



Regular Meeting of Council

June 23, 2021

PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden John A. MacDonald

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole Michael Perry
 Norval Mitchell Elie Moussa
 Eldon Hebb Wayne Greene
 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 Surette, Director of Finance
Mr. Graham Scott, Manager of Economic Business Development
Ms. Jody MacArthur, Communications Officer
Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Systems
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Alana Mosher, 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

7:03

C21(187) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald:

Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C21(188) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Mitchell:

Moved that the minutes of the May 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

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

ITEM 56 - The CAO provided additional information on the wellness initiatives planned as a result of receiving a \$500 award from the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS).

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

7:10

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

ITEM 53 - LETTER FROM WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REGARDING THE FORMER DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY (DAR) CORRIDOR

Mr. Mark Phillips, Chief Administrator on behalf of West Hants Regional Council sent a letter dated June 21, 2021 expressing joint interest in acquiring the DAR Corridor from Mantua to South Maitland, Hants County for the purpose of redevelopment, to support recreational activities.

C21(189) On the motion of Councillor Hebb and Greene:

Friars

Moved that Council move this item (letter from West Hants dated June 21, 2021 regarding the DAR Line) to an in-camera discussion at the July Executive Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 41 - LETTER FROM BILL FALKENBERG, PRESIDENT OF EAST HANTS SPORTSPLEX REQUESTING APPROVAL TO INCREASE THEIR OPERATING LINE OF CREDIT WITH BMO

Mr. Bill Falkenberg, President of the East Hants Sportsplex sent a letter dated June 15, 2021 requesting approval from East Hants to increase their operating line of credit with BMO.

Discussion was held.

Councillor Perry joined the meeting at 7:11p.m.

C21(190) On the motion of Councillor Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Hebb: Clarkson
Surrette

Moved that Council approve an advance in the amount of \$75,000 to the East Hants Arena Association funded from the Sportsplex reserve to assist with their operational cashflows impacted by COVID-19, as staff continue to finalize the long-term agreement for the owner/operator operations to be approved at July 2021 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 25 - LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE SHUBENACADIE HALL & GROUNDS SOCIETY \(SHGS\) TO TURN OVER THEIR PROPERTY IN SHUBENACADIE TO THE MUNICIPALITY](#)

Ms. Marcia Klingerman, Chairperson and Ms. Alannah Hunt, Vice Chairperson on behalf of the Shubenacadie Hall & Grounds Society sent a letter dated June 10, 2021 regarding their interest of turning over ownership of the Shubie River Park property to the Municipality.

Discussion was held.

C21(191) On the motion of Councillors Knockwood and Perry: Clarkson

Moved that Council direct staff to prepare an application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) with the intent to bring a report to Executive Committee in July 2021 around take ownership of and revitalizing the Shubenacadie Hall & Grounds property.

And, that staff work with the Sipekne'katik First Nation and the Shubenacadie Hall & Grounds Association to bring a completed application for Council decision at the July policy meeting of Council (in order to meet the July 23rd application deadline).

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 14 - LETTER FROM THE EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION PROVIDING A FUNDING UPDATE AND REQUEST IN ADVANCE OF COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THEIR REQUEST](#)

East Hants Curling Association (EHCA) Board of Directors sent a letter dated June 2, 2021 providing an update on two items prior to the July agenda which will involve funding for a new Multi-purpose Curling Facility attached to the East Hants Sportsplex.

The EHCA was on 26 May 2021 awarded a \$15,000.00 grant from the Canadian Tire Corporation Jumpstart program to purchase three sets of junior rocks to progress youth curling in East Hants.

The EHCA applied for Federal funding under the Inclusive Community Building Infrastructure Program in early April 2021. EHCA made initial on-line application and

was advised on 27 April 2021 that the nonprofit organization qualified for the program and was invited to make application which was completed and accepted.

Discussion was had. Suggestion was made that a full background update be provided for the benefit of new Council members.

C21(192) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: Clarkson

Moved that Council direct staff to prepare a supplemental background report on the history of the East Hants Curling Association requests for discussion at the September Executive Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 13 - APPOINTMENT OF FIRE INSPECTOR](#)

Under the Fire Safety Act, Council is required to appoint municipal fire inspectors and this authority cannot be delegated to the CAO. Jason Wiles has been hired as the full-time fire inspector for the municipality. Therefore, Staff are requesting that Jason Wiles be appointed as a fire inspector.

C21(193) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene: Woodford

Moved that Council appoints Jason Wiles as Municipal Fire Inspector per Section 19(1)(b) of the Fire Safety Act.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 1 - LETTER FROM RESIDENTS OF ACORN AVENUE, LANTZ RAISING CONCERNS WITH THE ROAD CONDITIONS AND WANT TO BE ADVISED OF THE MUNICIPAL PLAN TO PAVE ACORN AVENUE AND REQUEST A MEETING WITH DISTRICT 7 COUNCILLOR AND STAFF WHEN SAFE TO DO SO.](#) 8:10

Nine residents of Acorn Avenue in Lantz sent a letter regarding the unsafe, dangerous roadbed situation that is causing accumulative damage to their vehicles and is responsible for daily unsafe driving conditions, and they are asking the municipality to pave the entrance to Acorn Avenue.

Discussion was held.

C21(194) On the motion of Councillor Deputy Warden MacDonald and Greene: Woodford

Moved that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding road gaps for further discussion at a future Executive Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

[DR. RECRUITMENT AND INVESTMENT VIDEOS](#)

The Communications Officer presented the Doctor Recruitment and Investment Videos and previewed the printed Doctor Recruitment and Investment Guides.

Discussion was held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8:30

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Police Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Police Advisory Committee from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

C21(195) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Moussa, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, presented the Infrastructure & Operations Committee report from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting:

CAPITAL PURCHASE - MILFORD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT GRINDER REPLACEMENT

C21(196) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden MacDonald:

Hulsman

Moved that Council approve \$30,000 in the Capital Budget to replace the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant Grinder in Fiscal 2021/2022, to be funded from Wastewater Expenditure Operating Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(197) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald, as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

YEAR END MEMO

C21(198) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Greene: Surette

Moved that Council that the year-end adjustments to the operating funds as presented in the staff report dated June 9th and presented on June 15th, 2021 be accepted and approved.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(199) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Greene, as Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT

C21(200) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: Woodford
CAO

Moved that Council direct staff to write a letter to the NSFMC regarding concerns with the Affordable Housing Commission Report.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(201) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, presented the report from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting:

SPORTSPLEX AGREEMENT

C21(202) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: Clarkson

Moved that Council approve Gas Tax as a source of funding in the amount of \$819,000 for the Sportsplex Capital Project 21-012; And Surrette

That Council set aside \$550,000 in the Rural Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and/or Recreation Reserves from the 2020/2021 general surplus, in exchange for \$275,000 of money from the Rural Gas Tax Reserve Fund and \$275,000 from the Uniacke Gas Tax Fund and that the \$550,000 in Gas Tax be used to fund the Sportsplex Project # 21-012 (2021-2022); And

That Council set aside an additional \$166,000 in the Rural Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and \$166,000 in the Uniacke Recreation Reserves from the 2020/2021 general surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(203) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: 8:47

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Greene, as Chairperson of the Fire Advisory Committee, presented the report from the meeting held on June 3, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting:

FIRE DEPARTMENT REGISTRATIONS

C21(204) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: Friars

Moved that Council approve all fire department registrations (for 2021).

MOTION CARRIED

C21(205) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald, as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on June 22, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. Recommendations will be brought forward at the July Council Meeting.

C21(206) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Perry:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden MacDonald assumed the Chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

Warden Roulston resumed the Chair.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

UNSIGHTLY BUSH CUTTING IN URBANIA

Discussion was held. Staff agreed to contact Bell to ask for clean up of bush cutting in the Urbania area as a result of the rural broadband internet project. Hulsman

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

9:15

C21(207) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:

Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on July 20, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of Council July 28, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C21(208) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:17p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 24, 2021

Eleanor Roulston

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden

Date: July 28, 2021

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