

Summary of Motions
Special Session of Council
March 29, 2020

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UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., via ZOOM video-conferencing in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

Roll Call: District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present
District 5 - Gregory Heming, present
District 6 - Alex Morrison, present
District 7 – Warden Timothy Habinski, Chair, present
District 8 - Michael J Gunn, present
District 9 - Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Deputy Warden Martha Roberts, present
District 11 - Diane LeBlanc,

Also

Present: CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, Municipal Solicitor Bruce Gillis, other staff (D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis, H. Orde, W. Atwell)

In camera

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, to meet in-camera from 2:16 p.m. until 4:47 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (e) contract negotiations, (f) litigation or potential litigation, and (g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Order of the Day

It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to add two items of New Business to the Agenda: Water Bill Due Date Adjustment and Promissory Note to EA Farren Ltd and EA Farren.

Deputy Warden Roberts lost connection and was no longer present at this time.

New Business

Re: Water Bill Due Date Adjustment

MOTION 200329.01 Water Bill Due Date Adjustment

Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that municipal council extend the due date for the water bills and waive interest to July 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Promissory Note to EA Farren Ltd and EA Farren

MOTION 200329.02 Promissory Note to EA Farren Ltd and EA Farren

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve the format of the demand promissory note as it relates to advancing \$680,000 to EA Farren Ltd and EA Farren with respect to the Gordonstoun Nova Scotia Project and agreements, and to transfer the funds from the Line of Credit as already established for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, in accordance with the letter of intent. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Warden

Municipal

Clerk

**Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency**
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, the *Municipal Government Act*, and *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*)

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, in addition to any other directives I have issued, and as Minister of all municipalities, I direct all municipalities and villages in the Province, including the Halifax Regional Municipality, to:

1. **Effective at 2 pm on March 22, 2020**, discontinue holding their meetings in person, instead only virtual meetings may be held by video or telephone. Those virtual meetings must be recorded, and the minutes posted on a public website within 24 hours of the meeting.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated March 22, 2020.



Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing