



Regular Meeting of Council

October 27, 2021

PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden Norval Mitchell

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

STAFF

Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. Alana Tapper, 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 7:00 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(294) On the motion of Councillor Knockwood and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

Moved (later amended) ***that the Agenda be approved as presented.***

MOTION CARRIED

The Warden requested that the agenda be amended to allow for the introduction of the new Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, Alana Tapper.

C21(295) On the motion of Councillor Knockwood and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

Moved that the agenda be amended to add an introduction of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture (to follow Item 5).

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

The CAO introduced Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, for the Municipality of East Hants.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

C21(296) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

Moved that the minutes of the September 1st, 2021 Special Meeting of Council, September 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) and September 29th, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

FORMER CLARKSVILLE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY HALL - UPDATE

Following the September 21, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting staff connected with the sole surviving trustee of the Clarksville Community Club, Elaine Winchcombe. A follow-up letter was sent via email to Elaine, copying community member Carol Wells, summarizing East Hants’ intention to declare surplus and dispose of the Clarksville Community Hall and solidify Elaine’s support of signing the property back to East Hants in her position as trustee.

C21(297) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene:

Clarkson

Moved that Council authorize staff to call for expressions of interest to purchase the former Clarksville School Property, PID 45149283; staff are to return to Council with a summary of submissions received and a recommendation for disposal of the property.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF JASON WILES AS BUILDING OFFICIAL

Jason Wiles has been hired as the full-time fire inspector for the municipality. As well, this position will provide support as a Building Official. Council is required to officially appoint Mr. Wiles by motion of Council.

C21(298) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: Woodford

Moved that Council appoint Jason Wiles as Building Official for the Municipality of East Hants per Section 5(2) of the Building Code Act.

MOTION CARRIED

REQUEST FROM ALISTAIR DOW REGARDING USE OF PRIVATE WAYS ACT

The Municipality received a letter on October 12, 2021 from Alistair Dow with regards to asking for an extension of an existing Right of Way to enable legal access to his lot (Wellner Lake, South Rawdon - PID 45126307).

C21(299) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Garden-Cole: Woodford

Moved that correspondence be sent to Mr. Dow to confirm we will not be entertaining his request for an extension (to an existing right of way by using the Private Ways Act for PID 45126307) at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAVE HOOPER ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS IN THE PINEHILL DRIVE, BEECH STREET AND LORNA COURT SUBDIVISION IN ELMSDALE REGARDING STORMWATER ISSUES

The Municipality received a letter on October 15, 2021 from Dave Hooper, CD, BEng on behalf of the majority of residents in the Pinehill Drive, Beech Street and Lorna Court subdivision in Elmsdale regarding stormwater issues.

C21(300) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: Hulsman

Moved that Council correspond with Mr. Hooper to thank him for his recommendations and that Council will decide when the plans come forward from FH Developments (Re: Pinehill Drive, Beech Street and Lorna Court stormwater mitigation).

MOTION CARRIED

OFFER FROM THE MASS CASUALTY COMMISSION TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT A FUTURE MEETING

The Municipality received a letter on October 7, 2021 from the Community Liaison Coordinator for the Mass Casualty Commission. They are offering to present at one of Council's meetings about the work of the Commission and an introduction to who Mass Casualty Commission is.

C21(301) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: CAO

Moved that Council notify the Mass Casualty Commission that we do not wish to have a presentation from them at this time, but recommend that the Shubenacadie area would be a more appropriate area to hold a public session.

MOTION CARRIED

[EMAIL FROM GREG ROUKE-DEAL SEEKING A CHANGE TO THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED MAP IN MOUNT UNIACKE](#)

The Municipality received a letter on September 28, 2021 from Greg Rourke-Deal regarding speeding and safety concerns in Mount Uniacke. The RCMP and MLA have been notified.

No action required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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 October 19, 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: 7:25

DR. DAVID SHEEHY - AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR HF ZONED PROPERTIES - FINAL REPORT

To be dealt with at the Public Hearing.

ANGELA AND GREG BURKE - REQUEST FOR SELF-STORAGE IN MIXED USE CENTRE (MC) ZONE - INITIAL REPORT

C21(302) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb: Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule an in-person public information meeting to consider the proposal from Greg Burke to amend the MPS and LUB to enable a self-storage use in the Mixed-Use Centre (MC) Zone.

MOTION CARRIED

BEAMISH ROAD - PLAN UPDATE BACKGROUND PAPER

C21(303) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry: Woodford

Moved that Council maintain the current Rural Use (RU) land use designation and zone on the subject lands (Beamish Road).

MOTION CARRIED

C21(304) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

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 October 13th and 20th editions of The Chronicle Herald.

DR. DAVID SHEEHY - MPS AND LUB AMENDMENTS

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item was a proposal to amend the Official Community Plan to enable a change of land use for existing buildings in the High-Risk Floodplain.

Warden Roulston asked the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee to present his report.

Councillor Greene, as Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee noted that the Planning Advisory 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 Greene, as Chairperson of

the Planning Advisory Committee asked staff to present their final report on the proposal.

The Manager of Planning presented the staff report titled “*Dr. David Sheehy - MPS and LUB Amendment Application*”, dated October 27, 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.

The Applicant addressed questions from Council members and provided comments on the Application.

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

Michael Joudrey of the Mill Village Road commented that he was in full support of Dr. Sheehy’s Application.

Warden Roulston made a last call for comments or questions.

Warden Roulston asked if staff had any final comments.

There were none.

RECOMMENDATION

C21(305) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Rhyno:

Woodford

Moved that Council give second reading and approve 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 approval be given to discharge the development agreements on the property at 2858 Highway 2.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Moussa, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, 7:54 presented the report on the Infrastructure & Operations Committee from the meeting held on October 19, 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:

[SPEED AWARENESS COMMUNITY SIGNAGE](#)

C21(306) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden Mitchell: Hulsman

Moved that Council approve the design (of the Speed Awareness Community Signage) with the realignment of the East Hants Logo as discussed, purchase the signs up to an amount an amount of \$7,500 with a minimum of 25 signs per Council District and have Councillors be responsible for the distribution of the Community Speed Awareness Signage and that this be completed as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED

[FLYER LITTER MITIGATION OPTIONS](#)

C21(307) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: Hulsman

Moved that Council accept staff recommendations for flyer delivery options and litter mitigation education be added to the solid waste division work plan for the rest of this fiscal and next fiscal, while also monitoring different approaches being used by other Municipalities. With the caveat that the larger flyer distributors are made aware that we are actively considering establishing a Bylaw and that a report be brought back to Council in July 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(308) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

[PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE](#)

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, 7:58 presented the report on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee from the meeting held on October 19, 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:

[VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT LOCATION SELECTION](#)

C21(309) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb: Clarkson/
Tapper

Moved that Council approve to host the East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Firefighter Long Service Awards on April 29th, 2022, and that

Council approve the Mount Uniacke Legion as the location for the 2022 Recognition Ceremony.

MOTION CARRIED

COVID 19 - PROOF OF VACCINATION POLICIES DISCUSSION

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee made the following recommendation:

C21(310) Councillor Rhyno moved that:

The Municipality of East Hants implement a Mandatory Proof of Vaccination Policy, similar to that of the Provincial and Federal Governments whereby staff must show proof of vaccination or a valid reason of exemption, with the timeline to be similar to the Provincial timeline of 2 months for full vaccination.

It was agreed to hold the motion until after the CAO presented her report on the matter and provided draft policies for consideration based on discussion at the Committee meeting held October 19, 2021.

The CAO presented the report titled “Mandatory Vaccination Policies” as attached to the October 27th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council agenda, including draft policies titled “Council & Public Member Mandatory POV Policy” and “Employee Mandatory Proof of Vaccination Policy”.

As a result of personnel related questions, Council agreed to go in-camera for further discussions.

On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Greene:

8:22

Moved that Council move to In Camera at 8:22 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favour, one (1) voting against. Councillor Hebb voting nay.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:29 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met In-Camera to discuss a personnel matter and Staff was given direction.

The Warden called for a seconder for the Motion C21(310). Councillor Garden-Cole seconded the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED

Three (3) voting in favour, seven (7) voting against. Councillors Knockwood, Garden-Cole and Rhyno voting in favour.

C21(311) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Knockwood: CAO

Moved that Council further recommends that the same regulations (Proof of Vaccination Policy) will apply to Public Members on Committees and Council Members.

MOTION CARRIED

Three (3) voting in against, seven (7) voting in favour, with Councillors Perry, Isenor and Greene voting in nay.

C21(312) On the motion of Councillor Perry and Greene: CAO

Moved that Council gives notice of intent to adopt the Council & Public Members Mandatory Proof of Vaccination Policy, as attached to the Council agenda dated October 27th, 2021 and with minor adjustments as required following legal and jurisdictional review, at the next meeting of Council (Policy) on November 16th, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

C21(313) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden Mitchell assumed the Chair. 9:42

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. 9:44

TRAFFIC CALMING IN MOUNT UNIACKE

After hearing various traffic concerns in the Mount Uniacke area as well as across East Hants the following motion is coming forward.

C21(314) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: Hulsman

Moved that Council direct Staff to review governance factors relating to speed mitigation programming and report back to Council with an overview and recommendations, to include consideration of studies, education and awareness, physical design options and cost.

MOTION CARRIED

MOUNT UNIACKE RECREATION STUDY

Mount Uniacke has never had a recreation plan, the Mount Uniacke Area Councillors are bringing the following motion forward:

C21(315) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: 9:51

Moved that Council directs staff to add a Mount Uniacke Recreation study to the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 funded from the Uniacke Recreation Fund; And that this study be Mount Uniacke Centric (Districts 8 and 9) with a 2, 5 and 10-year plan for recreation in the area. Clarkson/
Tapper

MOTION CARRIED

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER HALL

Where the Upper Nine Mile River Hall is being conveyed to East Hants Ground Search and Rescue, and where the Upper Nine Mile River Hall Association wants to protect the community asset from being sold for profit at a later date, the following motion is coming forward for Council's consideration.

C21(316) On the motion of Councillor Hebb and Deputy Warden Mitchell: Clarkson

Moved that Council authorize the Municipality, through authority given to the CAO to sign and be party to an agreement transferring the Nine Mile River Hall property, PID 45149549, from Nine Mile River Community Hall Association to East Hants Ground Search & Rescue; the agreement shall include a clause requiring East Hants Ground Search & Rescue to convey the land back to East Hants if it is no longer being used.

MOTION CARRIED

FENCING AROUND MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SITES

Due to some concerns surrounding lack of fencing around development areas in Enfield the following is coming forward as a motion:

C21(317) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Perry: Woodford

Moved to have staff prepare a report to investigate options to secure construction sites.

MOTION CARRIED

CROSSWALK IN ENFIELD

Highway 2 is a busy area in the core of Enfield with some 35 businesses, including the Fire Hall, church, park, daycare, seniors complex, as well as a road with hundreds of residents in apartments and other dwellings residing on it.

C21(318) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Greene: Hulsman

Moved to have a letter sent to the MLA for Hants East to seek their support for a Provincially approved crossing for pedestrians across Highway 2 in Enfield in proximity to major destinations, such as St. Bernard's Park.

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C21(319) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: 10:12

Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on November 16, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of Council November 24, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C21(320) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene:

Moved that Council adjourn at 10:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



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



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