

Minutes of the **special session of Municipal Council** held on the 4th day of April, 2017, in the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S., at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent:

Also

Present: Chief Administrative Officer John Ferguson, Acting Municipal Clerk Wanda Atwell, other staff members.

Purpose of Meeting

Warden Habinski advised there were a number of in-camera items, plus one out of camera item requiring discussion.

In-camera

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that Committee meet in-camera at 10:02 a.m., until 12:21 p.m., in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property; (c) personnel matters; and (e) contract negotiations, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions

Re: Entering Into a Sister-City Relationship with Quzhou Municipality, Zhejiang Province, China – Warden Habinski noted there was a possibility that an agreement relating to becoming a sister-city with Quzhou may be presented for signature while in China. This sort of agreement is ceremonial, and demonstrates an expression of good will and a desire to cooperate. He sought Council’s approval to sign the document, and assured he would read it thoroughly prior to signing, and would not commit Council to anything outside of expressing good will and cooperation.

After much discussion, it was the consensus that the agreement be brought back to Council for review. The Warden will speak to David Wong ahead of the meetings in China to advise Council’s wishes concerning the Sister-City agreement, and will contact an official with Red Wing, Minnesota, a sister city with Quzhou.

Adjournment

Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk