
ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Rod Reeves
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance (left at 7:20pm)
Natalie Palmer, Recreation
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Meg Hodges, AREA Operations Manager
Pat Jodrie

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Tim Harding, Director of Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF August 22, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. BDVFD

The report was presented and reviewed for the Committee.

b. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Manager Verrette presented and reviewed her report highlighting that the After School Program is up and running and is at full capacity with a small waiting list. Fitness Centre numbers are well over where we were last year at this time.

c. PUBLIC WORKS

Director Harding was not available for the meeting, but the report was presented and reviewed for the Committee. Councillor Jamieson noted that he has had a number of comments about branches hanging over sidewalk space so happy to see that this is being dealt with this month as per the report.

d. FINANCE

The report was presented and reviewed for the Committee by Director Buchan. Director Buchan explained that there was a computer error with the interim tax bills that just went out. It is currently being rectified and new tax bills are currently being sent out or have been sent out. Director Buchan also highlighted that the anticipated date for approval of the 2024/25 Operating and Capital Budgets is March 12, 2024.

e. CAO

The report was presented and reviewed for the Committee.

f. 2023/24 Operating Priorities Quarter 2 Update

Where the report just went to Council today, Council asked for time to review it and be placed on October Council Agenda.

Action Items:

Place Operating Priorities Report on October 10 Council Agenda.

5. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Berwick Electric Commission

CAO Boyd reviewed Don Regan's report. Councillor Jamieson asked the status of the dam. Deputy Mayor Trinacty noted the dam is working very well.

b. Interim IMSA Board

i. Kings Transit Authority

The KTA report was reviewed by the Committee.

ii. Valley Waste Resource Management

The Committee had no questions regarding the report.

These reports were reviewed by the Committee. Councillor Trinacty asked if the current arrangement is working.

Mayor Clarke noted that the Federal and Provincial governments have given seven million dollars to Kings Transit to look at more sustainable routes and busing. Valley Waste seems to be working quite well. The timeframe for the interim IMSA Board is 24 months and a report/recommendation is expected six months prior to the end date and the members will then decide how to move forward. Financial Statements have been approved for both committees.

d. Kings Point to Point

Councillor Goddard provided the committee with a written update on Kings Point to Point. It was highlighted that the committee is now going forward with a bi-monthly meeting schedule vs monthly.

e. Police Services Advisory Committee

The RCMP report and September committee minutes were provided to Council. Mayor Clarke explained there was a presentation by Trishe Colman, Program Coordinator Kings County Seniors Safety Society, which was very well done and informative. Councillor Goddard noted he met with Ms. Colman today and hoped to work with her regarding initiatives with Kings Point to Point.

6. New Business:

a.RFD024-2023: Invitations to Join Recreation Nova Scotia’s Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation

Ms. Palmer reviewed the Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation Report with the Committee, including the four actions and recommendations within the Charter. Discussion ensued with regard to the importance of such a Charter and the benefits of same.

Council gave Staff direction to place a motion of acceptance on the October 10th Council Agenda.

ACTION ITEM:

Place a motion to accept “Invitations to Join Recreation Nova Scotia’s Anti-Racism Charter” on the October 10 Council agenda.

7. Mayors Report:

Mayor Clarke reviewed the activities he has participated in over the last month and noted the upcoming dates:

September 28:

Housing for Health Meeting
Annapolis County Health Care Meeting
REN Board Meeting
Community Development Meeting
Evangeline Club Luncheon

October 2 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Holiday

October 3 – PAC Meeting

October 10 – Council Meeting

8. IN-CAMERA (Personnel, Land Acquisition and Contractual)

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA UNDER SECTION 22(2) AT 7:42PM**

MOTION CARRIED

Meg Hodges left the In Camera Session at 8:08PM.

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE
ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:49PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
BE ADJOURNED AT 9:49PM.**

Approved by Council October 24, 2023

As recorded by Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator