

Special Session of Municipal Council  
March 2, 2017

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Minutes of the **special session of Municipal Council** held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2017, in the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, N.S., at 10:08 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, Sr. Administrative Assistant Wanda Atwell, other staff members.

### **Purpose of Meeting**

Warden Habinski stated the original purpose of the meeting was to discuss a request from David Wang, Quzhou, China. Since calling the special session, three additional items have surfaced which require Council's attention.

Re: Request from David Wang, Quzhou, China – an invitation has been extended for the Municipality to send representatives to Quzhou, China, to attend meetings of a tourism nature. This trip would begin on or about April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and will take approximately 7 days.

Councillors expressed their happiness at receiving the invitation, noting this was a significant step which speaks well to the performance of the delegation sent before.

#### **MOTION 170302.01 April 2017 Return Delegation to China**

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, in response to the invitation of David Wang, that Warden Habinski and a staff member chosen by the CAO, constitute the Annapolis County delegation to return to China to continue discussions and the promising results. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Roberts inquired as to how the costs associated with the trip would be paid. Costs will be taken into consideration during the budget build for 2017-18 for the CAO'S strategic initiatives line item.

Councillor Morrison requested permission to be excused from the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Permission was granted.

Challenges in flying economy class on such a long flight were discussed. It was the consensus of Council that the Warden and staff member be allowed to fly more comfortably – greater than economy class - and that a deal on costs be obtained if possible.

### **In-camera**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that Committee meet in-camera at 10:37 a.m., until 11:59 a.m., in accordance with Sections 22(2) (f) litigation or potential litigation, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess**

The Warden declared a recess at 11:59 a.m. All returned at 12:11 p.m. as previously noted, except for Councillor Morrison.

**In-camera**

It was moved by Councillor Heming, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that Committee meet in-camera at 12:11 p.m. until 12:43 p.m., in accordance with Sections 22(2) (e) contract negotiations, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Crown Land/Forestry – Councillor Heming referred to previous direction given to the Chief Administrative Officer to research crown lands in Annapolis County and their benefits. Since that time he has learned the Province is about to sign a 10-year agreement to lease all crown lands in Annapolis County to West For.

**MOTION 170302.02 Letter to Natural Resources – West For Agreement**

Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that Municipal Council send a letter to the Premier and Minister of Natural Resources requesting that the Province supply the Municipality of the County of Annapolis with a copy of the pending agreement with West For and the date it is expected to be signed; and asking consideration be given for crown lands in Annapolis County to be exempt from the agreement for one year so that Municipal Council has an opportunity understand and make recommendations to the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, the special meeting of Municipal Council adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk