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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 10:02 a.m., at Champlain Hall, 178 Haida Street, Cornwallis Park, 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, absent.

MOTION 2100921.01 Excuse Absence – Councillor Alex Morrison

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Prout, that Alex Morrison be excused from MGA meeting attendance requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

District 7 – David Hudson, present
District 8 – Michael Gunn, present
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Brad Redden, absent.

MOTION 2100921.02 Excuse Absence – Councillor Brad Redden

Councillor Barteaux moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that Brad Redden be excused from MGA meeting attendance requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

District 11 – Diane LeBlanc, present

Also Present: CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, H. Orde; and 2 members of public.

Agenda Approval

Staff requested to add Recommendation Report AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy Approve / AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Response Policy Amend.

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to approve the Order of the Day as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

MOTION 2100921.03 Minutes 2021-08-17 Regular

Councillor Prout moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to approve the minutes of the regular session held on August 17, 2021 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-09-14 Committee of the Whole Recording

Warden Parish announced that the audio of last week’s Committee of the Whole meeting was lost. This was not discovered until after the meeting.

Councillor Comments

District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)

I am pleased to be able to congratulate the schools in our area, as well as those throughout Nova Scotia, on the successful opening of the 2021-2022 school year. While the COVID 19 numbers have been on

the rise in Nova Scotia, schools have not experienced any major outbreaks so far. Let us hope that this continues to be the case.

I would like to congratulate Bob and Jennie Mann of Wilmot, who on August 28th were able to watch their granddaughter Sara Goodman and her Team Canada teammates play for the gold at the Junior Pan American Games held in Santiago, Chile. The team defeated Uruguay 1-0 to complete the tournament undefeated winning Canada's first ever Pan American Gold Medal in women's field hockey (see September 9th AV Register)

It has been a busy time in District 1. In addition to the regular calls and meetings with constituents there were a number of functions in which I took part.

On August 29th, along with the Warden and the CAO, I attended a meeting with the RCMP in Bridgetown to discuss issues of concern. On September 13th I met with members of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch for their monthly meeting.

In addition, on September 15th I attended the T.C.T.S., (Trans County Transportation Society), monthly Board Meeting as well as their Annual General Meeting.

Finally, I would encourage County residents to continue to support our local farmers as the fall harvest season is in full swing.

District 2 – Councillor Connell noted District 2 is fairly quiet. He delivered grant cheques and the Margaretsville Wharf, Forest Glade Hall and Mount Hanley Museum were all appreciative. He attended the Middleton Fire Department annual banquet, a small outside gathering. It was nice to see members being honoured for service recognition.

District 3 – Warden Parish reported that last Sunday was the beginning of the Clarence Community Market, being held Sunday mornings 9-12.

District 4 – Councillor Barteaux continues work of various committees. Apple season is here, please support local growers as this is a crucial activity in our county.

There is lots of activity at farmers markets, with lots of local produce. He hopes restrictions of Phase 4 are soon lifted and life's activities are easier. Council continues to work through many challenges working toward resolving issues. He wished all returning students a rewarding 2021-2022 year, and thanked his constituents for support and hopes to see more out in the community. Be safe.

District 5 – Councillor Longmire noted that summer is finally in rear view mirror, and fall is upon us. Get out in your community and see the markets and changing leaves. Recipients of grants in her district have been extremely pleased. There continue to be more vaccine clinics and she encouraged all to continue to consider receiving the vaccine. She thanked District Five resident Kimberly Gregory for collecting school resources for families in need. Her district has passed along lots of concern regarding the former theme park; as well as internet. Moving forward please be mindful of buses and children. Happy fall.

District 7 – Councillor Hudson noted a number of thefts and break-ins over past few weeks. Four golf carts, and outbuildings including Jubilee Park. Only 1 golf cart recovered. RCMP have one person of interest. He suggests everyone takes extra care to lock up and not leave goods outside. He has had inquiries as to when South Street will be paved. There is a safety issue with people driving on the wrong side of the road and speeding. He suggested the street could be one way or closed for local traffic only as there is no firm date regarding when the street will be repaved. The Department is waiting for the new provincial government to schedule the project. The Bridgetown Curling Club is holding its annual BBQ Chicken take out only this Saturday at a cost of \$18.00 per plate. West Dalhousie Hall is hosting a stuffed roast port dinner on Saturday, eat in or take out. There is a Bridgetown Community Clean UP scheduled for Sunday September 26th, volunteers will be meeting at the former elementary school to go around the community to pick up litter. Please wear gloves and good walking shoes.

District 8 – Deputy Warden Gunn (as submitted)

Happy Fall Equinox to all, and I hope you are able to enjoy bounty from your gardens.

The lack of water in Bear River continues to be a theme of the communications and meetings I had this past month. Like the previous month, a business had to close due to lack of water supply. As was reported last week, I met with the Warden Parish, CAO Dick, and Jonathan Welch of the Hillsborough Water Society, and we are optimistic that things are moving in a positive direction. I was also contacted by a realtor who needed to have a deeper understanding of the water issues before listing a property. As is evident: the situation remains critical to many.

I was approached by a citizen about the lack of affordable housing in our area, which is an issue that is rapidly increasing with the sudden rise in house prices. Her question was: why are the former barrack blocks in Cornwallis Park not retrofitted for this purpose? I explained that the committee responsible for development in Cornwallis Park had decided that the properties on the north side of Highway 1 should not be residential. When asked why that was the case, I'm afraid I did not have an answer, except to say: they decided. I suggested she approach the committee or Councilor Morrison for further information. This is certainly a timely topic.

I was happy to represent Warden Parish and the County at a recent event in Annapolis Royal commemorating the granting of land in New Scotland 400 years ago. The event – named “Beyond Oqwa'titek” – evolved into an example of reconciliation, and acknowledged the historical footsteps that brought us all together both here, and as a country. The three day event was expertly organized, was attended by the Lieutenant Governor and representatives from many local groups, was extremely thoughtful in tone, and well attended and enjoyed. I greatly appreciated the pipe band, the bannock-making lessons, the fusion of multicultural dance ... my hat goes off to the organizing committee, it was impressive.

District 9 – Councillor Sheridan noted she will be attending the county Accessibility meeting taking place in Nictaux on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc wished all a happy last day of summer! It was a great summer, with residents being able to get around visiting. She noted we are entering into fall with COVID numbers going up and hopes we don't go backwards. Happy to have students back to school. Students have not been able to be social, so this is good for their mental health. She has not had many calls about bears this year, but there are lots of deer, be careful. Three Rivers Community Hall is holding a fund-raising turkey supper on Thursday. Call or text for a time for pick up. It is their second event this year, with proceeds for improvements for the hall.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

New Business

Re: Recommendation Report Renewal of Temporary Borrowing Resolution 21/22-0 for Telecommunications Project \$13,000,000

MOTION 2100921.04 Renewal of Temporary Borrowing Resolution 21/22-0 for Telecommunications Project \$13,000,000 Renewal of Temporary Borrowing Resolution 21/22-0 for Telecommunications Project \$13,000,000

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Temporary Borrowing Resolution Renewal for the Telecommunications/Internet Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Recommendation Report Annapolis Administration Building Roof Repair

MOTION 2100921.05 Annapolis Administration Building Roof Repair

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve the expenditure of \$89,398 plus HST from the General Operating Fund to repair the original section and replacement of the 1980's section of the Annapolis Administration Building roof. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hudson declared an interest in the following item and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion. He is the Treasurer of the Association. He left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Re: Recommendation Report Bridgetown Community Recreation Assoc. Funding Request

MOTION 2100921.06 Bridgetown Community Recreation Assoc. Funding Request

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, to recommend that municipal council approve the expenditure of 2,758.70 HST included to be funded from the Max Young Reserve Fund to reimburse the Bridgetown community Recreation association the cost to replace the clock controller located at the Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hudson returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Reports and Recommendations

Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-09-14)

• ***Proposed Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Pilot***

MOTION 2100921.07 Proposed Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Pilot

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council authorize the CAO to work with the other CAOs and the IMSA Working Group Solicitor in the preparation of a draft Pilot IMSA with Annapolis County's participation in both the Valley Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority and the Kings Transit Authority components, as described in the September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda subject to the draft Agreement being ratified by municipal council at a future date. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Road Naming Process for Snow Lake Keep Homesteading Community Arlington West***

MOTION 2100921.08 Begin Road Naming Process for Snow Lake Keep Homesteading Community Arlington West

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Hudson, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council initiate the road-naming review process to name the road providing access to the Snow Lake Keep Homesteading Community in Arlington West. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***AM-1.3.8 Letters of Support & Acknowledgement Policy Amend***

MOTION 2100921.09 AM-1.3.8 Letters of Support & Acknowledgement Policy Amend

Pursuant to seven-day notice having been given at Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council amend AM-1.3.8 Letters

of Support & Acknowledgement Policy by updating Section 3.1 and removing Section 3.2 (see attached). Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue Request for Registration***

MOTION 2100921.10 Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue – Register as Emergency Services Provider

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council accept the request from Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue to be registered as an Emergency Services Provider for the County of Annapolis. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Capital Projects Basinview***

MOTION 2100921.11 Capital Projects Basinview

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council approve funding the following capital projects for work at the Basinview Centre from the Operating Reserve, totaling \$147,002.57:

- Pool and Building Assessment
- Geotech Investigation of Soils
- East Wall Investigation, and
- Roof and Harness Guarding

Motion carried unanimously.

- ***West Paradise Community Hall***

MOTION 2100921.12 West Paradise Community Hall Consider for Heritage Registration

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal Council consider for registration as a municipal heritage property the entire West Paradise Community Hall property (identified as the deed referenced as Book 85 at Page 39 – being approximately 18,190.61 sq. ft. in area) located in the community of West Paradise. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Easson House***

MOTION 2100921.13 Easson House Consider for Heritage Registration

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council recognize the automatic designation of the Easson property and that the entire Easson House property (identified as Document No. 84823344 – being approximately 2.53 acres in area) located in the community of Lequille be registered as a municipal heritage property. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Re: Recommendation Report West Paradise Community Hall Application for Heritage Registration

MOTION 2100921.14 West Paradise Community Hall Notice of Recommendation

Upon receipt of a favourable recommendation from the Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that Municipal Council register the entire West Paradise Community Hall property (identified as deed reference Book 85 at Page 39 – being approximately 18,190.61 sq. ft. in area), located in the community of West Paradise, for inclusion in the Annapolis County Registry of Heritage Properties and that a Notice of

Recommendation be completed in accordance with the Heritage Property Act and Annapolis County C5 Heritage Property Bylaw requirements and Council hold a public hearing with the applicants on October 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Champlain Hall, 178 Haida Street, Cornwallis Park, NS. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Recommendation Report Easson House Application for Heritage Registration

MOTION 2100921.15 Easson House Notice of Recommendation

Upon receipt of a favourable recommendation from the Committee of the Whole it was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that Municipal Council register the entire Easson House property (identified as Document No. 84823344 – being approximately 2.53 acres in area), located in the community of Lequille, be considered for inclusion in the Annapolis County Registry of Heritage Properties and that a Notice of Recommendation be completed in accordance with the Heritage Property Act and Annapolis County C5 Heritage Property Bylaw requirements and Council hold a public hearing with the applicants on October 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Champlain Hall, 178 Haida Street, Cornwallis Park, NS. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

The Warden declared a brief recess from 10:49 a.m. – 11:02 a.m.

LATE ADDITIONS

Re: Recommendation Report AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy Approve / AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Response Policy Amend – this item was circulated to desks at the beginning of the meeting.

MOTION 2100921.16 AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy Amend

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to give seven-day notice for municipal council to approve AM-2.7.9 COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Policy as circulated. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 1 against (Gunn).

MOTION 2100921.17 AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Response Policy Amend

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, to give seven-day notice for municipal council to amend AM-2.7.8 COVID-19 Response Policy as circulated. Motion carried, 8 in favour, 1 against (Gunn).

Amend the Order of the Day

It was moved by Councillor Longmire, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to amend the order of the day to add Planning Advisory Committee 2021-09-14 Recommendation to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Planning Advisory Committee Recommendation to Council (2021-09-14)

MOTION 2100921.18 Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Zoning Map Amendment – First Reading

Following the full consideration of the related goals, objectives and policies of the Bridgetown Municipal Planning Strategy, and upon receiving a favourable recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to recommend that municipal council give of first reading to amend the Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Zoning Map to rezone a vacant lot know as 431 Granville Street in

the community of Bridgetown, from the Residential Light Density (R-1) Zone to the Highway Commercial (C2) Zone to permit the development of a construction equipment and trailer rental facility. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 2100921.19 Bridgetown Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Zoning Map Amendment – Public Hearing

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn. Seconded by Councillor Longmire, to set a public hearing on October 19, 2021, at 11:00at 187 Champlain Hall, 178 Haida Street, Cornwallis Park, NS. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

Amend the Order of the Day

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Barteaux, to amend the order of the day by adding AM-2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: AM-2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy

MOTION 2100921.20 AM-2.1.3. Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy

In accordance with seven-day notice having been given at August 18, 2021, Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council amend AM-2.1.3 Statutory and Paid Holidays Policy by:

- Replacing “direct” with “non-union in Section 1; and’
- Adding “national Day for Truth and Reconciliation” to the list of paid holidays in Subsection 4.1

Motion carried, 8 in favour, 1 against (Gunn).

In-Camera

It was moved by Councillors Sheridan and Hudson, to meet in-camera from 11:43 a.m. until 1:31 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and Sheridan, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 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

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing