



Regular Meeting of Council

July 28, 2021

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden John A. MacDonald (joined at 7:53 p.m.)

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. Jonathan Woodman, End User Support Technician
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Alana Mosher, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 7:02 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(219) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:

Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C21(220) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell:

7:05

Moved that the minutes of the June 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) June 23rd, 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 54 - LETTER FROM THE PROVINCE THROUGH AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN AFFAIRS (ANSA) REGARDING RECOGNIZING "EMANCIPATION DAY" AND "INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION"

Councillor Mitchell asked if the Municipality would be doing something to recognize "Emancipation Day" on August 1st and "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition" on August 23rd. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the municipality would be promoting provincial information on the social media channel.

ITEM 43 - LETTER FROM NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MPS AND LUB FOR REDESIGNATION AND REZONING OF THREE PROPERTIES ON BARR SETTLEMENT ROAD.

Councillor Mitchell asked about the letter from Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs regarding Amendments to the MPS and LUB for redesignation and rezoning of three properties on Barr Settlement Road. Director of Planning advised that it was not uncommon for concerns regarding the policies being inconsistent with the Statement of Provincial Interest on Agricultural Land.

Discussion was held.

Councillor Rhyno inquired about further recourse for appeal of the Minister's decision and mentioned that he feels letters should be registered when sent out to landowners when rezoning land.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

ITEM 66 - LANTZ VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SEEKING ASSISTANCE TO RECTIFY A SAFETY ISSUE

On July 28, 2021 the Lantz Volunteer Fire Department sent a letter (with a copy to the Municipality) to the Minister of Transportation and Active Transportation seeking assistance to rectify a safety issue.

Discussion was held.

C21(221) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: Hulsman

Moved that a letter of support of the Lantz Volunteer Fire Department be sent to NSTAT regarding a safety issue with a drainage catchment located in front of the fire station in Lantz.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 64 - REQUEST TO COUNCIL TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS FOR THE COASTAL PROTECTION ACT](#)

On July 15, 2021 Warden Roulston received a letter from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change inviting the Municipality of the District of East Hants to provide comments on the development of regulations for the Coastal Protection Act.

Discussion was held.

Councillor Rhyno inquired if this should be directed to committee. The Director of Planning advised that the deadline is in August and they would not be able to bring it forward to Committee in September due to that deadline.

C21(222) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: Woodford

Moved that the draft letter recommended by staff (Re: Coastal Protection Act) be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 10 - REQUEST \[MOTION C21\(7\)\] FROM THE EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION TO MEET WITH AREA COUNCILLORS](#)

In January 2021, Council declined the request [Motion C21(7)] from the East Hants Curling Association to meet with area Councillors due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and agreed to reconsider the request at the July 2021 Council meeting.

Discussion was held.

C21(223) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: 7:29
Clarkson

Moved that correspondence be sent to East Hants Curling Association updating them on the current situation with the Sportsplex and to invite them to present in September at the Executive Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

[PUBLIC HEARING](#)

The Public Hearing was live-streamed through the municipal website and YouTube. 7:30

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

Warden Roulston noted that there was one (1) item on the public hearing agenda. The purpose of the hearings was to hear input from the public, prior to making a decision on the applications.

The Warden welcomed those in attendance. She advised that anyone who wanted to comment or ask questions would be provided an opportunity to do so.

Warden Roulston noted Council's Procedural Policy. She advised that Council may approve, reject or defer its decision on the intent to dispose of the property to a later date. Council approval is required for the intent to dispose of the property to proceed.

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

The Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk noted that the public hearing notice appeared in the July 9th and July 23rd editions of The Chronicle Herald. The notices described the intent of disposal of the property to the Milford Lions Club, 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.

MILFORD LIONS MEMORIAL PARK

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item was from the Milford & District Lions Club to consider the disposal of surplus municipal property on behalf of Municipal Council.

Warden Roulston asked the Vice Chair of the Corporate Residential Services Committee to present his report.

Councillor Perry, as Vice Chairperson of the Corporate Residential Services Committee noted that the Corporate Residential Services 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. Councillor Perry, as Vice Chairperson of the Corporate Residential Services Committee asked staff to present their final report on the proposal.

The Manager Real Estate & Corporate Projects presented the staff report titled "Consideration of Surplus Disposal PID 45148160, Lions Memorial Park, Milford", dated July 28, 2021. A copy of the report and related documents were attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

Warden Roulston opened the floor to comments or questions from members of Council. Staff addressed questions from Council members.

Warden Roulston asked if the owner or a representative had any comments or would like to make a presentation.

Warden Roulston asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public.

There were none.

Warden Roulston made a last call for comments or questions.

Warden Roulston asked if staff had any final comments.

There were none.

RECOMMENDATION

C21(224) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene:

7:39
Friars

Moved that the Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends that Council enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with the Milford & District Lions Club for surplus municipal property situated at 2113 Highway 2, Milford, PID 45148160 for \$1.00 (one dollar); the agreement of purchase and sale shall include standard clauses of right of first refusal, and shall require the Milford & District Lions Club to register their yet-to-be created charitable foundation before closing.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Discussion was held.

That concluded the public hearings and the Warden thanked members of the public for their comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Warden Roulston, as Vice Chairperson of the Audit Committee, presented the report on the Audit Committee from the meeting held on June 15, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & MUNICIPAL AUDITOR 2021/2022

C21(225) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa:

Surette

Moved that the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council adopt the March 31st, 2021 Financial Statements as presented by Deloitte Touche at the June 22nd, 2021 Audit Committee meeting, and that Deloitte & Touche, LLP be appointed as Municipal Auditor for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT 2021/2022

C21(226) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: Surrette

Moved that as per section 44 of the MGA, the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council appoints the membership of the Audit Committee for 2021/2022 be comprised of the Warden, the Chair of Corporate & Residential Services Committee, and Councillor Rhyno and one public member Neil Morley.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favour. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

C21(227) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor Perry, as Vice Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on July 20, 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:

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE FOR COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

C21(228) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: MacEwan

Moved that Council approve the new Terms of Reference template for Committees of Council, attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated July 20, 2021; And that, Council approve the Terms of Reference documents for the following Committees, as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated July 20, 2021:

1. *Accessibility Advisory Committee*
2. *Agricultural Advisory Committee*
3. *Audit Committee*
4. *East Hants Source Water Protection Committee*
5. *Fire Advisory Committee*
6. *Planning Advisory Committee*

7. Police Advisory Committee

MOTION CARRIED

MOUNT UNIACKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - LAND ISSUE

C21(229) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: Friars

Moved that Council deem PID 45136892 surplus to municipal needs, and; enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with the Uniacke and District Volunteer Fire Department for surplus property situated at PID 45136892 for \$1.00 (one dollar), pending the outcome of a public hearing to be scheduled as soon as possible in the Fall of 2021; the agreement of purchase and sale shall include standard clauses of right of first refusal, and shall require the Uniacke and District Volunteer Fire Department to provide an easement over a portion of PID 45136892 in favour of the Municipality of East Hants.

MOTION CARRIED

SIPEKNE'KATIK - ADDITION TO RESERVE LANDS - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROCESS

C21(230) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: Friars

Moved that Council direct staff to send a letter of response to Indigenous Services Canada that supports the Addition to Reserve application per posted draft letter.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING TREASURER'S REPORT

C21(231) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Mitchell: Surrette

Moved that Council approve the draft versions of the Annual Report and Treasurer's Report.

MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLAN

C21(232) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: 7:52
CAO

Moved that Council approve the draft version of the Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favour. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

On the motion of Councillors Perry and Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Moussa, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, presented the report on the Infrastructure & Operations Committee from the meeting held on July 20, 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:

SHUBENACADIE COMMUNITY SIZE FORECAST - WWTP DESIGN

C21(233) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Knockwood:

7:53
Hulsman

Moved that the Municipality use a Medium Growth design population prediction of 2050 people for the new wastewater treatment plant in Shubenacadie.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden MacDonald joined the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

C21(234) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb:

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 on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee from the meeting held on July 20, 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:

HARDWOODLANDS - EMERGENCY DISTRICT RECREATION FUND REQUEST

C21(235) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:

7:55
Clarkson

Moved that Council approve the emergency funding request from Hardwoodlands Community Centre (for window replacement) for up to \$3,000 from District 3 and \$3,000 from District 2 District Recreation Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

COCKSCOMB LAKE ACCESS

C21(236) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Perry:

Clarkson

Moved that Council that staff work towards securing lands for future access to the Provincially held properties around Cockscomb Lake.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(237) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald: 7:56

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 July 20, 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:

DR. DAVID SHEEHY - MPS AND LUB AMENDMENTS - FIRST READING

C21(238) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: Woodford

Moved that Council give first reading to the amendments to the MPS and LUB to enable existing buildings in the High-Risk Floodplain designation and zone to be used as an alternative use; and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

TROY MATHESON - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR SELF STORAGE UNITS - INITIAL REPORT

C21(239) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb: Woodford

Moved that Council give initial consideration to enter into a Development Agreement for a new self-storage facility at the corner of Highways 214 and 2 (PID 45154267) to enable a public hearing; and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

POULTRY REGULATIONS

C21(240) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: Woodford

Moved that Council include the adoption of existing policies on keeping guinea hen and other fowl as part of the ongoing plan update so that these regulations are incorporated into the new Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw for the Future Planned Area of the Municipality of East Hants.

MOTION CARRIED

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

FRONT YARD ACCESSORY STRUCTURES - PLAN UPDATE BACKGROUND PAPER

C21(241) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: Woodford

Moved that Council Direct staff maintain the current accessory building provisions.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(242) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden MacDonald assumed the Chair. 8:03

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

C21(243) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Knockwood: 8:08
Clarkson

Moved to fly the "Every Child Matters" flag in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation from on September 29th until October 4th, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Roulston resumed the Chair.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS LIVESTREAMING SYSTEM

Discussion was held. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the current system was purchased within the budget that the Municipality had. Chief Administrative Officer suggested that if Council wants to change the system, staff have a session with Council to prepare a scoping document of the features that Council wants. No motion was made to move forward.

MULTI USE ZONING IN ENFIELD

- C21(244) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Rhyno: 8:20
Woodford
- Moved to request a review the of the Multi Use Zoning that was put in place in District 1 - Enfield in 2016, as part of the current plan review.*

Discussion was held.

MOTION CARRIED

OATH OF OFFICE

- C21(245) On the motion of Councillors Knockwood and Perry: 8:45
CAO
- Moved to review and amend the Oath of Office to reflect inclusiveness, incorporating input from the First Nations community.*

Discussion was held.

MOTION CARRIED

(HIBBERT) WEIR ROAD

- C21(246) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden MacDonald: 8:50
Hulsman
- Moved to direct staff to look into generic speed signage for the Weir Road in Walton.*

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

- C21(247) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: 9:06
- Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on September 21, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of Council September 29, 2021.*

MOTION CARRIED

(IN CAMERA) CONTRACTUAL ISSUE

C21(248) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mitchell:

Moved that Council move to an In-Camera Session regarding a contractual matter at 9:06 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:47 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met In-Camera to discuss a contractual matter and Staff was given direction. The following motion resulted:

C21(249) On the motion of Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Hebb:

9:47
Hulsman
Surrette

Moved that Council approve an allocation from the gravel program reserve of up to \$20,000 to cover road gravelling during 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C21(250) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacDonald:

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: July 29, 2021



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: September 29, 2021
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