



Special Meeting of Council (held via Zoom Video Conferencing)

March 26, 2020

PRESENT Warden Jim D. Smith
 Deputy Warden Michael Perry

 Councillors: Cecil Dixon Elie Moussa
 Wayne Greene Keith Rhyno
 Eldon Hebb Heather Smith
 Stephen King Eleanor Roulston
 Pam MacInnis

REGRETS:

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Kate Friar, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
 Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
 Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
 Ms. Sue Surette, Director of Finance
 Ms. Jody MacArthur, Communications Officer
 Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Systems
 Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
 Ms. Tutu Erikitola, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Smith respectfully acknowledged that East Hants is in the Ancestral Unceded Territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

A moment of silent contemplation was observed.

APPROVAL OF OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

C20(66) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Dixon:
March *Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.*
 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C20(67) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Dixon:
March ***Moved that the minutes of the February 18th and February 26th 2020, Regular Meetings of Council be approved.***

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

00:01:54

A complete copy of “Correspondence for Information” is attached to and forms part of the minutes.

Item 6 - Email from John & Patricia Van den Hof with petition, re. Rezoning of 1705 Hwy 2, Milford

Councillor King wanted clarification on the complaint process.

The CAO confirmed that the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing will respond to the complainant and we will receive a copy of that letter.

Staff have been notified that the rezoning is now with the Minister for review and a decision is expected within 90 days.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

There were no letters for decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

00:06:38

Warden Smith, as Chair, presented the Nominating Committee report from the meeting held on March 10, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

C20(68) On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor King: 00:07:30
March ***Moved that Council re-appoint all current public members to the East Hants Source Water Protection Committee, including Patricia Lyall as the representative for the ‘Resident Living within the East Hants portion of the Near Zone of the Grand Lake watershed position’.*** MacEwan

MOTION CARRIED

C20(69) On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor Smith: 00:09:02
March ***Moved the adoption of the report.***
MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor Roulston, as Chair, presented the Corporate & Residential Committee meeting held on March 10, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

ELMSDALE BUSINESS PARK PRICING AND AVAILABILITY LOT 174-F AND LOT #92-1

C20(70) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Hebb: 00:10:22
March *Moved that Council approve the updated Elmsdale Business Park Lot Pricing and Availability document as outlined in the Staff reported dated February 28, 2020;* Friars

And that staff be authorized to proceed with servicing Lot 174-F, to be funded from the proceeds of the sale of the lot.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY - ANNUAL REVIEW 00:11:06

C20(71) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Moussa: MacEwan/
March *Moved that Council approve the Council Procedural Policy as attached to the March 10, 2020 Executive Committee agenda;* MacArthur

And that the Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to investigate options to record Council/Committee meetings internally and report back to Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION & TRAVEL POLICY REVIEW 00:12:04

C20(72) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Moussa: CAO
March *Moved that Council approve the Councillor Remuneration & Travel Reimbursement Policy with the following changes:*

- *Travel to regional events put on by the Province, NSF, FCM, AMA or another external agency where municipal topics are being discussed. Where multiple events are available throughout the province, it is expected that mileage would only be reimbursed at the distance of the event closest to the home of the Councillor.*
- *Where a Councillor wishes to attend an event and be reimbursed travel, where the event is not covered under one of the scenarios above, the Councillor may ask for an eligibility review of the event, to be conducted by the CAO and Warden.*
- *Lobby for tax relief on taxable mileage expenses and to be recognized like elected officials from other levels of government.*

- *Strike the section related to travel expenses for attendance at sub-committee meetings.*
- *Remuneration/salary adjustment for Councillors to \$28,463, Deputy Warden at 125% of that and Warden at 195%, changes to take effect April 1, 2020.*

Seven (7) voting in favor. Four (4) voting against. Councillors Dixon, Rhyno, King and Warden Smith voting nay.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY

00:17:00

C20(73)
March

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Hebb:
Moved that Council approve the Recognition for Support of Fire & Emergency Services Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda of March 10, 2020.

Friars

MOTION CARRIED

C20(74)
March

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and MacInnis:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee report from the meeting held on March 10, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

DISTRICT RECREATION FUND

00:18:45

C20(75)
March

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:
Moved that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2020-2021 (Intake 1) totaling \$99,250, as follows:

Clarkson

| Off Leash East Hants Society | |
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| District 1 | \$1,000 |
| District 2 | \$2,300 |
| District 7 | \$1,200 |
| Total | \$4,500 |

| Nine Mile River Trails Association | |
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| District 1 | \$4,000 |
| District 2 | \$2,000 |

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| District 3 | \$6,317 |
| District 7 | \$2,000 |
| Total | \$14,317 |

| East Hants Sportsplex | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| District 1 | \$1,669 |
| District 2 | \$1,813 |
| District 3 | \$1,018 |
| District 4 | \$641 |
| District 5 | \$118 |
| District 7 | \$1,421 |
| District 10 | \$1,608 |
| Total | \$8,288 |

| Corridor Minor Baseball Association | |
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| District 1 | \$15,575 |
| District 2 | \$3,227 |
| District 3 | \$1,111 |
| District 4 | \$1,111 |
| District 5 | \$112 |
| District 6 | \$112 |
| District 7 | \$3,893 |
| District 10 | \$6,008 |
| Total | \$31,149 |

| Shubenacadie Canal Commission | |
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| District 1 | \$4,375 |
| District 10 | \$4,375 |
| Total | \$8,750 |

| E.H. Horne School Preservation Society | |
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| District 1 | \$4,837 |
| District 10 | \$4,837 |
| Total | \$9,674 |

| Milford Recreation Association | |
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| District 2 | \$2,000 |
| District 3 | \$6,126 |
| District 7 | \$2,000 |

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| Total | \$10,126 |
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| Shubenacadie Community Development Assoc. | |
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| District 4 | \$2,350 |
| Total | \$2,350 |

| Hants North Baseball Association | |
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| District 5 | \$1,112 |
| District 6 | \$3,654 |
| District 11 | \$1,272 |
| Total | \$6,038 |

| Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia | |
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| District 8 | \$1,353 |
| District 9 | \$1,353 |
| District 11 | \$1,353 |
| Total | \$4,059 |

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| DRF Grand Total | \$99,250 |
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MOTION CARRIED

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS - MODEL VOLUNTEER

00:23:06

C20(76)
March

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Smith:
Moved that Council:

Clarkson

1. *Approve the “Shining Star” nominees provided to date.*
2. *Approve the nomination forwarded by email to Council for the “Model Volunteer Award” and be designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the 2021 Provincial Volunteer Awards.*

MOTION CARRIED

BURNTCOAT HEAD PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

00:24:30

C20(77)
March

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Dixon:
Moved that Council direct staff take the revised changes back to the consultant for the report to be updated based on discussion at Committee and return to Committee with the revised design for approval.

Clarkson

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON LETTER FROM KODY BLOIS, MP

00:25:48

C20(78) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and MacInnis: CAO/Clarkson
March *Moved that Council direct the CAO write a response letter outlining that the municipality supports the concept of hosting pre-games (NAIG) in East Hants, that a Housing Strategy is in the future and that we are currently working with the local NSHA Physician Recruitment Consultant.*

MOTION CARRIED

C20(79) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:
March *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT & FIREFIGHTER LONG SERVICE AWARDS - CONSIDER POSTPONEMENT

00:27:16

Due to the Provincial State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia which prevents large gatherings of people, Staff recommend that Council postpone the Municipal Volunteer Recreation event this spring. Staff will investigate other options.

C20(80) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: Clarkson
March *Moved that the Municipal Volunteer Recognition Event & Firefighter Long Services Awards scheduled for April 24th be postponed indefinitely due to the current Provincial State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19.*

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

00:28:27

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions are coming forward to Council as a result of that meeting.

BEAMISH ROAD - RE-DESIGNATION AND REZONING - INITIAL REPORT

C20(81) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Roulston: Woodford
March *Moved that Council table the report titled Beamish Road - MPS and LUB Mapping Amendment, dated March 4, 2020 for the next Municipal Planning Strategy review with Council.*

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENTS TO SUBDIVISION BYLAW REGARDING CAPACITY OF MUNICIPAL WATER OR WASTEWATER - INITIAL REPORT

00:29:36

C20(82) On the motion of Councillors Greene and King: Woodford
March

Moved that Council give first reading to amendments to the Subdivision Bylaw that make it clear that capacity in public water and wastewater systems will be considered in applications for tentative subdivision approval; and that the municipality may grant partial approval for a plan of subdivision if a subdivider is not expected to use all requested capacity within five years from application of tentative approval, for the purpose of enabling a public hearing;

And authorize staff to schedule a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

C20(83) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Smith:
March *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

[BYLAW F-400-5, AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-400, EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION BYLAW](#) 00:31:34

C20(84) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Rhyno: Friars
March *Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw F-400-5, an amendment to Bylaw F-400, Tax Exemption Bylaw, and be amended to reflect the following changes:*

- *Remove AAN 889296 Burntcoat Community Hall*
- *Remove AAN 10426014 Hants North Medical Association*
- *Remove AAN 6395597 Maitland & District Development Association*

MOTION CARRIED

[COVID-19: MUNICIPAL IMPACTS](#) 00:32:50

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal update on the municipal impact of COVID-19.

The CAO will continue to update Council via email.

[WARDENS REPORT](#) 00:49:00

At the request of the Warden, Deputy Warden Perry assumed the Chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on his recent activities.

The Warden acknowledged and thanked staff for their efforts and professionalism during this challenging time.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

[COUNCILLORS BUSINESS REPORT](#) 00:50:15

Councillors provided verbal reports on their recent activities and thanked staff.

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

00:55:30

C20(85)
March

On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and Dixon:
Moved that the next Regular Meeting of Council be held on April 21st, 2020 (Policy) and April 29th, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

1:00:01

C20(86)
March

On the motion of Councillors Greene and Deputy Warden Perry:
Moved that Council adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: April 29, 2020



Approved By: James D. Smith, Warden
Date: April 29, 2020

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