

Summary of Motions
Special Session of Council
May 12, 2020

MOTION 200512.01 Hamilton's Eel Fishery – Letter of Support 1

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Minutes of the special **Municipal Council** meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 2:16 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 by phone
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, present

Also

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

New Business

Re: Hamilton’s Eel Fishery – Letter of Support

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In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of Fisheries Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard in support of Mr. Hamilton’s May 2, 2020 letter, urging that the closure of the juvenile American Eel fishery in Nova Scotia be overturned; that fishing regulations be enforced to curtail illegal fishing; and that a review of closures be conducted to ensure that an entire industry is not adversely affected by region-specific stock depletion. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 3 against.

Adjournment

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:18 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