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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS, 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 – Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present  
District 3 – Alan Parish, present  
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present  
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present  
District 6 – Alex Morrison, present  
District 7 – David Hudson, present  
District 8 – Michael Gunn, present via Zoom  
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Brad Redden, present  
District 11 – Diane LeBlanc, present

**Also Present:** CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including D. Campbell and A. Dunphy.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

### **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the Order of the Day as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden added that if we are still in session at 1:55 p.m. today when there is a province-wide emergency alert test, he will entertain a break while that happens.

### **Minutes**

#### **MOTION 211117.01      Minutes 2021-08-17 Public Hearing Entertainment House**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Entertainment House held on August 17, 2021 be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION 211117.02      Minutes 2021-10-19 Regular Session**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Connell, that the minutes of the Regular Session held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 211117.03     Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing Treeline Development Bridgetown MPS LUB Amendment Application**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Treeline Development Bridgetown MPS LUB Amendment Application held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 211117.04     Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing West Paradise Community Hall Municipal Heritage Registration Application**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the minutes of the Public Hearing West Paradise Community Hall Municipal Heritage Registration held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 211117.05     Minutes 2021-10-19 Public Hearing Easson House Municipal Heritage Registration Application**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Easson House Municipal Heritage Registration Application held on October 19, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 211117.06     Minutes 2021-11-09 Special Session**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that the minutes of the Special Session held on November 9, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**Councillor Comments**

*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

It has been a busy month in District 1. Spurr Brothers Farm held a contest who see who could come up with the most unique and creative pumpkin. The pumpkins were provided free of charge to anyone wishing to enter the contest. The winner chosen from the entries was Nicholas DeLafontaine who won a gift certificate to the Mind Bender Toy Store in the Greenwood Mall.

During the past month I attended a meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch, as well as the Monthly Board Meeting of TCTS, along with a Forestry Committee Meeting and Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting.

On November 4th, I was able to assist Breanna Hall, the Physician Navigator for the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce, in dropping off baskets of local apples, along with literature, community resources, and Taste of Nova Scotia Cookbook to the Annapolis Community Health Centre and the Collaborative Practice in Annapolis Royal.

My late Father-In -Law, Arthur Sheldon Fancy was a member of West Nova Scotia Regiment during World War 2. On November 6th I was able to attend the ceremony at which Highway #10, connecting Middleton and Bridgewater, was renamed West Nova Scotia Regiment Way.

On Remembrance Day I was honored to lay a wreath at the Middleton Legion Cenotaph on behalf of the Municipality County of Annapolis.

At this time I would encourage everyone to support our local craftspeople in the lead-up to the Holiday Season, and if possible, to support our many service clubs and organizations who work year-round to assist those in need.

*District 2* – Councillor Connell reported that the Cottage Cove Wharf Society was happy to hear the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and looks forward to a decision today. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, there was no organized service at the Brickton Hall, but he attended at the cenotaph.

*District 3* – Warden Parish reported that last Sunday was the last week of the Clarence Country Market. It was a roaring success and will start up again in May.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> he met with the Bridgetown Revitalization Committee. There are good things going on in Bridgetown. He had hoped to hear from the group further at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting which did not proceed.

November 10 meeting – because of the number of COVID cases in the area the meeting was cancelled. About a dozen folks showed up to learn it had been cancelled.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> he attended the service at the Bridgetown Legion.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux reported that he had met with Forestry Committee, and attended the NSFM AGM via zoom.

He attended the Remembrance Day service at Port Royal Branch 21 in Annapolis Royal and laid a wreath with Councillor Longmire. Large turnout. Great weather.

Next month is Christmas season, drive safe, preparations are starting

He has dealt with residents regarding ongoing internet issues.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire

Has attended several committee meetings: Habitation Rezoning, Physician Recruitment and REMO. She continues to welcome callers with questions and concerns. Citizens in District 5 have been seen cleaning up roadsides and ditches and she thanked them for that. The first Facebook Live was held last week featuring COTW – she looks forward to more. Foodbanks are at their busiest at this time of year– extend a helping hand when and where you can. November 11<sup>th</sup> had beautiful weather and she attended the Remembrance Day service at Port Royal Branch 21 in Annapolis Royal with Councillor Barteaux.

*District 6* – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

Cornwallis Park residents and specific-purpose visitors to the Park are appreciative of the dog waste collection station recently established. These have proven to be particularly effective.

The farmers' market at the Deep Brook Lions club hall continues each Friday from 4 to 7 pm.

I represented the county at the Clementsport Legion Remembrance Day ceremonies and ensured there was a wreath from the county. Elizabeth and I also had a wreath in memory of her uncle Flying Officer Gerald Conroy and my uncle Greaser/Stoker Ronald Morrison.

The Good Neighbours club is holding a meeting at 10am Monday 22 Nov to discuss resumption of activities.

On the 13th and 14th Nov, I attended an excellent Christmas craft sale at the Upper Clements Hall.

I attended and purchased books at the Friends of the Annapolis Royal library book sale on 13 Nov.

There is a giant book sale on Sat 27 Nov at the Upper Clements hall.

The second annual Christmas tree lighting and community celebration hosted by the Cornwallis Community Gardens Association, with strong support from Cornwallis Park Community Association, GKR Yard and Garden Ltd, and Acadian Seaplants Ltd, will take place on the evening of Friday 17 Dec. The annual Cornwallis Park Community Association Christmas gift-exchange will be held on the evening of Saturday 18 December.

Paul Buxton of Still Point Lodge and Cottages in Deep Brook has announced the start of an ambitious project designed to bring dozens of new residences to the area. The idea, a number of years in the planning and implementing, envisages condominium lots, some of which are currently for sale, that will be provided with water, sewer and power connections. This positive and visionary project will be an

asset to our area and beyond. It is an example of how far-sighted individuals can act in the long-term interests of our county.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson noted it has been quiet in District 7. He attended Forestry Advisory and met with the Bridgetown Redevelopment Committee. He attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion. He has had many calls about when South Street will be paved. The winning contractor, Dexter, has told him they have a tentative start date of November 1<sup>st</sup>, and completion date no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. This issue has been dragging on for many months. The sooner the work is done, the better.

*District 8* – Deputy Warden Gunn (*as submitted*)

Things are gearing up for the season, and there's lots happening across District 8. The annual Memory Tree Lighting will take place next Thursday at the Forester's Hall in Clementsvale. The following Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, will be the Christmas Country Market with lots of crafts and baked goods. Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>, all at the Forester's Hall.

Meanwhile, the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute is continuing their workshops for Women in Forestry, and to participate on November 21<sup>st</sup> you need to call Abby Lewis as space is limited.

The three topics I've received phone calls about this month have been the uncollected garbage, the mandatory vaccination policy, and how upsetting it is to county residents to see so much pilfering at the site of the former Upper Clements Park. People are distraught about seeing others who live near them arriving home with cars or trucks full of what they've hauled, and wonder why the RCMP are not stopping it.

In other news, I ventured to the edge of our County for Remembrance Day and laid a wreath on behalf of the County at the war memorial in Kempt on the Queen's county border. I was again joined for stories and singing the national anthem by a Queen's county resident, bringing the number at our service to two! I returned home to the news that my son Dorian and his wife Liz were celebrating the birth of their child, my grandson Owen. No one will be forgetting his birthday in that family, seeing that both are in the military. Anyhow, my thanks to all those who have sent congratulations, we're very excited to meet him when we're all in the same province.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan sent her condolences to Nictaux and community on the recent loss of former Fire Chief Sheldon Nichols. She has been speaking with many landlords in Kings and Annapolis Counties on the housing shortage. Christmas is coming, please shop local and keep spending in our communities.

*District 10* – Councillor Redden noted the Annual General Meeting for the Annapolis County Exhibition is tonight at the Lawrencetown Fire Department at 7pm. The community hall in Brickton is having a take-out supper on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc reported that the Three Rivers hall recently had a successful turkey supper. This is one of the few ways to raise money for repairs. She has had calls about housing, and is concerned that there is no housing available. People use what they can to live in, even camper trailers. This is a concern throughout our county and all of Nova Scotia. If we can't find affordable housing for them, we need other alternatives. Maybe it is our turn to reach out and do something to help our residents. She has had calls from/about seniors and their difficulty to get to places to pick up necessary things – no doctors, no way to get about. We have a lot of things to do to help citizens get the resources they need. COVID-19 seems to be here in our zone. We have to take measures to protect ourselves. Christmas is coming – stay safe and buy local.

**New Business**

None.

**Reports and Recommendations**

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-11-19)

- ***One-time Grant to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation***

**MOTION 211117.07      One-time Grant to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council pay a one-time grant of \$10,000 from Strategic Initiatives to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy New***

**MOTION 211117.08      AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy - New**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, in accordance with seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve *AM-1.4.9.1 Medical Assistance Recruitment Program Policy New* as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy Amend***

**MOTION 211117.09      AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy - Amend**

Pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council amend *AM-7.2.1 Information Technology Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy Amend***

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy* by adding provisions for the CAO Review Committee as amended.

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to amend the motion by changing the last line in article 9 from ‘one’ to ‘two’. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended.

**MOTION 211117.10      AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy Amend**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council amend *AM-1.3.5 Committees of Council Policy* by adding provisions for the CAO Review Committee as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***New Road Name Snow Lake Keep Lane***

**MOTION 211117.11      New Road Name - Snow Lake Keep Lane**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve the road name “Snow Lake Keep Lane” for the private access road at the Snow Lake Keep Homesteading Community in Arlington West. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2021 Upper Clements Area MPS and LUB Review**

**MOTION 211117.12 2021 Upper Clements Area MPS and LUB Review**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council commence a review of the Upper Clements Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, and adopt a public participation program that would refer the review applications to the Upper Clements Area Advisory Committee and the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation along with applicable public meetings and advertisements. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department Release of Funds**

**MOTION 211117.13 Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department Release of Funds**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Capital Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Margaretsville & District Volunteer Fire Department in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

- **AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy Re-Adopt**

**MOTION 211117.14 AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy – Re-Adopt**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, that municipal council re-adopt *AM-2.7.1 Occupational Health and Safety Policy*. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Housing Crisis in Annapolis County - Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

**MOTION 211117.15 Housing Crisis in Annapolis County Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the housing crisis in our municipality. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Housing Crisis - Letter to All Nova Scotia Municipalities**

**MOTION 211117.16 Housing Crisis – Letter to All Nova Scotia Municipalities**

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council send letters to all Nova Scotia municipalities to encourage them to also send letters to the Province regarding the housing crisis in their municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

- **IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project (Valley Waste and Kings Transit)**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council join the IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit.

After discussion, including where the funding was to come from, Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to amend the motion by adding ‘*with the funds to be allocated from the CAO cost centre*’. Motion carried unanimously.

The Question was called on the motion as amended to read:

**MOTION 21117.17      IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council join the IMSA Two-Year Pilot Project - Valley Waste and Kings Transit, with the funds to be allocated from the CAO cost centre. Motion carried, 6 in favour, 5 against.

**In-Camera**

It was moved by Councillor Redden, seconded by Councillor Connell, to meet in-camera from 11:24 a.m. until 1:24 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, (c) personnel, (e) contract negotiations, and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Amend the Order of the Day**

Councillor Longmire moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the Order of the Day by adding two items of New Business: Settlement with Mainland Telecom and November 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business (cont'd)**

Re: Settlement with Mainland Telecom

**MOTION 21117.18      Settlement with Mainland Telecom**

It was moved by Councillor Longmire, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the settlement with Mainland Telecom as discussed in-camera. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: November 23, 2021 Special COTW

**MOTION 21117.19      November 23, 2021 Special COTW - Cancelled**

Councillor Connell moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that the Special Committee of the Whole called for November 23, 2021, be cancelled and rescheduled with a date to be determined. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors Connell and Redden, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Warden

Municipal Clerk



**Direction of the Minister**  
**under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

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 not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
- ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
- ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

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 July 29, 2020.

**Original signed by**

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing