



Regular Meeting of Council

December 16, 2020

PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden John A. MacDonald

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole Wayne Greene
 Norval Mitchell Michael Perry
 Eldon Hebb Elie Moussa
 Ian Knockwood Tom Isenor
 Keith Rhyno

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 Surrette, 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 Roulston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Roulston respectfully acknowledged that East Hants is in Mi'kma'ki and the District of Sipekne'katik, the ancestral and 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(359) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene:
December Moved (later amended) that the Agenda be approved as presented.

C20(360) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene:
December ***Moved to amend motion C20(359) to include a discussion on the Agricultural
Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.***

AMENDMENT CARRIED

For clarification motion C20(359) is as follows:

C20(361) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene:
December *Moved that the agenda be approved as presented and include a discussion on the Agricultural Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.*

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C20(362) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:
December *Moved that the minutes of the November 10th and November 18th, 2020 Regular Meetings of Council be approved.*

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

[00:02:27]

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

Item 20 - Letter from Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment in response to the November 18, 2020 letter from the municipality regarding the cost of curbside recycling in the province.

Councillor Hebb noted the response from the Minister of Environment and the importance of the financial implications to the municipality and the province. We must continue to voice our concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

Item 50 - Johnson Road Petition, Mount Uniacke

[00:04:18]

Staff received a petition from the property owners on Johnson Road, Mount Uniacke.

They are seeking Council's approval for a full and proper review due to the lack of vehicular access and Emergency Responders' accessibility to the Peninsula of Lewis Lake.

They ask that the municipality employ the Private Ways Act to allow the road access to extend from Johnson Road/Woodland Road Extension PID 45334067 over a Right of Way on PID 45334059 onto the peninsula.

Councillors made comments and had their questions answered by staff.

C20(363) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:
December

Woodford

Moved that Council direct staff to prepare a report and provide options to extend Johnson Road/Woodland Road Extension PID 45334067 over a Right of Way on PID 45334059 onto the peninsula.

MOTION CARRIED

[Item 40 - Code of Conduct Complaint](#)

[00:07:35]

Council has received a complaint against Councillor Ian Knockwood.

The complaint has been investigated as per the Council Procedural Policy, Code of Conduct. The municipality appointed Marc Dunning (legal counsel) as the investigator.

Warden Roulston asked Councillor Knockwood if he would like to speak before or after Councillors comment. Councillor Knockwood stated he would speak after comments.

Councillor Perry, Moussa, Hebb and Deputy Warden MacDonald made comments.

Warden Roulston asked Councillor Knockwood to make his comments. Councillor Knockwood declined to comment.

C20(364)
December

On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Moussa:

[00:15:48]

Moved that Council is in agreement that there was no breach of the Code of Conduct and that no penalty be imposed.

CAO

MOTION CARRIED

[Item 37 - Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes request that Council participate in Purple Day, March 26, 2021](#)

[00:16:15]

The Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes is asking all Municipalities in the Maritimes to participate in Epilepsy Awareness month in March 2021 to show support for local constituents who live with Epilepsy.

They ask that in recognition of this event Council wear Purple Ribbons (which they will provide) to show support within the community. They hope that a picture could be taken and sent to them to post on the organization's Facebook page.

C20(365)
December

On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene:

MacArthur/

Moved that Council show support for those living with Epilepsy within East Hants and Nova Scotia, by participating in Epilepsy Awareness day on March 26th, 2021.

CAO

MOTION CARRIED

[ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)

[00:18:45]

Councillor Perry presented the Accessibility Advisory Committee report from the meeting held on December 2, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

There are no motions coming forward from the meeting.

C20(366)
December On the motion of Councillor Perry and Deputy Warden MacDonald:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:22:27]

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the Fire Advisory Committee report from the meeting held on December 3, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

There are no motions coming forward from the meeting.

C20(367)
December On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

EAST HANTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:23:24]

Deputy Warden MacDonald, presented the East Hants Source Water Protection Advisory Committee report from the meeting held on December 15, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

There are no motions coming forward from the meeting.

C20(368)
December On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Moussa:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

[00:24:14]

Deputy Warden MacDonald, as Chair, presented the Corporate & Residential Services Committee report from the meeting held on December 8, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion is coming forward to Council as a result of that meeting.

ELMSDALE BUSINESS PARK - ROAD EXTENSION (FRONTAGE)

C20(369)
December On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Hebb:
Moved that Council approve a Capital Project Budget for 2021/22 of \$230,000 to construct an approximate 30-meter extension of Park Road.

Friars

MOTION CARRIED

LIVESTREAM/EQUIPMENT REFRESH - COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY

[00:24:56]

C20(370) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mitchell: CAO/Surette
December *Moved that Council direct staff commence replacement of the existing Video Switching equipment immediately with funding to come from the IT Internet reserve (\$17,313) and the remaining (\$3,279) from the Legislation Equipment reserve.*

And, that Council approves the acquisition and implementation of livestreaming equipment, to be procured through the Provincial Standing Offer from Backman Vidcom, with funding of (\$31,000) to come from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding program funding.

And, that Council approves the acquisition and implementation of Web Conferencing equipment, to be procured through the Provincial Standing Offer from Backman Vidcom, with funding of (\$28,000) to come from savings in operations in 2020-2021 NSFM/FCM Conference Attendance.

MOTION CARRIED

C20(371) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Hebb: [00:26:50]
December *Moved that Council approve the Council Procedural Policy including the addition of Sections 2.12 and 2.13 relating to livestreaming, as outlined in the “Livestreaming & Equipment Refresh” report attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated December 8th, 2020 and section 2.14 that shall read: Web conferencing is not to be used for Councillors to attend meetings remotely, when Council is meeting in Council Chambers, without the expressed consent of Council to permit the Councillor to join remotely.* CAO/Surette

MOTION CARRIED

C20(372) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Moussa:
December *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

[00:28:09]

Councillor Moussa, as Chair, presented the Infrastructure & Operations Committee report from the meeting held on December 8, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion is coming forward to Council as a result of that meeting.

C20(373) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Rhyno: Hulsman
December *Moved that Council direct staff to investigate establishing a program in line with the municipality’s Strategic plan (Strong Community - sense of pride), by working with various community groups in East Hants to establish a program to address the problem of littering around highway exits and other roadways in East Hants.*

MOTION CARRIED

C20(374) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:
December ***Moved the adoption of the report.***

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

[00:29:47]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on December 8, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

DISTRICT RECREATION FUNDS APPLICATION - MOUNT UNIACKE MASONIC LODGE AND UNIACKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

C20(375) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Perry:
December ***Moved that Council approve the Uniacke and District Volunteer Fire Department funding request of \$15,000, from District 8 Recreation Funds.***

Clarkson

MOTION CARRIED

C20(376) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald:
December ***Moved that Council approve the Uniacke Masonic Lodge funding request of \$7,348, from District 8 Recreation Funds, with the condition that further community access will need to be shown for further funding opportunities.***

Clarkson

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

MOTION CARRIED

C20(377) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:
December ***Moved the adoption of the report.***

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:33:35]

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on December 8, 2020. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

MAPLE RIDGE STABLES - AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN - INITIAL REPORT

C20(378) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald:
December ***Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public information meeting to consider the proposal from Maple Ridge Stables to make text amendments the MPS and LUB to enable horse stables, boarding and training facilities to be considered by development agreement on lands zoned Established Residential***

Woodford

Neighbourhood (R1) and Two Dwelling Unit Residential (R2), where there are no Municipal water or wastewater services available.

And, to include a catchment area of 500m for the public information meeting notification letters.

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

MOTION CARRIED

[ASHFORD PLACE - REZONING OF LAND TO ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DESIGNATION AND ZONE](#) [00:35:02]

C20(379) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: Woodford
December *Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public information meeting to amend the MPS and LUB by changing a portion of the designation of PID 45354396, Ashford Place, Lantz to Established Residential Neighbourhood (ER) Designation and rezone the same to Established Residential Neighbourhood (R1) Zone, to enable the property to be used for residential uses.*

MOTION CARRIED

[GAIL SLOANE - REZONING FROM AR ZONE TO RU ZONE - BARR SETTLEMENT ROAD](#) [00:36:08]

C20(380) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Rhyno: Woodford
December *Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public information meeting to consider the proposal from Gail Sloane and Peter MacDougall to change the designation and zone of 3 properties on Barr Settlement Road from Agricultural Reserve (AR) to Rural Use (RU).*

Nine (9) voting in favor. Two (2) voting against. Councillors Knockwood and Garden-Cole voting nay.

MOTION CARRIED

C20(381) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:
December *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

C20(382) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Perry: [00:43:33]
December *Moved that Council direct staff to prepare a report with options, considerations and thoughts for Council's review on in-camera pre-application presentations by developers.* Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

[AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE](#) [00:46:47]

Following a meeting of the Nominating Committee, Deputy Warden MacDonald, as Vice-chair, brought forward for consideration revisions to the Agricultural Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, in support of potential growth within the municipality.

The Term's also erred and state that the Planning Advisory Committee make recommendations when it is the Nominating Committee that makes membership recommendations.

C20(383) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Moussa: [00:47:00]
December *Moved that Council approve the following revisions to the Agriculture Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference:* MacEwan/CAO

- **Membership: Section A**
 - *Membership to include two (2) Councillors and eight (8) additional members (currently it's seven (7))*
- **Membership: Section B**
 - *Include three (3) East Hants farmers representatives (currently two (2))*
- **Membership: Section C**
 - *Strike the words "and those farming within the zoned areas of the municipality"*
 - *Change "recommendations for membership shall be made to the East Hants Council via the Planning Advisory Committee" to via the Nominating Committee*

MOTION CARRIED

[NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT](#)

[00:48:33]

Deputy Warden MacDonald assumed the chair.

Warden Roulston, as Chair, gave a verbal report on the Nominating Committee from the meeting held on December 16, 2020. The meeting was held to consider public member recommendations for three committees: the Planning Advisory Committee, the Agriculture Committee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Warden Roulston noted an increase in applications submitted and great community interest.

[Planning Advisory Committee](#)

C20(384) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Greene: Woodford
December *Moved that Council approve the public members recommendations to the Planning Advisory Committee as follows: Candace Stephens and Sam Balcom.*

MOTION CARRIED

Agriculture Advisory Committee

C20(385) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Moussa: Woodford
December *Moved that Council approve the farming and public members recommendations to the Agricultural Advisory Committee as follows:*

Farming members: Phillip Vroegh, Luke McKellan and Lloyd Blois

Public members: Logan Stephens, Beth Densmore and Ed Versteeg

MOTION CARRIED

Accessibility Advisory Committee

C20(386) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Greene: Woodford
December *Moved that Council approve the public members recommendation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee as follows: Chelsea Smith (née Caron).*

MOTION CARRIED

C20(387) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Moussa:
December *Moved the adoption of the report.*

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Perry thanked all former public members for their contributions and support during the last four years.

WARDENS REPORT

[00:52:40]

Deputy Warden MacDonald assumed the chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

Warden Roulston resumed the chair.

COUNCILLORS BUSINESS REPORT

[00:54:38]

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

All Councillors wished everyone a enjoyable break following an challenging year.

KELLY DRIVE, LANTZ

[00:59:19]

Deputy Warden MacDonald brought forward a request from a resident regarding Kelly Drive in Lantz on having it paved/repared.

C20(388) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Perry: Hulsman

December ***Moved that Council direct staff to send a request to the Department Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to assess Kelly Avenue road condition for consideration of resurfacing or maintenance in the coming fiscal year.***

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE (FISHING TRAGEDY)

Councillor Rhyno expressed his condolences to the families of the recent fishing tragedy on the Bay of Fund.

C20(389) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Perry: CAO
December ***Moved that Council direct staff to send letter of condolences to the communities impacted by the loss of lives of the fisherman of the Chief William Saulis scallop vessel based out of Yarmouth.***

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C20(390) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene:
December ***Moved that the next Regular Meeting of Council be held on January 19th (Policy) and January 27th, 2021.***

MOTION CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION

C20(391) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:
December ***Moved that Council go In-Camera at 8:07 p.m.***

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open Council at 9:19 p.m.

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

Staff direction was given. No motion is coming forward as a result of the in-camera session.

Warden Roulston reminded Council of the Property Valuation Services Corporation orientation on December 17th, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

C20(392) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Moussa:
December ***Moved that Council adjourn at 9:24 p.m.***

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Ramsay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: December 17, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eleanor Roulston', written in a cursive style.

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: January 27, 2021

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