



Regular Meeting of Council

November 23, 2022

PRESENT

Warden Eleanor Roulston
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 Surette, 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.

Warden Roulston also acknowledged and extended congratulations to Chief Michelle Glasgow on being elected as the new Sipekne'katik Chief, the first woman to be elected as Chief of Sipekne'katik.

Warden Roulston acknowledged the passing of former Warden John Patterson & Councillor Fred Canavan, and explained that the flags at the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre were flown at half-mast due to their passing.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

A moment of silent contemplation was observed.

APPROVAL OF OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

C22(373) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Rhyno:

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C22(374) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

Moved that the minutes of the October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) and the October 26, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

THANK YOU TO MAC NOBLE

The Warden expressed thanks to Mac Noble who recently retired as Chair of the East Hants Fire Service Association, a position he held since the group's incorporation in 2011 and from Council's Fire Advisory Committee where he was the only member to serve since its inception in 1994.

NSFM LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The CAO acknowledged that Warden Roulston recently received a 25-year long service award during the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities fall conference in Halifax.

The Warden presented Councillor Rhyno with the NSFM Long Service Award for 25 years serving on Municipal Council. Councillor Rhyno accepted the award and said a few words of thanks to the Municipality and his District.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

A complete copy of "Correspondence for Information" is attached to and forms part of the agenda. No items were raised.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

ITEM 65- UNIACKE DISTRICT CIVIC CENTRE (UDCC) RESERVE FUNDS

C22(375) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Moussa:

A. Tapper

Moved that that Council establish a Uniacke District Civic Centre (UDCC) reserve to place funds (approximately \$32,000) raised in the Community to facilitate the building of a community recreational civic centre in Mount Uniacke, to be held until such a time in the future that a group comes forward to pick up the work

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 64 - AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST HANTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

C22(376) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Garden-Cole: CAO

Moved that Council authorize the CAO to enter into the agreement with the Department of Justice to hire two public service employees.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 55 - LETTER FROM THE EAST HANTS FIRE SERVICE REQUESTING FUNDING TO DEVELOP A TRAINING FACILITY IN NOEL

C22(377) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene: S. Surette

Moved that Council direct staff to prepare a report regarding funding to develop a fire training facility in Noel.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Rhyno, as Chairperson of the Police Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Police Advisory Committee from the meeting held on November 15, 2022. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting:

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT & CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATION

C22(378) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: CAO/MacEwan

Moved that Council direct staff to schedule a workshop to discuss priorities in support of consultation efforts with the RCMP (at one of the extension of Committee or Council meeting dates in January or February) - January 19, 2023 booked.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(379) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

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 November 15, 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 - SHUBENACADIE CANAL COMMISSION

C22(380) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to interact with the Shubenacadie Canal Commission to receive more information, and have staff bring back a report to make a decision on their request (for a letter of support for their effort to have the Shubenacadie River designated as a Canadian Heritage River).

MOTION CARRIED

2023 COUNCIL CALENDAR

C22(381) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: CAO/S. MacEwan

Moved that Council approve the draft 2023 Council Calendar as drafted.

MOTION CARRIED

LAND ISSUE - FORMER ELMSDALE & LANTZ SCHOOL SITES

C22(382) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Tingley: A. Clarkson

Moved that Council authorizes staff to award FBM, Turner Drake and Englobe an amount up to \$41,007 + HST to complete preliminary development consulting services for the Former Elmsdale School Site (PID 45147998) and Former Lantz School Site (PIDs 45148111 and 45088614); and to authorize staff to explore conceptual development options that include Lantz Volunteer Fire Department and the Elmsdale School's community tenants.

MOTION CARRIED

POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

C22(383) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to proceed with the Polling District Review Phase 2 public consultation using the preferred option (Fb) and move the community of Five Mile River to District 5.

MOTION CARRIED

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

C22(384) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Moussa: A. Clarkson

Moved that Council adopt the proposed Asset Management Policy as attached to the November 15, 2022 Executive Committee Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(385) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Mitchell, as Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting held on November 15, 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:

MIXED USE CENTRE REVIEW

C22(386) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

J. Woodford

Moved that Council give first reading to amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw which change the Mixed-Use Centre (MC) Designation and Zone by restricting the height of new buildings in a prescribed area to 3 storeys; and require a minimum of 50% of the ground floor area of all new buildings be commercial.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(387) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Garden-Cole, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, presented the report on the Infrastructure & Operations Committee from the meeting held on November 15, 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:

TRAFFIC CALMING

C22(388) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Moussa:

J. Hulsman

Moved that Council approve the addition of a Capital Project for Speed Tables with spending approval of \$50,000 in 2023, \$50,000 in 2024, and \$50,000 in

2025, to be funded from a reserve established from 2022-23 year-end surplus, if available or from debenture.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(389) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Mitchell: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council approve the addition of a Capital Project for permanent Digital Speed Display Signs with spending approval of \$112,000 in 2023, \$100,000 in 2024, and \$23,000 in 2025, to be funded from a reserve established from 2022-23 year-end surplus, if available or from debenture.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(390) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council have the draft 2023-24 operating budget, and ongoing, include \$50,000 annually to go into a traffic calming reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(391) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole 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 November 15, 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:

SHUBENACADIE RIVER PARK - UPDATE

C22(392) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to complete the current capital projects at the Shubenacadie River Park and to not proceed with any further phases until projects related to the former Shubenacadie Residential School Site are completed.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(393) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to place portable washrooms in the park for seasonal use and portable stages be used for community events once the existing washroom/stage structure is removed following damage from a fire.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(394) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to dispose of the hall property under the Disposal of Surplus Property Policy by a method recommended by Council once the proposed subdivision at the Shubenacadie River Park is approved and completed.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(395) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Mitchell: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to complete the long-term lease with the Lion's Club for a 10-year period with the group responsible for all repairs and maintenance associated with the building and surrounding landscape.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(396) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa: A. Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to bring any management agreements related to the Shubenacadie River Park 'ballfield' back to council before agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

C22(397) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Mitchell:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

[AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMO & FEEDBACK \(WEED CONTROL ACT CHANGES\)](#)

Warden Roulston presented the memo titled "Weed Control Act Amendments: Review by AAC Members" dated November 17, 2022. A copy of the memo was attached to the agenda and available to all council members.

C22(398) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Deputy Warden Perry: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to send the Agricultural Weed Control Act letter, as attached to the Council agenda dated November 23, 2022, to Nova Scotia Agriculture.

MOTION CARRIED

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

C22(399) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Mitchell: S. Surrette

Moved that Council give second 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; and, an amendment to Section 9.13 to include contributing more than ten (10) percent in special circumstances at the discretion of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden Perry assumed the Chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION GUIDELINE AMENDMENTS

C22(400) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Hebb: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council write a letter to the Provincial Government outlining our concerns with the proposed amendments and request additional analysis be done on the overall Green House Gas emissions impact and the financial impact of increased transportation and tipping fees to the Nova Scotia tax payer.

MOTION CARRIED

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:

NOISE ABATEMENT ON EVERGREEN CRESCENT IN LANTZ

C22(401) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Deputy Warden Perry: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council request a letter to be sent to Province to request a review of noise reduction options along HWY 102 North to where the houses back up against HWY 102 (Evergreen Crescent area, Lantz)

MOTION CARRIED

ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVY INCREASE REQUEST

C22(402) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Greene: S. Surrette

Moved that Council approve including a fire levy increase from \$0.12 to \$0.14 per \$100 of assessment in the 2023/2024 draft budget for the Enfield Fire Department for Council consideration at budget time.

MOTION CARRIED

(IN CAMERA) SESSION

C22(403) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell:

Moved that Council go In Camera at 8:10 p.m. to discuss land issues and enforcement issue.

MOTION CARRIED

The Council returned to open meeting at 9:35 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met in camera to discuss land issues and an enforcement issue. Direction to staff was made during the in-camera session.

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C22(404) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Perry

Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy) be held December 13, 2022 and the Regular Meeting of Council be held on December 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C22(405) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Date: November 24, 2022

Eleanor Roulston

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden

Date: December 21, 2022

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