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## **ATTENDING**

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Adam Lutz  
Councillor Justin Serino  
Councillor Derrick Jamieson  
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak  
Councillor Chris Goddard  
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance  
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works  
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development  
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

## **REGRETS**

Councillor Ty Walsh

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

2 members of the public

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Trinacty mentioned that this meeting is a continuation of the Committee of the Whole meeting from January 28, 2025, focusing on the deferred items.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

#### **3. Presentation**

#### **7. Correspondence**

g. Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board

**New Business will follow the Reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **a. VARDO Proposal**

Anna Horsnell gave an overview of the proposal for a Vardo market at the Mill Street Trailhead Park. This will be a small weekly fair taking place on Saturdays from June to September, featuring work from specialized and juried artisans, themed entertainment, live music, and food vendors. Ms. Horsnell needs to know within the week if the Trailhead/boxcars can accommodate the market for the 2025 season to secure vendors and performers.

*Anna Horsnell left the meeting at 6:58 pm*

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#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

CAO Boyd reviewed the Action Items as presented. She mentioned that CBCL will have a public information session as part of their contract for the Stormwater Management Plan.

#### **5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **a. Community Development**

Manager Verrette reviewed the Community Development department report as circulated

##### **b. Public Works**

Director Dondale reviewed the Public Works report as circulated

##### **c. Finance**

Director Buchan reviewed the Finance report as circulated

##### **d. CAO**

CAO Boyd reviewed the CAO report as circulated

#### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a. Kings REMO Regional EM Advisory Committee**

Report was reviewed as circulated

##### **b. KMCC Governance Committee**

CAO Boyd reviewed the report as circulated

##### **c. Police Services Advisory Committee**

Councillor Serino reviewed the report as circulated

##### **d. Planning Advisory Committee**

Deputy Mayor Lutz reviewed the report as circulated

##### **e. Audit Committee**

Councillor Jamieson reviewed the report as circulated

##### **f. Diversity Kings County Committee**

Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report as circulated

##### **g. Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition**

Deputy Mayor Lutz reviewed the report as circulated

##### **h. Accessibility Committee**

Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the report as circulated

##### **i. IMSA Board**

Mayor Trinacty reviewed the report as circulated

##### **j. Fire Services Advisory Committee**

Deputy Mayor Lutz presented the report from the Fire Services Meeting

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **a. Valley Connect Outreach Association**

It was agreed to have the Valley Connect Outreach Association present at a future Council Meeting.

##### **b. Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post**

At this time, it was agreed that Council would not make a submission to the Commission.

**c. Food Cycle Science**

Council felt their request should be directed toward Valley Waste Resource Management.

**d. Emergency Management**

CAO Boyd indicated that Kings REMO has responded to the request.

**e. Kings REMO ECC Activation** – response to the above.

**f. Open Arms Winter Response Proposal**

Council felt that the organization explore funding at the provincial level and Berwick could offer in-kind services towards their endeavour.

**g. Annapolis Valley Regional Library**

Mayor Trinacty viewed a letter addressed to the Honourable Dave Ritcey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage regarding the finalization and implementation of a fair and equitable funding formula to support the library system. All Mayors and Warden's in the AVRL catchment will sign the letter.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Operating Budget**

Director Buchan reviewed the assumptions used in Version 1 of the operating budget, including the dollar value equivalent to 1-cent on the tax rate. Currently, the budget reflects a \$180,000 shortfall, which is roughly equivalent to 7.5 cents on the tax rate. In response to this shortfall, operating budget items were carefully reviewed for potential cost-saving opportunities that could help minimize tax rate increases. Staff were instructed to calculate the insights and adjustments discussed, and bring them forward for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussions on the capital budget were deferred to the Council meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**b. VARDO proposal**

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proposal, Manager Verrette asked for Council's direction on the proposal. Director Buchan mentioned that the new deck is over budget by \$38,000 and will be seeking a decision from Council on where to access the funding to cover this expense. It was suggested that Carol's Place be offered for the market. Another suggestion was to offer the outdoor space and deck at the Trailhead to allow the market to be operational for this season. The group would also have permission to prime/paint one of the box cars at their expense. The group is to be reminded that the parking lot is a shared space with trail users.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor's report was circulated.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:23 PM.**

**Approved by Council *February 25, 2025***

**As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant**