



Regular Meeting of Council

October 26, 2022

PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston
(Newly Elected) Deputy Warden Michael Perry

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole Tom Isenor
 Keith Rhyno Wayne Greene
 Walter Tingley Carl MacPhee
 Eldon Hebb Norval Mitchell
 Elie Moussa

STAFF

Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Sue Surrette, Director of Finance
Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services
Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Alana Richards, 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(334) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb:

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C22(335) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

Moved that the minutes of the September 28, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council and September 29, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

NOMINATIONS

The Warden opened the floor for nominations. Councillor Tingley nominated Councillor Mitchell - accepted nomination. Councillor Rhyno nominated Councillor Perry - accepted nomination. Councillor Mitchell withdrew his acceptance in support of Councillor Perry. No other nominations were made. The Warden called for nominations three more times. There were none. Warden Roulston declared Michael Perry as Deputy Warden for a one-year term ending in October 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

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

ITEM 72 - LETTER FROM CARING & SHARING FOOD BANK REGARDING CHRISTMAS 2022

Councillor Mitchell inquired about the Caring & Sharing Food Bank, the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture noted that as per budget approval, each food bank would be receiving \$1,000 under the General Government Grant.

ITEM 62 - LETTER OF CONCERN FROM SUSAN SWEET RE: CAMPGROUND IN SELMA AREA

Councillor MacPhee inquired about the letter from Susan Sweet expressing concerns with a campground in the Selma area. The Director of Planning & Development noted that they have responded to the resident regarding regulations.

ITEM 65 - LETTER TO MINISTER KIM MASLAND, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING CROSSWALK IN ENFIELD (MOTION C22(291)).

Councillor Mitchell asked about crosswalk letter and when would East Hants receive a letter back from Public Works. The Director of Infrastructure & Operations noted he expects a response, but unlikely before the new year.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

[ITEM 67 - DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT \(MGA\) SURVEY FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.](#)

C22(336) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Greene: CAO

Moved that Council respond to the DMAH - MGA Survey as proposed by Staff.

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor; One (1) voting against; Councillor Rhyno voting nay

[ITEM 10 - REQUEST FROM MAYOR PAM MOOD, TOWN OF YARMOUTH ASKING MUNICIPALITIES TO WRITE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CAT FERRY SERVICE](#)

C22(337) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: CAO

Moved that Council write a response letter to Mayor Pam Mood, Town of Yarmouth explaining that Council will monitor the situation next season and reply when needed.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor; Two (2) voting against; Councillors MacPhee and Hebb voting nay

[RATIFICATION - NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH LEASE - LEMC](#)

C22(338) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: A. Clarkson

Moved that Council ratify the in-camera direction given to staff at the June 21, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Nova Scotia Health at the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre, ending July 14, 2027; the lease includes a five (5) year option to renew, adjusted by Consumer Price Index.

MOTION CARRIED

[COMMITTEE REPORTS:](#)

[CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE](#)

Deputy Warden Perry, as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on October 18, 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 - EAST HANTS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE](#)

C22(339) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to look at increasing the grant (Community Partnership Fund for the East Hants Family Resource Centre) in the next (budget) review.

MOTION CARRIED

BI-ANNUAL REVIEW CHAIRS & VICE CHAIRS

C22(340) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: CAO

Moved that the current Chairs and Vice Chairs who wish to continue stay in place for another two (2) years and that the following new Chairs and Vice Chairs be approved:

- *Nominating Committee: Councillor Greene as Vice Chair*
- *Planning Advisory Committee: Councillor Mitchell as Chair, Councillor MacPhee as Vice Chair*
- *Infrastructure & Operations Committee: Councillor Garden-Cole as Chair*
- *Fences and Arbitration: Councillor Hebb as Chair, Councillor Greene as Alternate*

MOTION CARRIED

NEW ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION PSAB 3280 POLICY

C22(341) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: S. Surette

Moved that Council approve the Asset Retirement Obligations Council Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated October 18, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW RECOGNITION POLICY AND REPEAL OF RELATED POLICIES

C22(342) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: S. MacEwan

Moved (later amended) that Council approve the proposed 'Recognition Policy' with the addition of potential annual recognition for birthdays after the age of 75 and to repeal the following policies: Policy to Recognize Significant Individuals with Keys to the Municipality, Municipal Pin Policy, Recognition for Support of Fire & Emergency Services Policy, Policy to Recognize Significant Occasions in the Lives of East Hants Residents, and Recognition of Achievement.

C22(343) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: S. MacEwan

Moved to amend Motion C22(342) to read “with the addition of potential recognition for birthdays at 75 years of age and above”

**AMENDMENT CARRIED
AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

For further clarification, Motion C22(342) is as follows:

That Council approve the proposed ‘Recognition Policy’ with the addition of potential annual recognition for birthdays at 75 years of age and above and to repeal the following policies: Policy to Recognize Significant Individuals with Keys to the Municipality, Municipal Pin Policy, Recognition for Support of Fire & Emergency Services Policy, Policy to Recognize Significant Occasions in the Lives of East Hants Residents, and Recognition of Achievement.

WELL/SEPTIC REPORT

C22(344) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Rhyno: A. Clarkson

Moved that Council direct staff to pursue more information on a possible loan program for well and septic systems similar to the PACE program.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(345) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb:

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 October 18, 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:

PLN21-009 FH DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC - REZONING AND WCDD DEVELOPMENT, MILFORD

C22(346) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule an open house and a public information meeting to consider an application from FH Development Group Inc. to amend the MPS and LUB by changing the land use designation and zone of PID 45089802 to Walkable Comprehensive Development District (WCDD) and to consider entering into a development agreement with FH Development Group Inc. for PID 45089802 to permit a mixed-use master planned development.

MOTION CARRIED

[PLN22-005 MARCHAND/POWELL REDESIGNATION AND REZONING, MOUNT UNIACKE](#)

C22(347) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: J. Woodford

Moved that Council give first reading and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing to consider a proposal for a portion of PID 45143237 to change the designation from Rural Use (RU) to Established Residential Neighbourhood (ER) and the zone from Rural Use (RU) to Established Residential Neighbourhood (R1).

MOTION CARRIED

[PLN22-006 RAMAR DEVELOPMENTS LTD REDESIGNATION AND REZONING, MOUNT UNIACKE](#)

C22(348) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: J. Woodford

Moved that Council give first reading and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing to consider a proposal for PID 45157054 to change the designation and zone from Rural Use (RU) to Country Residential (CR).

MOTION CARRIED

[PLAN UPDATE BACKGROUND PAPER - PUBLIC GRAVEL ROADS](#)

C22(349) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to maintain the current regulations that permit the construction of new municipal gravel public roads at this time but to bring back a report addressing some of the discussion held here today around what regions it might be appropriate or not and under what circumstances it might be appropriate to prohibit gravel roads.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(350) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Perry: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to bring a report reviewing the paving petition policy and possible incentives options for both developers and residents to pave their current public gravel roads.

MOTION CARRIED

[OPEN SPACE DISPOSAL - PID 45354677, MEADOW VIEW WAY](#)

C22(351) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa: J. Woodford

Moved that Council give consideration to the disposal of the open space parcel identified as PID 45354677, Meadow View Way, Belnan, to enable the subject

property to be disposed of through the Disposal of Surplus Property Policy, to allow for increased connectivity within the Garden View Development.

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor; One (1) voting against; Councillor Rhyno voting nay

C22(352) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell:

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 October 18, 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:

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

C22(353) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:

A. Tapper

Moved that Council approve to host the East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Firefighter Long Service Awards on April 21, 2023 at the Mount Uniacke Legion.

MOTION CARRIED

SHUBENACADIE RIVER PARK FUNDING REQUEST

C22(354) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene:

A. Tapper

Moved that Council approve funding the estimated cost (up to \$13,000) of the building/structure demolition and electrical repairs to move the ballfield light panel from year-end surplus if available, or the Parks & Trails reserve if not.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(355) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene:

A. Clarkson

Moved that Council direct staff to bring back a report on insurance for municipal assets throughout the municipality, options for replacement costs, and different insurance options moving forward before next budget.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(356) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden Perry:

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 October 18, 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:

SNOW CLEARING CONTRACTS

C22(357) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council extend the roads winter maintenance contract with Basin Contracting for a 6th year at rates negotiated with the vendor by the CAO, and that Council approve an additional \$50,000 for the road budget to be monitored under existing budget monitoring policies to be funded by the transportation/Snow Clearing Roads reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(358) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council extend the sidewalks winter maintenance contract with Elmsdale Landscaping for a 6th year at rates negotiated with the vendor by the CAO, and that Council approve an additional \$70,000 for the sidewalk budget to be monitored under existing budget monitoring policies to be funded by the Urban Service Rate Snow Removal Sidewalks reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

ENFIELD WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

C22(359) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council increase the total budget for project 20-038 "Enfield Water Treatment Plant Upgrade" to \$3,056,150 with the additional \$856,150 to be funded between the water depreciation reserve and the infrastructure reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

ORGANICS PROCESSING CONTRACT

C22(360) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council approve the award of the compostable organics material processing contract (RFP50507) to Green for Life Environmental (GFL) for a three-year term effective April 1, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(361) On the motion of Councillor Moussa and Deputy Warden Perry: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council request a report be brought back outlining organic processing options that could be considered for after this current contract term (April 2026).

MOTION CARRIED

C22(362) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

EH SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Councillor Isenor, as Vice-Chairperson of the EH Source Water Protection Committee, presented the report on the EH Source Water Protection Committee from the meeting held on October 6, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council.

BLUE GREEN ALGAE IN GRAND LAKE

C22(363) On the motion of Councillor Isenor and Deputy Warden Perry: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council send correspondence to the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works requesting the replacement of the culvert that separates Fish Lake with Grand Lake to become a bridge structure versus a culvert as a direct action to mitigate the growth of cyanobacteria which has been the main area of Blue Algae concerns for Grand Lake over the last several years. And to continue with this advocacy ongoing directed to the Province where Provincial structural changes within ROW's could mitigate the formation and growth of cyanobacteria and Blue Green Algae.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(364) On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Greene: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council advocate to the Province to complete a water quality study, focusing on cyanobacteria after any future replacement of the culverts within the road right of way that drain from Fish Lake.

MOTION CARRIED

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS TO STUDY GRAND LAKE WATER QUALITY

C22(365) On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Moussa: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council seek out funding and academic partnerships to complete studies on water quality within the Grand Lake Watershed both for near term work, as well as an ongoing approach to building source water protection programing.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(366) On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Greene:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING - BYLAW F-100-8, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-100, LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES BYLAW (ROAD GAP PAVING)

C22(367) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: S. Surette

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw F-100-8, an Amendment to Bylaw F-100, Local Improvement Charges Bylaw to include the Road Gap Paving Project local improvements.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden Perry 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. Staff addressed questions from Councillors. The following motions came forward:

TRAFFIC CALMING EFFORTS ON TYLER STREET AND IN WHITE ESTATES

On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Greene: 50:00

Moved (later withdrawn) that Council direct staff to create a report on possible traffic calming measures for the Tyler Street/White Estates area, with the intent to include those measures in consideration for the 2023 Budget.

Staff confirmed this topic will form part of an upcoming staff report. As a result, the mover and seconder withdrew the motion.

C22(368) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

Moved that Council move to an In Camera Session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss CAO Priorities.

MOTION CARRIED

The Council returned to open meeting at 9:41 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met in camera to discuss CAO Priorities.

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C22(369) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell:

Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held on November 15, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of Council be held on November 23, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C22(370) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene:

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Date: October 27, 2022



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: November 23, 2022

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