



Special Meeting of Council (held via Zoom Video Conferencing)

September 1, 2021

PRESENT: Warden Eleanor Roulston

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Eldon Hebb

ABSENT: Councillor: Tom Isenor

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. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services
Ms. Clancy Waite, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Alana Mosher, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 7:04 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.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN A. MACDONALD

On August 19, 2021, the CAO received a letter from Deputy Warden John A. MacDonald resigning as Councillor for the Municipality of East Hants. Mr. MacDonald

was successful in his efforts to become a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the recent provincial election.

C21(251) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: 7:05

Moved that Council accept the resignation of Deputy Warden John A. MacDonald.

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL ELECTION 2021

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a report titled “*Special Election 2021 - District 7*”, dated August 19, 2021. A copy of the report was attached to the agenda and available to all committee members. 7:06

Discussion was held.

C21(252) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry: 7:20
CAO

Moved that the Corporate & Residential Services recommends to Council that Council:

- *appoint the Chief Administrative Officer as the Returning Officer for the 2021 Special Election for District 7;*
- *gives authority to the CAO to determine the tariff of fees and expenses for the Special Election;*
- *gives authority to the CAO to appoint an Assistant Returning Officer if needed; approves the date of the Special Election Regular Poll day on Saturday, November 6 and Advance Polling period starting Thursday, October 28;*
- *authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the Election Reserve;*
- *authorize the use of the Nova Scotia permanent registry of voters as the preliminary list of electors;*
- *authorize election staff to continue to amend the electors’ database in conjunction with the electronic voting system up to and including Poll Day, November 6, 2021; and that,*
- *Intelivote Systems Inc. be hired to provide electronic voting services.*

MOTION CARRIED

Five (5) voting in favour. Three (3) voting against. Councillors Rhyno, Moussa and Knockwood voting nay.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN - DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on when to elect the new Deputy Warden. Council discussed that the Deputy Warden will be elected during the September Council Meeting. 7:30

C21(253) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell

Moved that Council elect the new Deputy Warden during the September Council Meeting and for the new Deputy Warden to serve until October 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

Seven (7) voting in favour. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

C21(254) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: 7:32

Moved that Council adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: September 2, 2021



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

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