
ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Ty Walsh – 6:35 pm
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Rod Reeves
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance
Tim Harding, Director of Public Works
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Krista Longmire, Planning & Bylaw Administrative Coordinator

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

2 members from the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

New Business

e. Municipal Planning Strategy open house update

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. BDVFD

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee.

b. Community Development

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. Manager Verrette reminded members that it is the holiday weekend kicking off with the holiday reception on Thursday evening.

Councillor Jaimeson asked about Carol's place flooring, Manager Verrette reported that a mat was placed over the lifting tiles. The lights at the tennis courts have been turned off for the season.

c. Public Works

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee.

ACTION ITEM:

To replace/repair the regulatory signs on the trail.

d. Finance

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. Director Buchan commented that there has been a ruling from the UARB on the BEC rate increase and based on their findings, some adjustments will need to be made to determine the rate.

e. CAO

The report was presented and reviewed for the Committee. CAO Boyd highlighted that the Solar Garden opening was a great success. The video will also be shown at the holiday reception on Thursday.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Accessibility Advisory Committee

The unapproved meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.

b. Community Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Trinacty mentioned that staff are working on the anti-racism strategy.

c. Interim IMSA Board

i. Kings Transit Authority

The KTA report was reviewed by the Committee.

ii. Valley Waste

The Valley Waste report was reviewed by the Committee.

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- d. KMCC Governance Committee** – Deputy Mayor Trinacty reported that there was no official meeting held in November, but he did report that there are internet, speaker and amps upgrades taking place.
 - e. Kings Point to Point**
Councillor Goddard reported that Kings Point to Point’s next meeting will be held in January 2024 and meetings will then be held quarterly. Two new buses coming will be arriving early in the new year and they are looking at naming the new buses for people who have served Kings Point to Point.
 - f. Planning Advisory Committee**
The unapproved meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed.
 - g. Valley REN Liaison and Oversight Committee**
Unapproved minutes were circulated and reviewed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Report: 2023-24, 6 Month Financial Forecast.**
Director Buchan gave an overview of the Financial Forecast.
- b. Information Report: Housing Assessment Report**
CAO Boyd gave an overview of the report. The data collected in the report for rural municipalities was based on historical data and it didn’t accurately reflect the current housing needs. It was suggested that the neighbouring municipalities partner have a more detailed study done to give a more accurate reflection on Housing. It was felt this report is not used moving forward in planning and development.
- c. Remuneration & Expenses of Council** – The Remuneration and Expenses of Council policy is to be reviewed every four years by May of a municipal election year. CAO Boyd is gathering information, such as benefits, to be included in the remuneration of Council.
- d. NSFM Conference Discussion**
Councillors who attended the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference were given an opportunity to highlight their takeaways from the Conference. Overall, each Councillor was pleased with the conference.

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- e. **Municipal Planning Strategy Open House** – The open house format that was originally planned but turned into a question-and-answer session. Staff will compile a more simplified comparison to the current and draft documents which will be available to the public. It was felt that another public meeting should be held early in the New Year to review the revised documents before any decisions are made by Council.

7. MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Clarke reported that the activities he had in his report was already covered in previous discussions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:59PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Council *January 23, 2024*

As recorded by Krista Longmire, Planning & Bylaw Administrative Coordinator