



## Regular Meeting of Council

March 30, 2022

### PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston  
Deputy Warden Norval Mitchell

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole                      Michael Perry  
                         Eldon Hebb    Elie Moussa  
                         Ian Knockwood    Wayne Greene  
                         Keith Rhyno (joined at 7:02)                      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 Surette, Director of Finance  
Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations  
Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services  
Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer  
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

C22(85) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Greene:

*Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C22(86) On the motion of Greene and Councillor Knockwood:

***Moved that the minutes of the February 23, 2022 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 68 - LETTER TO LONG LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Deputy Warden Mitchell expressed vegetation concerns and Councillor Moussa commented on enforcement penalties.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION**

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

**ITEM 87 - MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL PROJECT (MAP) - UPDATE**

C22(87) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: A. Tapper

***Moved that Council direct Staff to notify the Nova Scotia Health Authority that East Hants is unable to take a lead role in the Municipal Alcohol Project as requested.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 82 - CHECK IN WITH COUNCIL - MOTION C20(8) - INVITATION TO POLITICAL LEADERS**

C22(88) On the motion of Councillor Perry and Deputy Warden Mitchell: CAO

***Moved that Council repeal Motion C20(8) as read.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

C20(8)

Repealed that Council accept the request to meet with the Nova Scotia NDP Leader, Gary Burrill at a future Executive Committee meeting and to extend the invitation to the other parties within provincial government.

C22(89) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: CAO

***Moved that Council invite all MLAs for East Hants, and extend the invite to Mr. Paul Prosper from the Assembly of First Nations to a future Executive Committee Meeting, or another meeting (opportunity to attend the MLA meeting or a separate meeting).***

**MOTION CARRIED**

Seven (7) voting in favour, Four (4) voting against with Councillors Rhyno, Hebb, Greene and Moussa voting nay.

**ITEM 54 - LETTER OF INTEREST FOR 821 BURNTCOAT ROAD FROM ROD HAMILTON**

C22(90) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Tingley: A. Clarkson

*Moved that Council direct staff to bring a report back to Council for surplus property options (for land at 821 Burntcoat Road)*

**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 March 22, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

**ENFIELD EARTHKEEPERS**

C22(91) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: CAO/ A. Clarkson

*Moved that Council authorize the CAO to enter into a new lease agreement with the Enfield Earthkeepers for the Former CN Train Station for a term of three (3) years, ending July 31, 2025, with a two (2) year option to renew; the agreement is to include annual reporting requirements.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ten (10) voting in favour, one (1) voting against with Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

**DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL & PUBLIC MEMBER MANDATORY PROOF OF VACCINATION POLICY**

C22(92) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: CAO

*Moved that Council rescind the Council & Public Member Mandatory Proof of Vaccination Policy.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NSFM SPRING CONFERENCE DELEGATION SELECTION**

C22(93) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: S. MacEwan

**Moved that Council approve the following delegates to the NSFМ Spring Workshop 2022:**

- **Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk**
- **Warden Eleanor Roulston**
- **Deputy Warden Norval Mitchell**
- **Councillor Tom Isenor**
- **Councillor Sandra Garden-Cole (depending on work commitments)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FCM NOMINATIONS TO FCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

C22(94) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Hebb: CAO

**Moved that Council submit Deputy Warden Mitchell as a candidate for the FCM Board of Directors Election, and that the Municipality provide confirmation that they will support the nomination and agree to fund the necessary travel /accommodation costs for the position.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UPDATE TO STREETLIGHT POLICY**

C22(95) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Greene: S. Surrette

**Moved that Council approve the changes to the Street Lighting Council Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated March 22nd, 2022.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOUTH RAWDON COMMUNITY HALL**

C22(96) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa: A. Clarkson

**Moved that Council deem the South Rawdon Hall property, PID 45126349, surplus to municipal needs; authorize staff to call for expressions of interest to purchase the former South Rawdon Community Hall Property, PID 45126349, on an as-is-where-is basis, with submissions to be brought to Council for consideration and direction; and, that any costs incurred for mothball activities be funded through year end surplus or Professional Services reserves up to an amount of \$8,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C22(97) On the motion of Councillor Perry and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

**Moved the adoption of the report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Perry, as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on March 30, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. No motions came forward as a result of that meeting.

The Committee received a presentation from Robert Anthony, CPA, from Deloitte on the 2021/2022 Audit Service Plan.

#### 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 March 22, 2022. 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 - MELVIN LAKE WIND FARM PROJECT

Bill MacLean, President of Community Wind Farms Inc. presented information on the proposed “Melvin Lake Wind Farm Project” in the Mount Uniacke area at the Executive Committee held March 22, 2022.

#### GREG BURKE - FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS AND INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

C22(98) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: J. Woodford

*Moved that this application (PLN21-007) from Greg Burke for storage use be refused.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Ten (10) voting in favour, one (1) voting against with Councillor Knockwood voting nay.

#### SCOTT BLOIS - INITIAL REPORT FOR REZONING AND REDESIGNATION TO VILLAGE CORE (VC)

C22(99) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb: J. Woodford

*Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public information meeting to consider an application from Scott Blois to amend the MPS and LUB by changing the designation and zone of PID 45084894 to Village Core (VC).*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

C22(100) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on March 22, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

**MAJOR SPECIAL EVENT GRANT REQUEST - MARITIME CUP - JUNIOR C HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

C22(101) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: A. Tapper

*Moved that the Maritime Hockey North Junior Championships be awarded \$5,000 in support of the Maritime Junior "C" Hockey Championships through the Major Special Events Grant reserve.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PLAYGROUND STRATEGY**

C22(102) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: A. Tapper

*Moved the adoption of the East Hants Playground Development Strategy, dated December 2021, with addition of changes to the regional language, and a definitive comment to be added to the report regarding the statistics in the rural area.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STRATEGY**

C22(103) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: A. Tapper

*Moved that Council approve the proposed Parks, Recreation and Culture Diversity and Inclusion Strategy dated January 2022 and repeal the Special Needs Policy last updated in 1993.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISTRICT RECREATION FUND (DRF) GRANTS 2022-2023**

C22(104) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb: A. Tapper

*Moved (later amended) that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2022-2023 (Intake 1) based on discussion as follows:*

- *Milford Recreation Association \$7,245 (Dist. 3)*
- *Nine Mile River Trails Association \$3,000 (Dist. 1), \$3,559 (Dist. 2), \$10,723 (Dist. 3), \$10,000 (Dist. 10) for a total of \$27,282*
- *Hants North Baseball Association \$426 (Dist. 5), \$426 (Dist. 6), \$426 (Dist. 11) for a total of \$1,278*

- *M&M Recreation Association \$2,000 (Dist. 5), \$6,843 (Dist. 6) for a total of \$8,843*
- *Tenecape Community Club \$5,865 (Dist. 6)*
- *Mount Uniacke Mustang Fastpitch Association \$8,722.50 (Dist. 8), \$8,722.50 (Dist. 9) for a total of \$17,445*
- *EH Horne School Preservation Society \$2,830 (Dist. 1), \$5,659 (Dist. 10) for a total of \$8,489.*

C22(105) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Garden-Cole:

*Moved to amend Motion C22(104) to adjust the M&M Recreation Association to: \$2,000 (Dist. 5) and \$4,843 (Dist. 6) for a total of \$6,843.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**  
**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

For further clarification, Motion C22(104) is as follows:

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Councillor Hebb expressed thanks for support of the Nine Mile River Trails grant.

#### [VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS 2022](#)

C22(106) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

A. Tapper

*Moved that Council approve the “Shining Star” nominees provided to date; approve the nomination forwarded by email to Council for the “Model Volunteer Award” and be designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the 2023 Provincial Volunteer Awards; and, approve that the location for the 2022 event be relocated to the Rawdon Fire Hall and host in Mount Uniacke at the next available time when the facilities can accommodate.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C22(107) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden 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 March 22, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

**WINTER ROAD EFFICIENCIES**

C22(108) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: J. Hulsman

*Moved that Council not change programming approach until such time as the road ownerships between the Municipality and Province change to a less spread out and complex governance model.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES POLICY**

C22(109) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb: 7:59  
J. Hulsman

*Moved that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Tipping Fee Council Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated March 22, 2022, which includes a rate increase of 2-3% annually, based on material type.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ROADS SNOW REMOVAL BUDGET**

C22(110) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: J. Hulsman

*Moved that Council approve up to \$120,000 in additional budget for the ROADS snow clearing budget for fiscal year 2021-22 and that these funds be taken from the 2021-2022 surplus or, in the event of a shortfall, the Roads Snow Clearing operating reserve.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C22(111) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EAST HANTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**



Councillor Garden-Cole, as Chairperson of the East Hants Source Water Protection Committee, presented the report on the East Hants Source Water Protection Committee from the meeting held on March 10, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. No motions came forward as a result of that meeting.

C22(112) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**[RATIFICATION - LAND PURCHASE - BURNTCOAT HEAD PARK](#)**

C22(113) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

CAO/A.  
Clarkson

*Moved that Council authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale for PID #45108339, Burntcoat Road, for a purchase price not to exceed \$264,000.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**[RESOLUTION - FCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION \(DEPUTY WARDEN MITCHELL\)](#)**

C22(114) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Knockwood:

CAO

*Moved that Council pass the recommended resolution as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**[SECOND READING - BYLAW F-400-7, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-400, EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION BYLAW](#)**

C22(115) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden Mitchell:

A. Tapper

*Moved that Council give second reading to By-law F-400-7, an amendment to By-law F-400, Tax Exemption By-law, and be amended to reflect the following changes:*

- *Remove Property #7857012, East Hants Arena Association*
- *Remove Property #7857020, East Hants Arena Association*
- *Remove Property #03397645, Trustees of Clarksville Community Hall*
- *Correct name of Property #01360884 to read East Noel Heritage Schoolhouse Society*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**[WARDEN'S REPORT](#)**

Deputy Warden Mitchell assumed the Chair.

8:09

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.

**GORMANVILLE RESIDENTS ADDRESS CHANGE**

C22(116) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: J. Woodford

*Moved that Council direct staff to write a letter to Canada Post asking if there was an oversight with the naming of the communities, in particular Gormanville (not North Noel Road) along Highway 354, and correct the naming if it is an error.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TOWERVIEW COURT & LOGAN DRIVE SEWER AND STORMWATER ISSUES**

C22(117) On the motion of Councillor Tingley:

*Move to add \$40,000 to the 2022/2023 Budget for video inspections on the affected properties.*

The Chair called for a seconder three times. The motion was not seconded.

**MOTION LOST**

**SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

C22(118) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Deputy Warden Mitchell: 8:40

*Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on April 19, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of Council be held on April 27, 2022.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(IN CAMERA) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES & CAO PRIORITIES**

C22(119) On the motion of Councillors Deputy Warden Mitchell and Moussa:

*Moved that Council move to an In-Camera Session regarding various contractual, legal and land matters at 8:28 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Council returned to open meeting at 10:48 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met in camera to discuss contractual matters.

DAR LINE

C22(120) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene:

A. Clarkson

*Moved that East Hants enter into discussions for the acquisition of the DAR Line and direct staff to begin project due diligence immediately.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

C22(121) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

*Moved that Council adjourn at 10:48 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED**



Approved By: Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Date: March 31, 2022



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden

Date: April 27, 2022

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