
ATTENDING

Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Mayor Don Clarke, (Virtually)
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Chris Goddard
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Tim Harding, Manager of Public Works
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Bouter, Town Engineer
Geoff Muttart, Town Solicitor, arrived at 7:00 pm
4 members of the public (2 virtually)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS:

c. Special Council Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

c. REN information session

d. Accessibility Committee

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD011-2024: Grand View Manor Lift Station

It was recommended that CAO Boyd and the Town Engineer along with legal consultation work with the developers to come to an agreement that will benefit all those involved.

b. Information Report: Customer Service & Communications Position

CAO Boyd reviewed the information report on the customer service and communications position. It was recommended this position be advertised at 85% (6 hrs per day) for the probationary period of 6 months at which time it will be evaluated.

c. Special Council Meeting

A special Council meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm for budget discussions.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. BDVFD

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. The annual report will be circulated at the next meeting.

b. Community Development

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. Deputy Mayor Trinacty highlighted that International Trails Day is Saturday, June 1 and there will be the naming of the trailhead.

c. Public Works

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. It was suggested that the reflective tape be put on the pole of the crosswalk at Paisley Avenue.

d. Finance

The report was circulated and reviewed by the Committee. It was highlighted that the contracted meter reading service is a joint tender with Mahone Bay and Riverport and anyone submitting a tender can bid for all units or on a specific municipality.

e. CAO

The report was presented and reviewed by the Committee.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. AREA Board Meeting – Councillor Jamieson highlighted the new Director of Utilities, Glen Bannon, will work with the MEU along with Meg Hodges as per the Municipal Innovation Program. The Community Solar Gardens in Berwick and Mahone Bay are now both operational.

b. Police Services Advisory Committee – Councillor Goddard highlighted that a representative from the Department of Justice did a presentation on Police Board governance at the last meeting. The committee would like a monthly check-in with the sergeant to discuss the local priorities.

c. REN meeting – Councillor Jamieson reported on the new commercial database that employers can access to gather valuable information to potentially grow their business and to best serve their customers. REN has a new CEO, Emily Bouchard and Jen Slauenwhite has assumed the position of COO. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Jen Slauenwhite for her great work as CEO of the Valley REN.

d. Accessibility Committee – Councillor Jamieson reported that the committee needs community members. A call for members on various Committees of Council will be advertised in the coming weeks.

7. MAYORS REPORT

Deputy Mayor Trinacty reported that the Council Remuneration Committee will meet on March 27th. Also, a reminder of the MPS/LUB community engagement on March 27th and the KMCC Governance meeting.

8. IN CAMERA:

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA UNDER SECTION 22(2) AT 8:46 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:02 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:02 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Council *April 23, 2024*

As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant