



Regular Meeting of Council

January 27, 2021

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
Ms. Alex Collin, 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

C21(4) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene:
Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

- C21(5) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell:
Moved that the minutes of the December 8th and December 16th, 2020 Regular Meetings of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

[CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION](#)

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

[Item 45 - Mt Uniacke Library thank you letter](#)

The municipality received a letter of thanks from the Colchester-East Hants Public Library Board following the renovation of the Mount Uniacke Library.

Councillor Perry thanked staff for their support and Council for supporting the funding and renovation. The renovations have been well received within the community.

[CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION](#)

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

[Item 37 - Update on the Uniacke Trails Association \(UTA\) NSUARB complaint against the Windsor & Hantsport Railway Company](#) [00:04:00]

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) released its decision in which it determined that Uniacke Trails Association had no standing to pursue its complaint against The Windsor and Hantsport Railway Company.

With legal counsel, staff have prepared a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal initiate a complaint or investigation to address many of the issues raised by UTA including safety concerns. In its decision, the Board indicated that it would be appropriate for TIR to take the lead in this matter.

- C21(6) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: [00:09:55]
Moved that Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the Uniacke Trails Association complaint against The Windsor and Hantsport Railway Company to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Friars

MOTION CARRIED

[Item 20 - Request to meet from the East Hants Curling Association](#) [00:14:00]

The East Hants Curling Association is requesting to meet with Corridor Councillors to discuss new information and provide clarification of their July 2020 presentation.

- C21(7) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: [00:17:00]

Moved that Council decline (the request from the East Hants Curling Association) **to** MacEwan ***meet at this time and re-evaluate in six (6) months' time.***

MOTION CARRIED

[Item 11 - Letter from the Walton Shore Fire Department seeking a financial grant in the amount of \\$70,000 to support the purchase of a rescue boat.](#) [00:21:00]

The Walton Shore Fire Department (WSFD) is seeking financial support of \$70,000 to purchase a rescue boat.

They have saved \$17,500 toward the purchase. They have sought support from the Municipality of West Hants but they are unable to provide support due to other priorities.

Federal and Provincial requests have also been made to no avail.

C21(8) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: [00:35:11]
Moved that Council set aside \$10,000 in the Rural Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund from 2020-2021 general revenue, in exchange for \$10,000 of money from the Rural Gas Tax Reserve Fund and that an additional \$10,000 in Rural Gas Tax be used to fund the playground Project # 18-008 (2020-2021). Friars

MOTION CARRIED

C21(9) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: [00:37:00]
Move that Council approve a grant of \$70,000 under the Fire Service Funding Policy, from the Rural Fire Capital Assistance Fund to the Walton Shore Fire Department for the purchase of a Rescue Boat and associated equipment per the letter of request from the WSFD on Council correspondence January 26th, 2021. Friars

MOTION CARRIED

[Item 9 - Letter from Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education \(CCRCE\) for early termination of lease agreement](#) [00:38:00]

The CCRCE has requested an early termination of their lease agreement from the former Elmsdale Elementary School building.

The construction work on their new building has completed earlier than anticipated and they are now able to move into their new space.

C21(10) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mitchell: [00:41:00]
Moved that Council approve the early lease termination date of January 31, 2021, for the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education from the former Elmsdale Elementary School building. Friars

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

[00:46:00]

Deputy Warden MacDonald, as Chair, presented the Corporate & Residential Services Committee report from the meeting held on January 19, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following recommendations came forward as a result of that meeting:

ART DONATION POLICY

- C21(11) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene: Friars
Moved that Council approve the Art Donation Policy, as attached to the Executive Committee agenda, dated January 19, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

EH HORNE LICENSE RENEWAL

- C21(12) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Hebb: Friars
Moved that Council approve the current lease with the E. H. Horne School Preservation Society be renewed for three (3) years, to March 31, 2024, with the understanding that Staff will support the Society in developing a transition plan to transfer PID 45147741, commonly known as the E.H. Horne School Property, to the Society at the end of the renewal term.

MOTION CARRIED

ELMSDALE AND LANTZ OLD SCHOOL SITE PLANNING

[00:50:00]

- C21(13) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Moussa:
Moved that Council approve a \$160,000 multi-year project, with \$100,000 in 2021/2022 and \$60,000 in 2022/2023 to be funded from Special Reserves - Professional Fees, to complete phased feasibility and site planning studies for the Old Elmsdale School Site (PID 45147998) and Old Lantz School Site (PIDs 45148111, 45088614).

Nine (9) voting in favor. Two (2) voting against. Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald voting nay.

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(14) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mitchell:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS

[00:53:00]

Councillor Moussa, as Chair, presented the Infrastructure & Operations Committee report from the meeting held on January 19, 2021. The minutes from that meeting

were made available to all members of Council. The following recommendations came forward as a result of that meeting:

LITTER REDUCTION INITIATIVE PROGRAM 2021

- C21(15) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Rhyno: Hulsman
Moved that Council approve an additional \$5,000 to the Solid Waste education budget, funding through special reserve, for the purpose of community grant funds related to adoption of the 100-series Highway access ramps litter reduction initiative.

MOTION CARRIED

ENFIELD CROSSWALK REVIEW 2021

- C21(16) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Garden-Cole: Hulsman
Moved that Council direct Staff to request permission from the Province, through the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (NSDTIR), to install a crossing across Highway 2 at the intersection of Highway 2 and Old Enfield Road, Enfield, which will be designed to support adequate pedestrian safety based on the conditions at that location, and;

That the 2021-2022 budget be drafted with adequate funding to support the project (further to approval by NSDTIR), with funding estimated at \$55,000 coming from Special Reserves - Transportation Roads.

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(17) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Perry:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

[00:56:00]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on January 19, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following recommendations came forward as a result of that meeting:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

- C21(18) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Perry: Clarkson
Moved that Council approve the following list of recommended Community Partnership Fund Organizations to be included in the draft 2021/2022 budget and unless otherwise directed in the budget cycle the funding shall be deemed approved:

Organization	2021/2022 Grant
Corridor Community Options for Adults	\$15,000
East Hants Community Rider	\$15,000
East Hants Family Resource Centre	\$10,000
East Hants Historical Society	\$15,468
East Hants Sports Heritage Society	\$5,000
East Hants Youth Links	\$6,000
Senior Safety Program Assoc. of Hants County	\$20,000
VON of Colchester East Hants	\$10,000
Kids Action (Annapolis Valley-Hants Community Action Program)	\$10,000
Total	\$106,468

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden MacDonald declared that he is no longer Treasurer with the East Hants Youth Links. [00:58:22]

RECREATION FACILITIES - COVID-19 IMPACTS

[01:00:00]

C21(19) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb: Clarkson
Moved that Council direct staff to bring back options for Councils' consideration for a one-time COVID-19 grant program for not-for-profit groups that operate recreation facilities.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(20) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[01:01:00]

Councillor Greene, as Chair, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on January 19, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following recommendations came forward as a result of that meeting:

ASHFORD PLACE - REZONING OF LAND TO ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DESIGNATION AND ZONE

C21(21) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: Woodford
Moved that Council:

- ***Give first reading to amendments to the MPS and LUB by changing 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; and

- *Enable a public hearing and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing; and*
- *Give consideration to the disposal of the open space parcel identified as PID 45354396, Ashford Place, Lantz, in exchange for alternative piece of land to allow for the connection of the proposed AT bridge over the Nine Mile River, in conjunction with the public hearing.*

MOTION CARRIED

[ENFIELD FAMILY DENTAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION - NEW BUILDING - INITIAL REPORT](#) [01:08:00]

- C21(22) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: Woodford
Moved that Council:
- *Give initial consideration to enter into a Development Agreement for a new dental centre building at 300 Highway 2, Enfield to enable a public hearing; and*
 - *Authorize staff to schedule a public hearing.*

MOTION CARRIED

[PLAN UPDATE SCOPING REPORT](#)

- C21(23) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Rhyno: Woodford
Moved that Council approve that the project scope of the citizen engagement milestones and face-to-face events are adjusted so that any meetings concerning the introduction of planning in the areas that currently have little to no planning not be undertaken until COVID restrictions are lifted and in-person meetings are allowed.

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(24) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald:
Moved that Council authorize staff to begin a project to update the Official Community Plan which will include comprehensive planning in the currently unplanned areas following the phases and format as outlined in the January 19, 2021 staff report, and;
- Include a review of the Growth Management Area regulation's in un-serviced areas to the Planning Scope list.*

MOTION CARRIED

C21(25) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Rhyno:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING - BYLAW F-400-6, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-400, TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW [01:11:00]

C21(26) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene: Friars
Moved that Council give first reading to By-law F-400-6, an amendment to By-law F-400, Tax Exemption By-law, and be amended to reflect the following changes:

- ***Add Property # 4717511, East Hants Historical Society***
- ***Add Property # 10560985, Corridor Community Options Society***
- ***Add Property # 10560977, Corridor Community Options Society***
- ***Update Property Ownership for Property # 07840764 from Four Points Community Centre to Hants North Community Food Bank***

MOTION CARRIED

WARDENS REPORT [01:13:00]

Deputy Warden MacDonald assumed the chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

Warden Roulston resumed the chair.

COUNCILLORS BUSINESS REPORT

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

RURAL AREA FIRST RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS [01:12:00]

C21(27) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Rhyno: Friars [01:22:00]
Moved that Council direct staff write a letter to the Emergency Health Service (EHS), Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA), Department of Health and the MLA to provide training for all incidents to volunteer fire departments and first response services within the province to be able to work during the Covid pandemic.

MOTION CARRIED

IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS [01:35:00]

C21(28) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald: CAO
Moved that Council direct staff write a letter to the office of Dr. Strang, Chief Medical Officer, with a formal request to meet in-person in Council Chambers in line with existing COVID-19 protocols and include details of the municipality's safety renovations to Council Chambers. MacEwan

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

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C21(29) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald:
Moved that the next Regular Meeting of Council be held on February 16th (Policy) and February 24th, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C21(30) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa:
Moved that Council adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: January 28, 2021



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: February 24, 2021

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