



Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In Camera)

January 21, 2025

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston
 Deputy Warden Carl MacPhee

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole Keith Rhyno
 Eldon Hebb Elie Moussa
 Cecil Dixon Norval Mitchell
 Craig Merriam Michael Perry
 Walter Tingley

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance
 Ms. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
 Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
 Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
 Ms. Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
 Ms. Alana Richards, Business & Legislative Administrator

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m.

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

PROCUREMENT POLICY UPDATE - LOW VALUE THRESHOLD

The Low Value Threshold in the Council Procurement Policy has been at \$5,000 since the first modern Procurement Policy was adopted by Council back in 2012. This report recommended increasing the Low Value Threshold at which an Invitation Quotation is required from \$5,000, the current threshold, to \$10,000.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Financial Guidelines for Volunteer Fire Departments should also be updated to reflect the same threshold.

C25 (1)
January

On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Rhyno:

Clarkson

Moved that Council give notice of intent to amend their Procurement Policy as attached to the Executive Agenda January 21, 2025, as well as change the Financial Guidelines for Volunteer Fire Departments to reflect the threshold, to \$10,000.

MOTION CARRIED

C25 (2)
January

On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Rhyno:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

C25 (3) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Moussa:

January

Moved the addition of Chair Replacement to the agenda for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor; two (2) voting against Councillors Hebb and Rhyno voting nay.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

PLN24-012 THE SHAW GROUP LTD. - MPS AND LUB AMENDMENTS

The Municipality has received an application from the Shaw Group Ltd. to change the land use designation of a portion of PID 45086980 from Industrial Commercial (IC) Designation to Medium Density Residential Neighbourhood (MR) Designation and rezone the same portion of PID 45086980 from Industrial Commercial (IC) Zone to the Townhouse (R2-T) Zone. The purpose of the application is to allow for the construction of four, 8-unit stacked townhouse buildings.

C25 (4) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Tingley:

January

Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a public information meeting to consider an application from The Shaw Group Ltd. to amend the MPS and LUB by changing the land use designation of a portion of PID 45086980 to Medium Density Residential Neighbourhood (MR) and rezoning the same portion of land to Townhouse (R2-T) Zone.

MOTION CARRIED

MINI HOMES AS ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

In June of 2024, East Hants Municipal Council passed a motion directing staff to explore the possibility of permitting small mini-home dwellings as accessory dwelling units. The report outlined the current regulations for accessory dwelling units and proposed changes to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to allow mini-homes to be used as accessory dwelling units.

C25 (5) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Dixon:

January

Woodford

Moved that Council authorize staff to schedule a Public Information Meeting to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to permit small mini-homes as accessory dwelling units.

MOTION CARRIED

C25 (6) On the motion of Councillors Mitchell and Hebb:

January

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL CHAMBER CHAIR REPLACEMENT

C25 (7)
January

On the motion of Councillors Perry and Deputy Warden MacPhee:

CAO

Moved that Council provide a \$25,000 budget and direct the CAO to purchase new chairs for Council chambers in 2024/2025, using available funds from this year's Council cost center and the balance to be paid for from the Office Equipment Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

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

(IN CAMERA) LAND ISSUE & CONTRACTUAL ISSUE

C25 (8)
January

On motion of Councillors Hebb and Dixon:

Moved that council go in camera at 5:02 p.m. to discuss a land issue and a contractual issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open meeting at 5:18 p.m. Warden Roulston noted that Council met in camera to discuss a land issue and a contractual issue. There is one motion coming forth from that discussion. Directions to staff was made during the in-camera session.

LANTZ LAGOON DE-SLUDGE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

C25 (9)
January

On motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb:

Hulsman

Moved that Council direct the CAO to proceed with the Alternative Procurement Practices for the desludging Cell 1 of the Lantz Lagoon through direct negotiation with GFL Environmental.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

C25 (10)
January

On the motion of Councillor Rhyno and Deputy Warden MacPhee:

Moved that Council adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Date: January 22, 2025



Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date: February 26, 2025

/ar