of letter dated 28 December 2018 regarding implications that the County had requested the Village to provide fuel funding to the fire service which had not been adequate, and that the County is obligated somehow. Village has total control over their discretionary spending.

Mr. Reid clarified that he had informed the fire service that the Village would be getting out of the fuel business, but would keep the tanks open until the fire service had time to adjust their budget with the county. Nobody on the village commission remembered how it originally came about, but feel it needs to

come out of the fire rate that the villagers are paying already. Staff noted that the fire rate only funds capital, not operating. It was also noted that all other fire departments pay for their own fuel.

Warden Habinski thanked Mr. Reid for attending to clarify the letter.

In-Camera

Councillor MacDonald moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to meet in-camera from 10:17 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2) (e) contract negotiations, (c) personnel, and (f) litigation or potential litigation. of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition to the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Heming to add to the agenda Meeting Attendance Requirements – Excuse Wilkins, and that it be discussed immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Meeting Attendance Requirements – Excuse Wilkins

MOTION 190115.04 Meeting Attendance Requirements – Excuse Wilkins for 90 Days

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, under authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, to excuse Councillor Marilyn Wilkins from meeting attendance requirements for 90 days. Motion lost, 5 in favour, 5 against.

MOTION 190115.05 Meeting Attendance Requirements – Excuse Wilkins for 2019-01-15

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to excuse Councillor Wilkins from meeting attendance requirements for 2019-01-15 Council. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 2 against.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Municipal Solicitor's Report

Re: Municipal Solicitor – A monthly report dated 10 January 2019 was circulated in the agenda package. Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, to receive for information.

In camera

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to meet in-camera from 12:06 p.m. until 12:25 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Morrison left at 12:15 p.m. during the in-camera portion.

Motion called on the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

LUNCH

The Warden declared a lunch break at 12:25 p.m., with all returning at 1:45 p.m. as previously noted, including Councillor Morrison.

Addition to the Agenda

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to add the following items to the agenda: under In-camera Section 22(2)(c) personnel matters, and under Additions 11(E) Letter of Support for OHV Fund for South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail Society. Motion carried unanimously.

In-camera

Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to meet in-camera from 1:46 p.m. until 3:09 p.m., in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) personnel matters of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Habinski left from 2:31 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. during the in-camera and the Deputy Warden assumed the Chair during that time.

Additions

Re: Kings Transit Authority – Councillor LeBlanc received an email from Glenn Bannon inquiring as to why two separate budget documents and two separate budget reports are created for Annapolis County.

MOTION 190115.06 Staff to Contact Kings Transit Authority to Provide Clarification on Budget Preparation

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that staff contact Mr. Bannon for clarification on budget preparation. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Bear River Water Update – the CAO reported that he had contacted Warden MacAlpine of the District of Digby, who will present to his council next week regarding cost-share of 50% of the municipal portion.

Re: Letter of Acknowledgement for Recreation Facility Development (RFD) Grant Application for Lawrencetown Youth Arena

MOTION 190115.07 Lawrencetown Youth Arena – Provide Letter of Acknowledgement for RFD Grant Application Pending Receipt and Review of the Application

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that municipal council provide a letter of acknowledgement to the Lawrencetown Youth Arena's application for Recreation Facility Development funding, pending receipt and review of the application by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: RFD Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena

MOTION 190115.08 Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena 2019-20 Board Replacement Project - Approve

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena Board Replacement Project for 2019-20 for a cost not to exceed \$215,000 funded by the following: Max Young Trust \$50,000, Recreation and Culture Reserve \$45,000, Gas Tax Reserve \$50,000, and Nova Scotia Recreation Facility Development Grant \$70,000. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 2 against (Roberts, Gunn)

MOTION 190115.09 Recreation Facility Development Program Grant Application \$70,000

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council authorize an application to Nova Scotia Community Culture and Heritage – Recreation Facility Development Program for \$70,000 for the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena Board Replacement Project. Motion carried, 2 against.

Re: Letter of Support for South Shore-Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association (SSAVRTA) OHV Infrastructure Funding Application

MOTION 190115.10 South Shore-Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association – Provide Letter of Acknowledgement for OHV Infrastructure Funding Application Pending Receipt and Review of the Application

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, that municipal council provide a letter of Support for the South Shore-Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association's application for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) funding, pending receipt and review of the application by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Campbell sat as CAO at 4:00 p.m.

Councillor's Comments

District 3 – Councillor Fowler wished all residents of District 3 and all county staff and councillors a Happy New Year.

District 2 – Councillor MacDonald attended many Christmas and New Year's gatherings within District 2, as well as some family time spent in King's County with his family. The community of Port George decorated their lighthouse this Christmas season and it was enjoyed by many both in the community, as well as on social media. The Levee he usually attended in Margaretsville in District 2 was cancelled due to weather conditions on the shore. The basketball team he coaches (MRHS Senior Boys) has been travelling around the province. He informed council that the new decking in the Cottage Cove Wharf is complete. He looks forward to responding to emails and calls.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc wished a Happy New Year to all residents, staff and councillors. She hopes the New Year brings good fruit and healthy people.

District 6 – Councillor Morrison noted the following for weather watchers and breakfast eaters - breakfast is on the second Saturday of the month your next opportunity is Saturday 9 February, come snow sleet or none of the above. A Dinner-and-Mystery Theatre will be held at the Clementsport Legion at 530 pm Saturday 9 February: chicken dinner prepared by Brian Gunn; marketing guided by George Shewfelt; and the mystery-theatre is being directed by Dr. Simon Bonnington. Tickets are \$20 and may be obtained at the Legion 902 638 3303. The Fundy YMCA pool is open; the joy is palpable, the health and wellness improvements are apparent, and the comfort level is rising fast. Thanks to county staff and the community for patience and hard work, including working the phone lines at 0630 for a spot in the pool for lessons. There will be a Bridge-to-Bridge Yard Sale on Saturday 1 June, Route 1 from Allains Creek Bridge to Bear River Bridge.

District 8 – Councillor Gunn attended a turkey supper in Bear River after picking out the family Christmas tree at a tree farm in Maitland Bridge. He attended New Year Levees in Bear River, Clementsport and Annapolis Royal, and enjoyed a New Year's breakfast in Bear River. He has been fielding calls regarding

forestry, internet, and water in Bear River. He hopes to enjoy the Clementsvale outdoor rink in the very near future. He wished a Happy New Year to all.

District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts wished a Happy and Joyous New Year to staff, councillors and residents. She looks forward to the endeavours and accomplishments this council will make over the next year. She attended Christmas in the Village, and other functions, and spent time with family.

District 5 - Councillor Heming wished a Happy New Year to fellow councillors and staff. He took a few weeks off.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan wished a Happy New Year to all. The Nictaux Super Seniors received funding from New Horizons and have been able to fund several projects – they purchased yarn and have knitted/crocheted hats for newborns to be donated to the IWK and Valley Regional, and are making fleece blankets to be donated to senior’s homes. They are holding a Soup Luncheon on January 27th, Chair Yoga on Mondays and Wednesdays, and have a new Line Dancing program starting on January 22nd.

District 4 – Councillor McNeil wished a Happy New Year to all. He spent a quiet New Year visiting family and attended the Levee in Annapolis Royal. He enjoyed breakfast in Bear River. He shared sad news of the recent passing of former Sergeant of RCMP Bridgetown Detachment and former Mayor of Bridgetown Ted Pettit.

District 7 – Warden Habinski wished a Happy New Year to residents and staff. 2019 will be a significant year for this municipality, as planning phases actualize and transform into projects. There will be lots of work, excitement, and challenges for council. He encouraged all to remain a team, and to pull together to accomplish great things.

New Business (cont’d)

Re: Volunteer Week Selection Committee – Willing volunteers from council to sit on the Volunteer Week Selection Committee are Warden Habinski and Councillor MacDonald, with the Deputy Warden as an alternate should anything arise.

Re: FCM 2019 Annual Conference and Trade Show – Councillor MacDonald was excited to remind everyone that this event is coming and wanted everyone to be aware.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole Recommendations 2019-01-08

- ***AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy - Amend***
MOTION 190115.11 AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy - Amend
In accordance with seven-day notice given, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council amend sub-section 3.1 of *AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy* by increasing the exemption amount from \$250 to \$275 and by increasing the income criteria to \$25,500. Motion carried unanimously.
- ***Report: Ecological Connectivity in the Municipality of Annapolis County***

MOTION 190115.12 Letter of Thanks for Ecological Connectivity in the Municipality of Annapolis County Report

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Heming, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send a letter of thanks for the Report entitled *Ecological Connectivity in the Municipality of Annapolis County*. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Re: Nova Scotia Association of Realtors (January 2nd) – requesting municipal and provincial governments to amend Deed Transfer Tax (DTT) policies, proposing that municipalities either waive the DTT for first-time buyers or extend the DTT payment period over five years. Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Upper Clements & District Community Association (December 31st) – of thanks for the grant funding received, and an account of the work on the water, plumbing, and lighting systems that was able to be carried out, anticipating a reduction of power consumption. It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and MacDonald, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk