



Regular Meeting of Council (held via Virtual Video Conferencing)

July 29, 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 Friars, 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. Connie Nolan, Returning Officer
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Tutu Erikitola, Administrative Assistant

GUEST

Dean Smith - Intelivote Systems Inc.

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(184)
July

On the motion of Councillors Greene and Dixon:
Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C20(185) On the motion of Councillors King and Roulston:
July *Moved that the minutes of the June 16th, and June 24th & 25th, 2020 Regular Meetings of Council be approved.*

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

[00:01:17]

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

Item 61 - Halifax Stanfield Air Cargo Logistics Park

Councillor King expressed appreciation for the update on how they’re successfully managing through COVID and the increase in cargo use. Many of the employees at the airport live in East Hants and their success is also our success.

Item 7 - Release of Nova Scotia Main Street Initiative Community Workbook (St. Peter's, Westville and Elmsdale)

Councillor King commented on the municipality’s partnership in the Nova Scotia Main Street Initiative Community Workbook. A number of residents and business owners participated in the workshop and webinars.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

[00:03:40]

Item 49 - Letter from NSTIR re. three-year cost share agreement for paving of subdivision streets

The current three-year agreement for the paving of subdivision streets expires March 31, 2021. In order to continue with this program, a new three-year agreement is required with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

C20(186) On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and King:
July *Moved that Council authorize the Warden and CAO to sign the Cost Share Agreement No. 2020-010.*

MOTION CARRIED

Item 19 - Email from Todd Swinamer resigning from the Fire Advisory Committee and as Fire Chief of Uniacke Fire Department

Staff received an email from Todd Swinamer resigning from the Fire Advisory Committee and as Fire Chief of Uniacke Fire Department. Mr. Swinamer and the new Chief, Ryan Penny, recommend Shawn Darby the new Deputy chief, be appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee as his replacement.

C20(187) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and MacInnis:

July

Moved that Council accept the recommendation of Shawn Darby, the new Deputy Chief to be appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee until April 2021, when the Nominating Committee meets.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

[00:06:38]

The Public Hearing was live-streamed through the municipal website and YouTube.

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

Warden Smith noted that there are two (2) items on the public hearing agenda. The purpose of the hearings is to hear input from the public, prior to making a decision on the application.

To the members of the public who have chosen to participate this evening, welcome. Anyone who wants to comment or ask questions will be provided an opportunity to do so via previously submitted written comments, pre-arranged telephone call-in, and live chat tonight via our YouTube livestream on the municipal website.

Warden Smith 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.

Warden Smith asked the Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk to outline when the public hearing advertisements were published.

The Chief Administrative Officer Clerk noted that the public hearing notice appeared in the July 15th and 22nd editions of The Chronicle Herald. The notices described the proposal, gave the date, time and location of the public hearing, and indicated that staff reports were available to the public. Details were also provided on how the public may make written and verbal submissions at the public hearing.

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENTS, RE: PARKING STANDARD

[00:08:24]

The Municipality is proposing amendments that would in-crease the parking requirement for multi-unit housing from 1.5 spaces per unit to 2.0 spaces in addition to required visitor parking.

Warden Smith asked the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee to present his report.

Councillor Greene, as 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.

The Director of Planning & Development presented the staff report titled “*Proposed Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw re Parking Standards*”, dated July 14, 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. [00:17:00]

Councillors Roulston, King, Rhyno, MacInnis, Smith and Dixon had their questions answered by staff.

Warden Smith asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public by written submission.

There were none.

Warden Smith asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public by pre-arranged telephone call in.

The Communications Officer had one (1) member of the public to speak via telephone.

Mr. John Tolson - Tolson Development Ltd [00:24:49]

Business owner and developer since 1968.

We’ve built 1,2 and 3 bedroom apartments and over the years I can tell you what I’ve found.

- 1 bed - 1 parking spot and one person in it, and very seldom, if ever, had a person in a 1 bedroom have 2 cars
- 2 bed - most have 1-2 cars
- 3 bed - I’ve found, usually have children and they can’t afford 2 cars - what tends to happen is the 3 bedroom units end up with less parking than the 2 bedroom units

All this from experience from 1968.

Tolson Development is in your community, my other buildings are in other areas of the province. What we’ve found in Elmsdale we have no on street parking because we’re not on the street, we’ve kept our building away from the street, but they’re all 2 bedroom units. We’re now thinking that perhaps what we should do is go to 1 bedroom units, or 3 bedroom units, because you have less parking.

Also, the more parking you have the less green space you have, that is very important nowadays. I think that you should think about making sure that either 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom or 3 bedroom are different rather than across the board.

Warden Smith asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public via live chat on YouTube.

There were none.

Warden Smith made a last call for comments or questions via live chat on YouTube.

The Communications Officer confirmed there were none.

Warden Smith asked if staff had any final comments. [00:27:00]

Staff made final comments.

RECOMMENDATION [00:27:23]

C20(188)
July

On the motion of Councillors Greene and MacInnis:

Woodford

Moved that Council give second reading to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that require dedicated visitor parking for multi-unit dwellings at a ratio of one (1) space per seven (7) units.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C20(189)
July

On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Rhyno:

Moved (later defeated) that Council give second reading to amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that require parking for multi-unit dwellings at a ratio of two (2) spaces per dwelling unit and one (1) space per every seven (7) dwelling units for dedicated visitor parking

Three (3) voting in favor. Eight (8) voting against. Councillors, King, Hebb, Moussa Dixon, Smith, MacInnis, Greene and Deputy Warden Perry voting nay.

MOTION DEFEATED

SUBDIVISION BYLAW RE: SEWER/WATER CAPACITY [00:31:18]

The Municipality is proposing amendments that make it clearer that sewer and water capacity will be considered in evaluating subdivision applications. The proposed amendments would also ensure that capacity is not allocated if it is not expected to be used within five years.

Warden Smith asked the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee to present his report.

Councillor Greene, as 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.

The Director of Planning & Development presented the staff report titled "*Proposed Amendments to the Subdivision Bylaw re Servicing Capacity*", dated July 13, 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 asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public by written submission.

There were none.

Warden Smith asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public by pre-arranged telephone call in.

There were none.

Warden Smith asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public via live chat on YouTube.

There were none.

Warden Smith made a last call for comments or questions via live chat on YouTube.

The Communications Officer confirmed there were none.

Warden Smith asked if staff had any final comments.

There were none.

RECOMMENDATION

[00:37:01]

C20(190)
July

On the motion of Councillors Greene and Smith:

Woodford

Moved that Council give second 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.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Smith thanked those in attendance.

PRESENTATION: INTELIVOTE SYSTEMS INC.- ELECTION 2020

[00:38:00]

Dean Smith, from Intelivote Systems Inc., made a presentation to council on their electronic/telephone voting system.

Councillor Roulston, Smith, King, Rhyno and MacInnis made comments and had their questions answered.

C20(191) On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and Smith: [01:22:00]
July Moved (later amended) that Council approve eight (8) days electronic voting, paper ballot locations: one in Mount Uniacke, one at the Lloyd E. Matheson building and one per rural polling district on election day.

C20(192) On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and Smith:
July ***Moved to amend motion C20(191) to revise paper ballot locations to: one paper ballot location for the corridor, one in Mount Uniacke and one polling district in the rural area will be set up on election day.***

Eight (8) voting in favor. Three (3) voting against. Councillors Hebb, Rhyno and Dixon voting nay.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

For clarification motion C20(191) is as follows:

On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and Smith:
Moved that Council authorize and approve:

- 1. No advance poll will be held***
- 2. Electronic voting will be held from October 9th to October 16th***
- 3. One paper ballot location for the corridor, one in Mount Uniacke and one per polling district in the rural area will be set up on election day.***

Nine (9) voting in favor. Two (2) voting against. Councillors Rhyno and Dixon voting nay.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

C20(193) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and MacInnis: [01:32:00]
July ***Moved that Council authorize the CAO to engage Intelivote for telephone and electronic voting for the 2020 Municipal Election.***

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[01:47:00]

Councillor Roulston, as Chair, presented the Audit Committee report from the meeting held on July 24, 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.

C20(194) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Smith: Surette
July

Moved that Council adopt the March 31st, 2020 Financial Statements as presented by Deloitte Touche at the June 24th, 2020 Audit Committee meeting; and that Deloitte & Touche, LLP be appointed as Municipal Auditor for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

C20(195) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and Deputy Warden Perry: Surette
July ***As per section 44 of the MGA, moved that Council appoints the membership of the Audit Committee for 2020/2021 be comprised of the Warden, Chair of Corporate & Residential Services, and one other Councillor (Councillor Moussa) and a public member.***

MOTION CARRIED

C20(196) On the motion of Councillors Roulston and MacInnis:
July ***Moved the adoption of the report.***

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

[01:48:00]

Due to Councillor Roulston experiencing technical difficulty, Councillor Moussa, as Vice Chair, presented the Corporate & Residential Services Committee report from the meeting held on July 21, 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.

COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY

C20(197) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb: CAO
July ***Moved that Council approve the changes to the Council Procedural Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated July 21, 2020.***

MOTION CARRIED

PENSION ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS - DECEMBER 2019

[01:51:14]

C20(198) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Smith: Surette
July ***Moved that Council authorize the following:***

- 1) The final December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation be filed based on the results as outlined in the report to Corporate & Residential Services Committee, dated July 15th, 2020, Results: Tri-Annual Actuarial Review - December 31, 2019;***
- 2) Pension payments as required by legislation are approved for payment into the Plan;***

- 3) *The definition of average earnings for service prior to January 1, 2020, be upgraded to December 31, 2019 earnings, with no pension being greater than the best five years income of the employee, for those employees who are retiring between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021 only, and that these special payments, as they arise, be funded through the pension reserve fund;*
- 4) *The employee contribution rate be reviewed and amended in the Plan to be 5.5% for contributions on earnings after January 1, 2021 and 6.5% for contributions on earnings earned after January 1, 2022, with all related filings to be reviewed and submitted by the CAO;*
- 5) *The Actuary be asked to do the standard upgrade calculation as part of the December 2022 actuarial review. This calculation will upgrade the definition of average earnings (to redefine average earnings to December 31, 2022 earnings with no pension being greater than the best five years income of the employee); and,*
- 6) *That Plenus Consultants be appointed as the Actuary for the Municipality of East Hants pension plan.*

MOTION CARRIED

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

[01:54:34]

C20(199)
July

On the motion of Councillors Moussa and MacInnis:
Moved that Council direct staff to submit to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities a letter of intent for their Community Efficiency Financing feasibility study grant program and;

Friars

That Council direct staff to continue to work towards incorporating an efficiency roadmap into the draft 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION 2020 - STAFF REPORT #3

[01:56:07]

C20(200)
July

On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Smith:
Moved that Council approve:

CAO

- 1) *That the Alternative Voting proxy voting option be available in the 2020 election.*
- 2) *That drive in polling stations options be made available at certain locations decided by the Chief Administrative officer as recommended by the Returning officer. If necessary, the ability to vote from one's car would be available in conjunction with an advanced or regular poll or if*

necessary, a specific drive through vote option at one or more locations on October 17th.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING TREASURER'S REPORT

[01:59:02]

C20(201)
July

On the motion of Councillors Moussa and King:
Moved that Council accept the East Hants Annual Report 2019/2020 as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated July 21, 2020.

Surette

MOTION CARRIED

C20(202)
July

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

[02:00:24]

Councillor Dixon, as Chair, presented the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee report from the meeting held on July 21, 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.

BURGESS ROAD WATER & WASTEWATER REPLACEMENT FUNDING REQUEST

C20(203)
July

On the motion of Councillors Dixon and Moussa:
Moved that Council approve an additional \$368,700 in capital expenditure budget, for the Burgess Road Water and Wastewater Main Replacement project, to be funded from Depreciation Reserves (\$28,320), Water Infrastructure Reserves (\$97,380), Sewer Infrastructure Reserves (\$72,720), and Gas Tax (\$344,680).

Hulsman

MOTION CARRIED

CONNECT2 FUNDING APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT REQUEST - HWY 102 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CROSSING

[02:02:45]

C20(204)
July

On the motion of Councillors Dixon and King:
Moved that Council supports a funding application through the Connect2 program for an Active Transportation project to safely increase access across Highway 102 in the Elmsdale area.

Hulsman

MOTION CARRIED

C20(205)
July

On the motion of Councillors Dixon and Greene:
Moved that Council supports a funding application through the Federal Government's COVID related funding program for an Active Transportation project to safely increase access across Highway 102 in the Elmsdale area.

[02:06:54]

Hulsman

MOTION CARRIED

ISENOR ROAD LIFT STATION FUNDING REQUEST

C20(206) On the motion of Councillors Dixon and Greene: Hulsman
 July *Moved that Council approve \$130,000 in the Capital Budget for project 18-011 in Fiscal 2020-2021, to be funded from Gas Tax.*

MOTION CARRIED

C20(207) On the motion of Councillors Dixon and MacInnis:
 July *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

[02:07:46]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee report from the meeting held on July 21, 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 FUND - PROJECT SCOPE CHANGE - ENFIELD/ELMSDALE & DISTRICT LIONS

C20(208) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: Clarkson
 July *Moved that Council approves the Enfield Elmsdale & District Lions Club 2020-2021 funding request as follows:*

District 7	\$8,000
District 1	\$2,000
District 2	\$3,000
Total	\$13,000

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS - HANTS COUNTY CHRISTMAS ANGELS & HANTS COUNTY EXHIBITION

[02:09:27]

C20(209) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden Perry: Clarkson
 July *Moved that Council approves the following General Government Grants:*

Hants County Exhibition	\$500
Hants County Christmas Angels Society	\$1,000
East Hants Crime Prevention	\$825
East Hants Historical Society	\$15,123
Dr. Snow Bursaries	\$3,000
Total	\$20,448

MOTION CARRIED

BURNTCOAT HEAD PARK MASTER PLAN

[02:10:43]

C20(210)
July

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene:
Moved that Council approve the Burntcoat Head Park Concept Designs, as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated July 21, 2020.

Clarkson

MOTION CARRIED

C20(211)
July

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

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[02:11:57]

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on July 21, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

REVISED PRIVATE ROADS SIGNAGE POLICY

C20(212)
July

On the motion of Councillors Greene and Dixon:
Moved that Council approve the 2020 Private Road Signage Policy replacing the 2005 version, as attached to the July 21, 2020 Executive Committee agenda.

Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

C20(213)
July

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

MOTION CARRIED

WARDENS REPORT

[02:13:50]

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

TABLED MOTIONS

Council was asked to make decisions on the following previously tabled motions for the record:

Bowling Society - Lantz Land

C20(214)
July

On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor MacInnis:
Moved that Motion C12(224) be lifted from the table.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion C12(224):

Moved that Council set aside a piece of land on the old Lantz School property for five years, so that the Bowling Society will have an opportunity to get their project in order.

MOTION DEFEATED

[Fire Service in Indian Brook](#)

C20(215)
July On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor MacInnis:
Moved that Motion C14(78) be lifted from the table.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion C14(78):
Moved (later deferred) that Council further correspond with Indian Brook, Indian Affairs, Scott Brison, and the Union of Nova Scotia Indians and outline the situation as it exists today and how we got to that situation;

And that, the Municipality has been advised that the fire departments are no longer comfortable responding to calls in Indian Brook; And to request that responses be provided by all parties.

MOTION DEFEATED

[Training Centre Status Update - Fire Service](#)

C20(216)
July On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor Greene:
Moved that Motion C15(157) be lifted from the table.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion C15(157):
Move that Council move forward on this (to grant \$100,000 to the East Hants Fire Service Association for the purpose of obtaining the land from Mr. Pyke and procuring a burn building) pending approval from the agreement with Matt Pyke.

MOTION DEFEATED

[Cottage Country](#)

C20(217)
July On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor MacInnis:
Moved that Motion C16(191) be lifted from the table.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion C16(191):
Move (later Tabled) that Council not consider the application to amend the development agreement for cottage country.

MOTION DEFEATED

[Ballam Farm - Snide's Lake Land](#)

C20(218) On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor MacInnis:

July **Moved that Motion C17(36) be lifted from the table.**

Motion C17(36):

Moved (later tabled) to direct staff to work with Ralph Ballam to come to a fair arrangement to straighten the property lines between Ballam Farm lands and those owned by the municipality on the Snide's Lake property, prior to finalization of any sale, unless sold to Ballam Farms.

MOTION DEFEATED

Dog Parks

C20(219) On the motion of Warden Smith and Councillor King:
July **Moved that Motion C17(67) be lifted from the table.**

MOTION CARRIED

Motion C17(67):

Moved (later tabled) to direct staff to prepare a report regarding public dog parks in East Hants including general requirements, costs, potential sites and public enquiries to date to Executive Committee in September.

MOTION DEFEATED

The Warden provided a verbal report on his recent activities.

Warden Smith confirmed that this is his last term as a municipal councillor.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

COUNCILLORS BUSINESS REPORT

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

4-WAY STOP, ENFIELD

[02:30:00]

Councillor Dixon brought forward concerns by residents about traffic and vehicles speeding and failing to stop at Stop signs.

A 4-way Stop sign may help make the area safer. The last request for Boyd and Wilson was in 2014 and a negative response was received.

C20(220) On the motion of Councillors Dixon and King:
July **Moved that Council direct staff send a letter to TIR to conduct a review for 4-way stops at Boyd Road and Wilson Road as well as Tyler and Lacy Ann in Enfield.**

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C20(221) On the motion of Councillors MacInnis and King:
July *Moved that the next Regular Meeting of Council be held on September 2nd (if needed), 15th, 2020 (Policy) and September 23rd, 2020.*

MOTION CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION

C20(222) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Perry:
July *Moved that Council go In-Camera at 9:36 p.m.*

MOTION CARRIED

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

Warden Smith noted that Council met in-camera to discuss one contractual issue.

Direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

C20(223) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Deputy Warden Perry :
July *Moved that Council adjourn at 10:10 p.m.*

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: July 31, 2020



Approved By: James D. Smith, Warden
Date: September 23, 2020

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