



Regular Meeting of Council

July 26, 2023

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden Michael Perry

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole
Keith Rhyno
Walter Tingley
Elie Moussa
Wayne Greene

Tom Isenor
Carl MacPhee
Norval Mitchell
Eldon Hebb

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wade Tattrie, 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. Erin Taylor, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Alana Richards, Business & Legislative Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

A moment of silent contemplation was observed with condolences extended to the families of the missing people in West Hants in the recent flood event

APPROVAL OF OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

C23(234) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Greene:

Moved that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Note: the agenda was later amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C23(235) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

Moved that the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) and June 28, 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.

C23(236) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Mitchell:

Moved that Council add a discussion item to the agenda regarding the flooding on Robert Scott Drive to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 65 - NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Deputy Warden Perry highlighted the importance of residents applying for the disaster assistance program offered by the Province of Nova Scotia.

ITEMS 2, 4 & 13 - CHIGNECTO CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION (CCRCE) LETTERS

Councillor Mitchell expressed concerns with the busing policy issue and asked if Staff heard more back. The CAO confirmed staff have not heard anything further as a result of a recent meeting with CCRCE regarding the busing policy

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

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ITEM 68 - EMAIL FROM RESIDENT REGARDING 2ND EXIT NEEDED FOR ELMWOOD SUBDIVISION 00:09:00

C23(237) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: 00:18:00

Moved that Council direct staff to create a report highlighting the single way in and single way-out subdivisions in the Municipality (over 50 homes, or what is deemed appropriate) to send to EMO and explore lands available to provide the possibility of second exits within those subdivision. J. Woodford

Discussion was held and questions were addressed by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor, two (2) voting against. Councillors MacPhee and Hebb voting nay.

ITEM 43 - REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY THOMPSON, DISTRICT 11, MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSON'S REGISTRY (VVPR) TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

C23(238) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and MacPhee: CAO/S. MacEwan

Moved that Council support the resolution to establish a voluntary vulnerable (VVPR) person's registry to strengthen emergency response.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 18 - HALIFAX EAST HANTS 4H COUNCIL DONATION REQUEST

C23(239) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Deputy Warden Perry: A.Tapper

Moved that Council award a General Government Grant of \$100 to the Halifax East Hants 4H Council towards the trophy awards for the 2022-2023 year.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 15 - 4H NS PRO SHOW SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

C23(240) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Hebb: A.Tapper

Moved (later amended) that Council award a General Government Grant of \$200 to the 4H Nova Scotia for their Provincial Show Sponsorship Request.

C23(241) On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Tingley: A.Tapper

Moved to amend Motion C23(240) to increase the amount to \$500.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Eight (8) voting in favor, two (2) voting against. Councillors Rhyno and Hebb voting nay. (Councillor MacPhee was not present for the vote.)

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

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

For further clarification, Motion C23(240) is as follows:

That Council award a General Government Grant of \$500 to the 4H Nova Scotia for their Provincial Show Sponsorship Request.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

The Municipal Clerk noted that the public hearing notice appeared for the first item, in the July 11, 2023 and July 19, 2023 editions of the Chronicle Herald. The notices described Council's intent to consider disposal of surplus municipal property to Lighthouse Ministries, gave the date and time of the public hearing, and provided the location and estimated value of the property.

The Municipal Clerk noted that the public hearing notice appeared for the second item, in the July 12, 2023 and July 19, 2023 editions of the Chronicle Herald. The notices described the proposals, gave the date and time of the Public Hearing, and indicated that Staff Reports were available to the public.

CONSIDERATION OF SURPLUS DISPOSAL - 2848 HIGHWAY 2, SHUBENACADIE (PID 45427218, LOT SH-1)

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item was a proposal to dispose of surplus municipal property situated at 2848 Highway 2, Shubenacadie, PID 45427218, Lot SH-1, to a non-profit society, Lighthouse Ministries.

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

Deputy Warden Perry, as Chairperson of the Planning Advisory Committee noted that the Corporate & Residential Services 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. Deputy Warden

Perry, as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee asked staff to present their final report on the proposal.

The Manager of Real Estate & Projects presented the staff report titled “*Consideration of Surplus Disposal 2848 Highway 2, Shubenacadie PID 45427218, Lot SH-1*” dated July 26, 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. Staff addressed questions from Council members.

Warden Roulston asked if any member of the public had any comments or would like to make a presentation. There were none.

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

RECOMMENDATION

C23(242) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor MacPhee:

A.Clarkson

Moved that Council enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with Lighthouse Ministries for surplus municipal property situated at 2848 Highway 2, Shubenacadie, PID 45427218, Lot SH-1, for \$1.00 (one dollar); the agreement of purchase and sale shall include standard clauses of right of first refusal.

MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF LUB MAPPING AMENDMENTS - PINEHILL DRIVE, ELMSDALE (PIDS 45416989, 45421435, 45421427, 45421419, 45421401, AND 45421393)

Warden Roulston noted the second public hearing item was a proposal to rezone six (6) properties on Pinehill Drive in Elmsdale to enable the development of semi-detached dwellings.

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 Planner presented the staff report titled “*Siravista Developments Ltd. LUB Mapping Amendments Pinehill Drive*” dated July 26, 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. Staff addressed questions from Council members.

Warden Roulston asked if the applicant had any comments or would like to make a presentation. Stephen Adams presented his comments on behalf of the developer, Siravista Developments Ltd.

Warden Roulston asked any member of the public had any comments or would like to make a presentation. The following members of the public expressed concerns:

David Hooper (76 Pinehill Drive, Elmsdale)

- No issues with development, wanted to confirm adequate parking to avoid parking on Pinehill Drive and the driveway length for the proposed development.
- Concerns regarding needed waste water upgrades, concerns regarding lift station servicing Pinehill Drive and the impact of a new development.
- Agreed with Councillor Garden-Cole with regards to flooding in neighbourhood, worst flooding in 20+ years that he has seen.

Nancy McTiernan (1431 Enfield Road, Nine Mile)

- No issues with development proposed, questioned tax revenue of the development.

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

RECOMMENDATION

C23(243) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Moussa:

J. Woodford

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend that Council give Second Reading and approve an application 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 Council's decision being contingent on final subdivision approval being granted.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor, two (2) voting against. Councillors Rhyno and Mitchell voting nay.

The Warden concluded the Public Hearing.

ITEM 10 - PER COUNCIL MOTION C23(161) STAFF CONTACTED CHERYL COPAGE-GEHUE, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER FOR HRM AND SIPEKNE'KATIK COUNCIL MEMBER REGARDING A BLANKET EXERCISE.

00:79:05

C23(244) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb:

CAO/S. MacEwan

Moved that Council contact Ms. Copage-Gehue and book her for the Thursday, September 28th Council Extension night to participate in the Blanket Exercise.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3 - LETTER FROM HAROLD MACNEIL RE: AQUATICS PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND EAST HANTS MULTI-PURPOSE CURLING FACILITY

C23(245) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Isenor: CAO

Moved that Council direct the CAO to respond (to Mr. Harold MacNeil) with a call or letter and advise decisions of previous Council.

Discussion was held and questions were addressed by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION - CAO CONTRACT

C23(246) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Mitchell: S. MacEwan

Moved that Council ratify changes to the Municipality's employment contract with the CAO, effectively July 1st, 2023, as was discussed during the in-camera session on June 20th, 2023.

Discussion was held.

MOTION CARRIED

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

SECOND READING - BYLAW P-1300 BLASTING BYLAW

C23(247) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene: 00:90:00

Moved that Council give second reading to Bylaw P-1300, Blasting Bylaw. J. Woodford

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 July 18, 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:

SUSTAINABLE SERVICES GROWTH FUND - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

C23(248) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb: W. Tattrie

Moved that Council approve the use and allocation of the \$1,123,778 SSGF Grant toward the follow projects as follows:

Project	\$ Amount
Industrial Park Lift Station	\$821,910
Waste Management Loader	\$149,000
Waste Management Centre Household Waste Receiving Expansion	\$15,000
Lantz Secondary Planning Strategy	\$130,000
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$11,000
Shubenacadie Parking Capacity Project	\$50,000

MOTION CARRIED

[HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND \(HAF\)](#)

C23(249) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Mitchell: CAO/J. Woodford

Moved that Council directs the CAO to submit a Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan that includes the initiatives as generally outlined in HAF Supplemental Report posted with the Council agenda, along with all additional required documentation to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as the Municipality’s application under the Housing Accelerator Fund program; and authorize the CAO to enter into any contribution agreement or amending agreements that may be required should East Hants be approved for funding under the program.

MOTION CARRIED

[2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT \(INCLUDING TREASURER’S REPORT & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS\)](#)

C23(250) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Moussa: W. Tattrie

Moved that Council accept the 2022/2023 Annual Report (including Treasurer’s Report & Consolidated Financial Statements) and put it on file.

MOTION CARRIED

[CONSTRUCTION ISSUES - HIGHWAY 2, ENFIELD](#)

C23(251) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Moussa: 00:96:12

Moved (later withdrawn) that Council direct staff to contact NS Department of Public Works regarding the status of the construction on Highway 2 in Enfield.

Councillor Garden-Cole advised that the work is complete. Staff will confirm. The motion was considered redundant and not necessary.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

CONTRACTUAL ISSUE - ROAD GAP PROJECT II

C23(252) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Moussa: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council approve an additional \$72,000 to project 22-023 “Road Gap Project II”, to be funded from the Contingency Reserve, and to approve an Allocation of \$42,085 to the Rural Fire Capital Fund from the Contingency Reserve, and also to allocate an amount of \$67,702 to the Mount Uniacke Recreation Fund from the Contingency Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(253) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb:

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 July 18, 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: 00:99:30

DEAN SHEA - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FENCING REQUIREMENT

C23(254) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Hebb: J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to correspond with Mr. Shea and request that he provides staff with the details of the modifications to the existing fence to ensure that it meets the intent of the original fencing requirement and that staff bring those modification details to Council for final approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting nay. (Councillor Greene was not present during the vote.)

The Director of Planning & Development provided the details of Mr. Shea’s plan to alter the fencing to meet the terms of the Development Agreement. Council agreed that the plan was satisfactory.

C23(255) On the motion of Councillors Isenor and Hebb:

Moved that Council Lift Motion C23(156) from the table.

MOTION LIFTED

C23(256) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Hebb:

Moved that Council do not give initial consideration to substantially amending an existing development agreement with 3313013 Nova Scotia Limited.

MOTION DEFEATED

One (1) voting in favor, ten (10) voting against. Councillor Rhyno voting yay.

Staff will notify Mr. Shea.

[PLN23-008 THE TIRE MAN - REDESIGNATION/REZONING - INITIAL REPORT](#)

C23(257) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Deputy Warden Perry:

J. Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a Public Information Meeting to consider a proposal for a portion of PID 45337722 to change the designation from Rural Use (RU) to Regional Commercial (RC) and the zone from Rural Use (RU) to Regional Commercial (RC).

Staff confirmed the meeting will be held in Mount Uniacke.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(258) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

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 July 18, 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: 00:110:51

[\(FAM\) FAMILIARIZATION TOUR DATES](#)

C23(259) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Mitchell:

A.Tapper

Moved that Council direct staff to budget funds for a tour to occur for the new Council after the October 2024 municipal election.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(260) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Greene:

CAO

Moved that Council direct staff to create a virtual familiarization tour to address the municipal sites in the Municipality (including the Rawdon RCMP Department).

MOTION CARRIED

Seven (7) voting in favor, four (4) voting against. Councillors MacPhee, Moussa, Isenor and Hebb voting nay.

C23(261) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb: CAO

Moved that Council authorize staff to send an email to Council to coordinate site visits and a tour of the Municipality and its facilities.

MOTION CARRIED

[EAST HANTS SPORTSPLEX - REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES - FINANCIAL VARIANCES](#)

C23(262) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Mitchell: A.Tapper

Moved that Council approve the 4% rate increase on ice rentals, and 3% on field rentals; and, instruct the CAO to again communicate Articles 8.3, and 8.4 of the July 2021 facility management agreement to the EHAA Board Members and General Manager. This communication is to emphasize the need to soon prepare a forecast of revenue and expenditures for 2023-24 and to take appropriate steps to increase revenues and/or decrease expenditures should a deficit be forecasted. As well, it should be emphasized that any surplus in a fiscal year is to be forwarded to East Hants to include with the East Hants Sportsplex Capital Repairs Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(263) On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Moussa:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

[AUDIT COMMITTEE](#)

Deputy Warden Perry as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the report on the Audit Committee from the meeting held on June 28, 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: 00:117:25

[FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022/2023 & MUNICIPAL AUDITOR 2023/2024](#)

C23(264) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: W. Tattrie

Moved that Council adopt the March 31st , 2023 Financial Statements as presented by Deloitte at the June 28th, 2023 Audit Committee meeting, and that Deloitte LLP be appointed as Municipal Auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT 2023/2024

C23(265) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Greene: W. Tattrie

Moved that Council appoints the membership of the Audit Committee for 2023/2024 be comprised of the Warden, the Chair of Corporate & Residential Services Committee, and two additional Councillors and one public member.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(266) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillor Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

(IN CAMERA) CONTRACTUAL ISSUE

C23(267) On the motion of Councillors Hebb and Greene:

Moved to go in camera at 8:58 p.m. to discuss a contractual issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Warden Roulston reported that Council met In Camera to discuss a Contractual Matter. No motions resulted.

C23(268) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and MacPhee:

Moved to have the remaining items (including but not limited to); the Warden's Report and Business from Councillors to carry over after the public hearing tomorrow night.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C23(269) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb:

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:50 p.m. to reconvene on July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Date: July 27, 2023



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: September 27, 2023

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EAST HANTS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Warden Roulston noted the public hearing item was a proposal to update to the East Hants Official Community Plan.

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 Community Planner presented the staff report titled "*Plan Update - Second Reading and Final Approval*" dated July 12, 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. Staff addressed questions from Council members.

Warden Roulston asked if any member of the public had any questions or comments.

IN PERSON

Ronald Hughes (2210 Highway 2, Milford, NS)

- Concerns about developments, not referenced in the Community Update
- Concerns about flooding in the neighbourhood
- Concerns regarding sewer infrastructure, and municipal services

William (Willy) Versteeg (1765 Highway 2, Milford, NS)

- Concerns about water and what is the definition of hydrogeological study?
- Where are the Municipalities well infrastructure for these studies?
- Suggested an amendment to Council for East Hants to invest in the ability to conduct and produce data for hydrogeological studies in the MGW Zone.

Anne Crowe (431 Burntcoat Road, Burntcoat, NS)

- Concerns about erosion risk to her property, feels that all of her properties have been “painted with the same brush”
- Believes that erosion is not impacting her property, and that we should not be planning for 100 years ahead
- Voiced that Council should not go through with Fundy Overlay.

Donald Dixon (12083 Highway 215, Urbania, NS)

- Concerns regarding campgrounds, and the recommendations surrounding it
- Permitting for impacts to campgrounds, setbacks and environmental issues

Roger Bronson (15 Bayberry Drive, Milford)

- Concerns regarding the professionalism of the people doing the hydrogeological studies

LIVESTREAM / YOUTUBE

Colleen Smith (2204 Highway 2, Milford, NS)

- Groundwater quality, concerns regarding quantity of water on aquifers.

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

RECOMMENDATION

C23(270) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene: J. Woodford

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Council direct staff to remove the Fundy Erosion Overlay (FE-2050) and (FE-2100) Designations and Zones and the Fundy Flood Risk Overlay (FF) Designation and Zone from the Community Plan Update until such time when the province looks into a province wide plan for Fundy Coastline Erosion; and that Council give second reading and approve the amended document; give second reading and approve the 2023 Municipal Planning Strategy, Bylaw P-400; give second reading and approve the 2023 Land Use Bylaw, Bylaw P-500; and give second reading and approve the 2023 Subdivision Bylaw, Bylaw P-600.

C23(271) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Rhyno

Move to split Motion C23(270) into two sections.

MOTION CARRIED

The Warden read the first section of the motion for clarification. J. Woodford

To clarify, Motion C23(270) reads:

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Council direct staff to remove the Fundy Erosion Overlay (FE-2050) and (FE-2100) Designations and Zones and the Fundy Flood Risk Overlay (FF) Designation and Zone

from the Community Plan Update until such time when the province looks into a province wide plan for Fundy Coastline Erosion.

Discussion was held and staff addressed questions from Council members.

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Councillor Tingley voting nay.

The Warden read the second section of the motion for clarification.

Warden Roulston asked Councillors if they had any final comments or questions. Staff addressed questions from Council members.

C23(272) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Greene:

J. Woodford

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Council give second reading and approve the amended document; give second reading and approve the 2023 Municipal Planning Strategy, Bylaw P-400; give second reading and approve the 2023 Land Use Bylaw, Bylaw P-500; and give second reading and approve the 2023 Subdivision Bylaw, Bylaw P-600.

Discussion was held and staff addressed questions from Council members.

MOTION CARRIED

The Warden concluded the Public Hearing.

Council took a brief recess at 8:05 p.m. before resuming the rest of the meeting.

WARDEN'S REPORT

Deputy Warden Perry 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 as a result of those concerns:

ROBERT SCOTT DRIVE, LANTZ FLOODING ISSUES

Councillor Tingley brought forward concerns from residents in his area of District 7 regarding the flooding issues on Robert Scott Drive in Lantz. The following motions resulted:

C23(273) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and MacPhee:

J. Hulsman

Moved that Council direct staff write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting the inspection of and including the capital repair and maintenance as

needed on cross culverts on Highway 2 between the communities of Enfield and Shubenacadie.

Discussion was held and staff addressed questions from Council members.

MOTION CARRIED

C23(274) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and MacPhee: J. Hulsman

Moved that Council direct staff write a letter to CN Rail (copying the appropriate governing bodies) to review the capacity and integrity of culverts under the railway adjacent to the Shubenacadie River and beside Highway 2 with a focus on the ability to respond to 1 in 5-year storms and 1 in 100-year storms.

Discussion was held and staff addressed questions from Council members.

MOTION CARRIED

CELL COVERAGE IN RURAL EAST HANTS

Deputy Warden Perry brought forward concerns from residents in his area regarding the cell phone coverage in rural East Hants especially during the flooding events of last weekend. The following motion resulted:

C23(275) On the motion of Deputy Warden Perry and Councillors Garden-Cole: A. Clarkson

Moved that Council direct staff to engage the appropriate channels to request the Province and Carriers work to provide better cell phone coverage in the rural areas.

MOTION CARRIED

ATLANTIC MAYORS CONGRESS

Warden Roulston outlined the costs to attend the upcoming September meeting of the Atlantic Mayors' Congress in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. Discussion was held regarding the importance of the meeting, budget and the Warden asked for Council's blessing to attend.

C23(276) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Moussa: CAO

Moved that the costs related to the Atlantic Mayors' Congress Meeting travel for the Warden and the CAO be covered by Council through the budget and reserves.

MOTION CARRIED

SETTING DATE & TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

C23(277) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Moussa:

Moved that the Special Executive Committee Meeting (PAC) be held on September 7, 2023, the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In Camera) be held on September 19, 2023, the Regular Meeting of Council be held on September 27, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C23(278) On the motion of Councillors Greene and Hebb:

Moved that Council adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officers
Date: July 28, 2023



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: September 27, 2023

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