



Regular Meeting of Council

December 22, 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
 Walter Tingley

STAFF

Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
Ms. Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ms. Sue Surrette, Director of Finance
Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services
Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
Ms. Clancy Waite, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Amanda Hatfield, Information Management Clerk

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

[00:01:55]

C21(354)

On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene:
Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

[00:02:20]

C21(355) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell:
Moved that the minutes of the November 24, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

[00:03:10]

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

Deputy Warden Mitchell asked what would be done regarding item #41 (a request to recognize January 15, 2022 to mark the 230th anniversary of a remarkable exodus of African descendants returning to the continent of Africa). Ms. Waite responded that a social media post can go out with a link to a website for more information.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

[00:04:05]

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

ITEM 52 - MEMO RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING - GREG BURKE APPLICATION

Mr. Woodford advised that Council has authorized an in-person public information meeting in relation to this application. The meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2022 but has been postponed due to the current public health restrictions around meetings. Staff is recommending the meeting be held on February 1, 2022 with the option to hold it in person or virtually, if needed.

C21(356) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:
Moved that Council authorize the public information meeting for the Greg Burke application be scheduled as an in-person meeting but if covid public health restrictions do not enable the PIM to be held due to room capacity and/or physical distancing requirements then the meeting can be held as a virtual zoom meeting.

[00:05:10]
Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 47 - TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION AND PRE-APPROVAL - CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED BORROWING

[00:05:30]

A Temporary Borrowing Resolution (TBR) is required to borrow from Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC). Balloon payments are coming due on four capital projects completed fifteen years ago and refinancing is required.

C21(357) On the motion of Deputy Warden Mitchell and Councillor Greene:
Move that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and the Resolution for Preapproval for the Hospital refinancing in the amount of \$107,919 as attached to the Council Agenda Report dated December 14, 2021;

Surette

And that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and the Resolution for Preapproval for the Enfield Water Treatment Plant refinancing in the amount

of \$1,079,191 as attached to the Council Agenda Report dated December 14, 2021;

And that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and the Resolution for Preapproval for the Sidewalk refinancing in the amount of \$904,250 as attached to the Council Agenda Report dated December 14, 2021;

And that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and the Resolution for Preapproval for the Enfield Water Treatment Plant refinancing in the amount of \$400,000 as attached to the Council Agenda Report dated December 14, 2021;

And that the average interest rate of the debentures not exceed the rate of 6.5%.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 46 - TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION AND PRE-APPROVAL TO BORROW FOR THE PAVEMENT RENEWAL - LOCAL ROADS](#) [00:10:50]

C21(358) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene: Surette
Moved that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and Pre-approval to borrow for the Pavement Renewal - Local Roads in the amount of \$750,000 as attached to the Council Agenda report dated November 24, 2021;

And that the average interest rate of the debentures not exceed the rate of 6.5% and for a term not to exceed 25 years.

MOTION CARRIED

[ITEM 23 - LETTER FROM ENFIELD EARTH KEEPERS REQUESTING TO RENEW THE LEASE AT ELMSDALE TRAIN STATION](#) [00:12:50]

The Enfield Earthkeepers are requesting to renew the lease of the Elmsdale Train Station which ends July 31, 2022. The CAO is recommending that staff report back in the new year with options relating to the lease.

C21(359) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Tingley: [00:14:05]
Clarkson
Moved that Council direct staff to prepare a report (outlining options following expiration of the lease for the Elmsdale Train Station with the Enfield Earthkeepers) to be brought back to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

[COMMITTEE REPORTS:](#)

[CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE](#)

Councillor Perry, as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on December 14, 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:

PRESENTATION FROM EAST HANTS COMMUNITY LEARNING ASSOCIATION

- C21(360) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: [00:15:48]
Moved that Council add this to the budget discussions for next year with the intent of increasing the grant amount donated by \$35,000 to \$50,000 for budget purposes (Re: Funding request from East Hants Community Learning Association). Tapper

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.
MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE VACANCIES - COUNCIL & STAFF POSITIONS

- C21(361) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: [00:17:00]
Moved (later amended) *that Council approve the following appointments:* MacEwan
- *Infrastructure & Operations Committee - Vice Chair - Councillor Tingley*
 - *Corporate & Residential Services Committee - Chair - Councillor Perry*
 - *Corporate & Residential Services Committee - Vice Chair - Councillor Tingley*
 - *Audit Committee (as Chair of Corporate & Residential Services Committee) - Councillor Perry*
 - *Source Water Protection Advisory Committee - Chair - Councillor Garden-Cole & Vice Chair - Councillor Isenor*
 - *Accessibility Advisory Committee - Vice Chair - Deputy Warden Mitchell*
 - *East Hants Arena Association - Executive member - Deputy Warden Mitchell*
 - *East Hants Arena Association - Board member - Councillor Tingley*
 - *East Hants Arena Association EH Rep (non-voting) - Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture*

Deputy Warden Mitchell indicated that he has a conflict for the meeting dates of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

- C21(362) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene: [00:20:02]
Moved to amend Motion C21(361) to add “the Deputy Warden being appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee pending a suitable date for committee meetings being found”. MacEwan

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING INSPECTION - STAFFING

- C21(363) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: [00:21:55]
Moved that Council approve \$90,000 for the creation of a Senior Building Official position in the 2022/2023 budget and place up to \$45,000 of surplus revenue from Building Inspection into reserve to partially fund the new position over 3 years; and begin recruitment for a third building inspector in January 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT

- C21(364) On the motion of Councillor Perry and Deputy Warden Mitchell: [00:23:30]
*Moved that Council approve the changes to the Procurement Policy (around CAO
alternative procurement thresholds) as outlined in the report titled Alternative
Procurement, as attached to the November 16, 2021 Executive Committee
agenda.*

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(365) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa:
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 December 14, 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:

EAST HANTS EXIT RAMP LITTER CHALLENGE

- C21(366) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb: [00:25:18]
*Moved that Council consider the East Hants Exit Ramp Litter Challenge Program Hulsman
become part of the ongoing annual events planned by the Municipality and that
\$6,000 be added to fiscal year 2022/2023 draft budget to facilitate next year's
clean ups at what will be six total 100 series highway ramps within East Hants
boundaries.*

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(367) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden Mitchell: [00:27:41]
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

[00:29:30]

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

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

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

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 proposal to a later date. Council approval is required for the proposal 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 November 8th and November 15th editions of The Chronicle Herald. The notice described the proposal, gave the date and time of the public hearing, and indicated that staff reports were available to the public.

[SELF-STORAGE FACILITY, CORNER OF HIGHWAY 214 AND HIGHWAY 14, NINE MILE RIVER - RIVER COUNTY ESTATES SUBDIVISION LTD.](#)

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item was a proposal to enter into a development agreement for a self-storage facility.

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 "*River County Estates Subdivision Ltd. Development Agreement Application*" dated December 6, 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.

The applicant, Mr. Troy Matheson, 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 provided comments on the application, noting that the appearance of the buildings is important and will be more in line with residential buildings as opposed to more common commercial bright colors.

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. There were none.

Warden Roulston asked if staff had any final comments. There were none.

RECOMMENDATION

- C21(368) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: [00:43:55]
Moved that Council give final consideration and approve entering into a development agreement for a self-storage facility at the corner of Highway 214 and Highway 14 in Nine Mile River within one year of Council's approval. Woodford

Warden Roulston asked Councillors if they had any final comments or questions. Supportive comments were made. Mr. Tyler Dauphinee commented via YouTube that he was in favor of the application.

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:46:40]

Councillor Greene, as Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on December 14, 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:

WM FARES ARCHITECTS - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN ENFIELD - FINAL REPORT

- C21(369) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell: [00:48:01]
Moved that Council postpone the Public Hearing until January, possibly done in succession on multiple nights to accommodate the public under the Public Health restrictions, and to allow the Public Hearing to be held via Zoom if necessary. Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

LANTZ SECONDARY PLANNING STRATEGY

- C21(370) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Tingley: [00:52:46]
Moved that Council direct staff to include \$130,000 in the 2022/23 draft budget for the completion of a secondary planning strategy as described in the scoping report (Lantz GRA - Secondary Scoping Study dated December 6, 2021). Woodford

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(371) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: [00:54:40]

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE

[00:56:06]

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, presented the report on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee from the meeting held on December 14, 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:

VON - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND 2021/2022

- C21(372) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb: [00:57:50]
Moved that Council approve the disbursement of \$10,000 from the Community Partnerships Fund to VON Colchester East Hants. Tapper

MOTION CARRIED

- C21(373) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden Mitchell: [00:58:35]
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[00:59:12]

Councillor Greene, as Chairperson of the Fire Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Fire Advisory Committee from the meeting held on December 2, 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:

RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS

- C21(374) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell: [01:01:52]
Moved that Council recognize Halifax C&D, Scothorn Automotive and Milford Tim Hortons for the support they provide to Milford & District Emergency Services. Clarkson

MOTION CARRIED

15-YEAR LONG SERVICE MEDAL

- C21(375) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: [01:03:10]
Moved (later tabled) that Council consider awarding a long service medal to East Hants firefighters that reach 15 years of service.

Discussion was held regarding a municipal program. While supportive of a program, Council agreed it would be prudent to have staff present a report on the time and financial considerations of doing so. Suggestion was made that staff look at a ten-year long service recognition.

The Warden asked the Deputy Warden to assume the chair. Warden Roulston echoed support for the program noting that the costs and time to administer a program should be considered before making a decision.

C21(376) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Warden Roulston: [01:09:50]
Moved to table Motion C21(375) pending a staff report. Clarkson

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.
MOTION CARRIED

Warder Roulston resumed the chair.

C21(377) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood: [01:11:20]
Moved that Council direct staff to investigate a long service award in between 10 and 15 years and present that to Council (Re: Firefighter Long Service Awards). Clarkson

MOTION CARRIED

C21(378) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:
Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden Mitchell 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 expressed best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

SAFETY STREET LIGHT NEAR GOSSE BRIDGE

C21(379) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: Hulsman
Moved that Council approve a safety street light at the intersection of Highway 236/215 to the Gosse Bridge road.

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA - LAND ISSUE

Council went in camera at 8:33 pm to discuss a land issue.

The Council returned to open meeting at 9:23 pm.

The Warden reported that Council met in camera to discuss a land matter and staff was given direction.

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

- C21(380) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb:
Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on January 18th, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of Council January 26th, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- C21(381) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden Mitchell:
Moved that Council adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: December 23, 2022



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: January 26, 2022