



Regular Meeting of Council (held via Virtual Video Conferencing)

May 27, 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

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. Rachel Gilbert, Manager of Planning
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Tutu Erikitola, Administrative Assistant

Due to technical issues the meeting was not live-streamed. A recording of the meeting is available on the municipality's website and YouTube channel.

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Smith called the meeting to order at 7:25 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(129)
May

On the motion of Councillors King and MacInnis:
Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor MacInnis and Deputy Warden Perry:

Moved that the minutes of the April 21st, and April 29th, 2020 Regular Meetings of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTRATION HEARING

[03:00:00]

OAK ISLAND CEMETERY

Councillor Rhyno declared a conflict of interest.

Note: All comments/questions have been summarized and are not to be considered a verbatim transcript.

Warden Smith noted that there is one (1) item on the hearing agenda. The purpose of the hearing is to hear input from the property owner, prior to making a decision on the application.

Warden Smith welcomed those in attendance and noted Council's Procedural Policy. He advised that Council may approve, reject or defer its decision on the proposal to a later date. Council approval is required for the proposal to proceed.

The Municipal Clerk noted that the Notice of Recommendation for Registration was mailed to a representative of the property on April 22, 2020. The notice gave the date, time and location of the hearing and how they can participate in the hearing.

The Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee noted that the Planning Advisory Committee considered the proposal on behalf of Municipal Council, reviewed staff's reports, completed their evaluation and would make a recommendation to Council during the Hearing.

Warden Smith asked Staff to present their report on the proposed application.

The Manager of Planning presented the staff report titled "*Application for Municipal Heritage Building Designation*" dated April 22, 2020. A copy of the report and related documents were attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

Warden Smith opened the floor to comments or questions from members of Council.

There were none.

Warden Smith opened the floor to comments or questions from a representative or owner of the property.

There were none - staff did not receive a request to present at this Hearing.

Warden Smith asked staff if anyone had any final comments.

There were none.

Warden Smith asked the Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee to present the Committee's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

[08:30:00]

C20(130)
May

On the motion of Councillors Greene and Smith:

Woodford

Moved that Council approve the registration of the Oak Island Cemetery in Maitland as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Warden Smith asked Councillors if they had any final comments or questions.

There were none.

MOTION CARRIED

That concluded the hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

[00:09:15:]

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

Item 40 - Letter from Kevin Neatt, Clayton Developments/The Shaw Group Limited

Following Executive Committee, Council received a letter from Clayton Development/The Shaw Group, stating that they will remove Block J from their development proposal. All other negotiated terms remain the same, including the bridge.

Councillors MacInnis, Roulston and Smith expressed their appreciation for listening to Council's concerns and for the amendment.

Item 9 - Letter from Minister Chuck Porter, Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing to Jean Cameron re. Public Hearing and the Leno Ribahi application for lands on Hwy 214, Elmsdale

The letter states a person may request a review if they feel a procedural error has occurred. Councillor King inquired as to what that could be.

Staff noted an example such as if a municipality does not advertise a public hearing, as outlined in the Municipal Government Act. This matter is currently being reviewed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

[00:17:40]

Item 1 - Electronic Vehicle charging stations

In April 2020, the municipality received an email from NS Power (NSP) on behalf of NSP and the Department of Energy and Mines seeking Expressions of Interest from

municipalities interested in partnering with Clean Nova Scotia Foundation (Clean NS) to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations through the Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) funding program.

Staff submitted an initial response and more information is now being sought as part of the application process.

- C20(131) On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and Dixon: MacEwan
Moved that Council direct staff to continue with the NRCAN ZEVIP funding application for EV Charging Stations for the seven (7) municipally-owned sites that would primarily be for Employee and Fleet use at a cost of \$35,000, source of funding from the Transport Equipment Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:26:09]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the Police Advisory Committee report from the meeting held on May 19, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

There are no recommendations going forward to Council.

- C20(132) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and MacInnis:
May ***Moved the adoption of the report.***

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

[00:26:59]

Councillor Roulston, as Chair, presented the Corporate & Residential Services Committee report from meeting held on May 19, 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.

INCLUSIVE WASHROOM & CHANGE ROOM POLICY

- C20(133) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Smith: Friars
May ***Moved that Council adopt the proposed Inclusive Washroom & Change Room Policy as attached to the May 19, 2020 Executive Committee agenda.***

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION 2020

[00:28:18]

- C20(134) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Greene: MacEwan
May ***Moved that Council direct staff to draft a Bylaw to incorporate the various voting options as discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held May 19, 2020.***

MOTION CARRIED

FORMER ELMSDALE SCHOOL PROPERTY (CCRE)

[00:29:13]

C20(135)
May

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Greene:
Moved that Council direct staff to enter into a lease agreement with the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education at the Former Elmsdale School property for the purposes of pre-primary programming.

Friars

MOTION CARRIED

GEORGEFIELD WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

[00:30:34]

C20(136)
May

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Greene:
Moved that Council direct staff to begin planning a phased re-opening of the Waste Management Centre site.

Hulsman

Councillor Rhyno moved an amendment to open the Waste Management Centre site every Saturday starting in two weeks' time.

The Warden declared the amendment out of order.

Ten (10) voting in favor. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

MOTION CARRIED

C20(137)
May

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Rhyno:
Moved (later defeated) that Council direct staff to have the phased re-opening as quickly as possible, based on discussions.

Three voting in favor. Eight (8) voting against. Councillors Moussa, King, MacInnis, Dixon, Smith, Hebb, Warden Smith and Deputy Warden Perry.

MOTION DEFEATED

C20(138)
May

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

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

[00:45:27]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee report from the meeting held on May 19, 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.

DISTRICT RECREATION FUNDS - SECOND INTAKE (APRIL 2020)

C20(139)
May

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and King:
Moved that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2020-2021 (Intake 2) totaling \$15,453, as follows:

Clarkson

Shubenacadie Home and School Association	
District 4	\$4,098
District 5	\$2,500
Total	\$6,598

Enfield Elmsdale & District Lions Club	
District 10	\$3,133
District 2	\$3,000
District 1	\$2,722
Total	\$8,855

MOTION CARRIED

C20(140) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Dixon:
May *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

[PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)

[00:47:26]

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on May 19, 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.

[CLAYTON DEVELOPMENTS WCDD PROPOSAL](#)

C20(141) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Smith:
May *Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public hearing for the application by The Shaw Group Ltd. to enter into a Development Agreement.*

Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

[SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES](#)

[00:49:05]

C20(142) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Perry:
May *Moved that Council invite the Colchester Sustainability Coordinator to present to Council at an Executive Committee meeting.*

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MOTION CARRIED

C20(143) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:
May *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

[FIRST READING, BYLAW A-100-1, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW A-100, ALTERNATIVE VOTING BYLAW](#)

[00:51:00]

C20(144) On the motion of Councillors Dixon and King: MacEwan
May *Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw A-100-1, an amendment to Bylaw A-100, Alternative Voting Bylaw, the option without mobile polling.*

MOTION CARRIED

[FIRST READING, BYLAW P-1200, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW LOT GRADING, RESPECTING GRADING AND DRAINAGE](#) [00:59:37]

C20(145) On the motion of Councillors Greene and King : Woodford
May *Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw P-1200, an amendment to Bylaw Lot Grading, Respecting Grading and Drainage.*

MOTION CARRIED

[WARDENS REPORT](#) [01:01:14]

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

The Warden provided a verbal report on his recent activities.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

[COUNCILLORS BUSINESS REPORT](#) [01:04:11]

Councillors provided verbal reports on their recent activities and had their questions answered by staff.

[SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL](#) [01:20:17]

C20(146) On the motion of Councillors and Greene and Moussa:
May *Moved that the next Regular Meeting of Council be held on June 16th, 2020 (Policy) and June 24th, 2020.*

MOTION CARRIED

[IN-CAMERA SESSION](#) [01:20:37]

C20(147) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Deputy Warden Perry:
May *Moved that Council go In-Camera at 8:46 p.m.*

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Committee returned to open Council at 10:29 p.m.

Warden Smith noted that Council met in-camera to discuss one contractual issue, one land issue and staffing issues.

Direction was given to staff.

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

C20(148) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and King:
May ***Moved that Council adjourn at 10:30 p.m.***

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: May 28, 2020



Approved By: James D. Smith, Warden
Date: June 24, 2020

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