



## Regular Meeting of Council

March 29, 2023

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston

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

STAFF 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  
Ms. Amanda Hatfield, Information Management Clerk

REGRETS Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
Deputy Warden Michael Perry  
Councillor Eldon Hebb

### 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

C23(67) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Greene:

*Moved that the agenda be approved.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C23(68) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

*Moved that the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) and February 22, 2023 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. [01:25]

Councillor Mitchell acknowledged the letter to property owners in the Lakeshore Residential (LR) Zone that own a property that directly abuts the lakeshore (item #61).

Councillor Garden-Cole acknowledged the Budget Over Runs Report and Budget Reallocations Report (item #16).

Warden Roulston acknowledged the Statement from Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson regarding Crescent Beach and coastal protection (item #62).

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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

ITEM 80 - FUNDING REQUEST FROM MILFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION FOR A GENERATOR AND WIRING UNDER THE COMFORT CENTRES AND RECEPTION CENTRES/SHELTERS FUNDING POLICY

C23(68) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Moussa:

Woodford

*Moved that that Council approve a grant of \$10,000 be awarded to the Milford Recreation Association for the purchase and installation of a generator and associated wiring, to be funded from Comfort Station Reserves.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Staff agreed to bring a future report regarding the delegation of authority to process requests for consideration. Woodford

ITEM 57 - FCM BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN. COUNCILLOR MITCHELL IS INTERESTED IN RE-OFFERING AND BUDGET IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ANOTHER YEAR. A COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION IF COUNCIL AGREES

C23(69) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Greene:

MacEwan

*Moved that Council endorse Councillor Norval Mitchell to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in May 2023 and ending June 2024; and that Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Norval Mitchell attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 25 - NSFM SPRING CONFERENCE - COUNCIL IS ASKED TO CONSIDER SELECTING THEIR DELEGATES (TYPICALLY WARDEN, CAO OR DESIGNATE AND 3 COUNCILLORS)**

C23(70) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Mitchell: MacEwan

*Moved that that Council approve the following delegates for the 2023 NSFM Spring Conference:*

- *Warden Roulston*
- *CAO Kim Ramsay*
- *Councillor Tingley*
- *Councillor MacPhee (tentatively)*
- *Councillor Isenor (tentatively)*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 24 - THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS OF NOVA SCOTIA 2023 AMANS SPRING CONFERENCE -SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

C23(71) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Mitchell: Clarkson

*Moved that Council approve the \$3,000 contribution in support of the 2023 Annual AMANS Conference.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Eight (8) voting in favor. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

**ITEM 21 - REQUEST FROM THE EAST HANTS FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION SEEKING EXPANSION OF USES OF THE EXISTING FIRE TRAINING FUNDING.**

C23(72) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Garden-Cole: Clarkson

*Moved that Council direct staff to bring a report back to the Executive Committee for discussion, and then decide if it needs to go to the Fire Advisory Committee. (Re: Request from the East Hants Fire Service Association to expand the uses of the existing fire training funding).*

**MOTION CARRIED**

[RATIFICATION - SALE OF 1941 SOUTH RAWDON ROAD, SOUTH RAWDON COMMUNITY HALL](#)

C23(73) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Moussa: Clarkson

*Moved that Council ratify the in-camera direction to staff to list the South Rawdon Community Hall, PID 45126349, for sale by a real estate agent; and authorize the CAO to review offers received and enter into an agreement based on parameters discussed in-camera; and that Council ratify an agreement of purchase and sale with Zach Frail for \$71,000 + HST, with proceeds from the sale of the property (less expenses incurred for disposal) set aside in the Capital Reserve (C008) to be used for the future benefit of the surrounding area.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

[COMMITTEE REPORTS:](#)

[ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)

Councillor Mitchell as Vice-Chairperson of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, presented the report on the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the meeting held on March 1, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting:

[ACCESSIBILITY PLAN REPORT CARD](#)

C23(74) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene: Woodford

*Moved that Council accept the (Accessibility Plan) report card and place it on file.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C23(75) On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Moussa:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

[AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT](#)

Warden Roulston presented the report on the Audit Committee from the meeting held on March 29, 2023, on behalf of Deputy Warden Perry. No motions came forward as a result of that meeting.

C23(76) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Greene:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Tingley as Vice-Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Corporate & Residential Services Committee from the meeting held on March 21, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS POLICY**

C23(77) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Mitchell: Surette

***Moved that Council approve the Acceptance of Donations Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated March 29, 2023.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

Eight (8) voting in favor. One (1) voting against. Councillor MacPhee voting nay.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was live-streamed through the municipal website and YouTube. [31:00]

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 Assistant Municipal Clerk to outline when the public hearing advertisements were published.

The Assistant Municipal Clerk noted that the public hearing notices appeared in the March 15th and 22nd editions of The Chronicle Herald. The notices described the proposals, gave the date and time of the public hearings, and indicated that staff reports were available to the public.

[PLN22-008 STEVENS GROUP OF COMPANIES - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - ENFIELD](#)

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item is to enter into a development agreement to enable a four storey, 70 unit, assisted living facility in Enfield.

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

Councillor Mitchell, 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 Mitchell, 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 "*Stevens Group - Development Agreement for Assisted Living Facility*" dated March 13, 2023. 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.

Warden Roulston opened the floor to comments or questions from the Applicant. The Applicant (Jacob Fenchak, Planner & Mark VanZeumeren, Project Manager) provided comments on the community and working with the Municipality and staff.

The Applicant answered questions from members of Council.

Warden Roulston asked if there were comments or questions from members of the public attending or via livestream/YouTube.

- Richard Hamer (1 Bona Crescent, Enfield) - In Person
  - Questioned if the parking spaces allotted will be adequate.

[RECOMMENDATION](#)

C23(78)

On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Moussa:

Woodford

***Moved that Council give final consideration for an assisted living facility on 410 Highway 2, Enfield, the registration of which will discharge the existing development agreement registered on December 3, 2008 as document number 92294314; within one year of Council's approval.***

Warden Roulston asked Councillors if they had any final comments or questions. There were none.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Warden concluded the Public Hearing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):**

**CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**SPORTSPLEX FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT**

[60:22]

C23(79) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Greene:

Tapper

*Moved that Council receive as information the Facility Condition Assessment for the East Hants Sportsplex dated December 8, 2022 and as updated January 30, 2023.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TRANSIT WORKSHOP DATE SELECTION**

C23(80) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Moussa:

Clarkson

*Moved to set the date for the Transit Workshop for May 18, 2023.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Eight (8) voting in favor. One (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay.

C23(81) On the motion of Councillor Tingley and Mitchell:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Greene as Chairperson of the Fire Advisory Committee, presented the report from the Fire Advisory Committee including a recommendation agreed upon by members in March 2023. The following motion came forward as a result:

**RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

C23(82) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Mitchell:

Clarkson

*Moved that Council recognize Leno Ribahi for supporting Elmsdale Fire and Emergency Services through the donation of food, ice, supplies and credit at his store.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C23(83) On the motion of Councillor Greene and Moussa:

*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 March 21, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. No motions came forward as a result of that meeting.

C23(84) On the motion of Councillor Garden-Cole and Greene:

***Moved the adoption of the report.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councillor Garden-Cole assumed the Chair.

Warden Roulston as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the report on the Nominating Committee from the meeting held on March 21, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motion came forward as a result of that meeting: [65:18]

C23(85) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Greene:

Hulsman

***Moved that Council re-appoint the following public members to the East Hants Source Water Protection Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending March 31, 2026:***

- *Donica Poirier-McGougan*
- *Tom Mills*
- *Jill Searle*
- *Patricia Lyall*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C23(86) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Moussa:

***Moved the adoption of the report.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

Warden Roulston resumed Chair.

**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 March 21, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made



available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting:

**TOURISM GRANTS**

C23(87) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Greene: Tapper

***Moved that the Tourism Grant funding recommendations totaling \$33,900 be approved for the following organizations:***

- ***East Hants Historical Society - \$5,000***
- ***Maitland District Development Association - \$17,000***
- ***Walton Area Development Association - \$3,900***
- ***CHArt Society - \$8,000 (with \$800 held back pending completion of Sundial project)***

***And that staff release approved funds as confirmation of external funding sources for proposed projects are received from each group.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISTRICT RECREATION FUND - JANUARY INTAKE**

C23(88) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Mitchell: Tapper

***Moved that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2023-2024 (intake 1):***

Applicant	Funding Amount
<b>Nine Mile River Community Hall</b>	
District 3 Total:	\$ 3,598
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 3,598</b>
<b>Rainbow Community Club</b>	
District 6 Total:	\$ 7,603
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,603</b>
<b>Enfield Elmsdale &amp; District Lions Club</b>	
District 10 Total:	\$ 32,602
District 1 Total:	\$ 10,000
District 2 Total:	\$ 7,398
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Gore District Volunteer Fire Department</b>	
District 11 Total:	\$ 8,544
District 11 Rawdon/Gore - Gore 0.01 Total :	\$ 656
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 9,200</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 70,401</b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

C23(89) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Greene: Tapper

*Moved that Council approve the Shining Star nominees provided to date and that the confidential Model Volunteer Award nomination forwarded by email to Council be approved and designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the 2024 Provincial Volunteer Awards.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CENTRE RAWDON HALL UPDATE**

C23(90) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Greene: Tapper

*Moved that Council direct staff to move forward with a cash value settlement and hold the funds in a special reserve for playground and park development on the site of the former Centre Rawdon Hall (PID #45149754) with anticipated start date of construction in the summer of 2023 and, that the Centre Rawdon Community Park Development project #23-022, as attached to the March 21, 2023 Executive Committee agenda, be approved as an additional capital project for 2023-2024.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C23(91) On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Moussa:

*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 March 21, 2023. The minutes from that meeting were made available to all members of Council. The following motions came forward as a result of that meeting: [76:20]

**PLN23-002 ABDUL HABBOUSH - REZONING - ELMSDALE - INITIAL REPORT**

C23(92) On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Moussa: Woodford

*Moved that Council give First Reading to rezone properties identified as PIDs 45416989, 45421435, 45421427, 45421419, 45421401, and 45421393 located on Pinehill Drive from the Established Residential Neighbourhood (R1) Zone to the Two Dwelling Unit Residential (R2) Zone; and authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

PLAN UPDATE - FINAL AMENDMENTS AND FIRST READING REPORT

C23(93) On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Moussa: Woodford

*Moved that Council direct staff to bring back a report to a future Planning Advisory Committee meeting, to look at the erosion and floodplain zones; and to include the maps for 2050 and 2100 flood line scenarios; and to look at options (non-permanent structures) for land owners on the shore to maximize opportunities for the land.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

C23(94) On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Greene:

*Moved the adoption of the report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

WARDEN'S REPORT

Councillor Garden-Cole assumed the Chair.

The Warden provided a verbal report on her recent activities.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillors provided verbal reports on their recent activities. Staff addressed questions from Councillors. The following motions came forward:

INSURANCE AND BENEFITS FOR COUNCILLORS

C23(95) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene: CAO

*Moved that Council direct staff to bring back a report on insurance/benefit options that is available to Councillors.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

(IN CAMERA) SESSION - LAND & PERSONNEL ISSUES

C23(96) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa

*Moved that Council go In Camera at 9:05 p.m. to discuss land and personnel issues.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Council returned to open meeting at 10:50 p.m.

The Warden reported that Council met in-camera to discuss land, legal and personnel issues. No motions resulted.

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C23(97) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Moussa:

*Moved that the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In Camera) be April 18, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of Council be held on April 26, 2023.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

C23(98) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa:

*Moved that Council adjourn at 10:51 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED**



Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk  
Date: March 30, 2023



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden  
Date: April 26, 2023

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