
ATTENDING

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Deputy Mayor Adam Lutz, arriving at 7:09pm
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
Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator
Jordan Hebb, Active Living Coordinator
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant
Chrystal Fuller, BC&P (Via Zoom)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Cassie & Brooke Johnson
6 members of the public

REGRETS:

Councillor Ty Walsh

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Trinacty stated that before the business portion of the meeting, he would like to start with a presentation that was not included on the agenda.

2. PRESENTATION

Mayor Trinacty introduced Cassie and Brooke Johnson. The Johnson sisters are members of a synchronized skating team competing in an upcoming national competition. Mayor Trinacty presented the girls with a certificate and donation from the Town, and a photo was taken with them and the Council.

3 members of the public left the meeting at 6:42 pm

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

The arrival time of Deputy Mayor Lutz was recorded incorrectly.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

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5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Supplementary report: Lot 1-AC Commercial Street Development

Planner Fuller reviewed the supplementary report she provided for the development agreement for Lot 1-AC Commercial Street (Benjamin Grove). The updated draft DA reflects the traffic calming measures addressed after the public hearing and the special council meeting that followed the public hearing. The revised development agreement also incorporates the two additional changes requested by the developer, including a reduction to the setback and landscaping requirement.

Chrystal Fuller left the meeting at 6:45

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Accessibility & Equity Plan 2025

Town staff Taylor Boylan and Jordan Hebb presented the draft Accessibility and Equity plan. This plan was guided by the principles of the original Accessibility Plan, along with input from the community and the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The 2025-2028 Accessibility Plan serves as a framework that will continue to adapt based on community feedback, best practices, and new opportunities for inclusion.

Taylor Boylan & Jordan Hebb left the meeting at 6:58pm.

7. NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

a. Information report – Operating & Capital Budget – V2

Director Buchan began the presentation by highlighting the changes in revenue & expenses from V1 to V2 of the operating budget.

Deputy Mayor Lutz arrived at 7:09 pm

Director Buchan continued with the 2025-26 Capital budget projects with the funding sources. The forecasted debt services costs and debt repayments were also reviewed.

Mayor Trinacty reminded Council of the Public Information session on Thursday, February 27th, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Lions Hall. This session will give an overview of the budget process, then there will be smaller groups to discuss departmental budgets, and the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

3 members of the public left the meeting at 8:00 pm

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Fire Department** – report as circulated
- b. Community Development** - report as circulated. Manager Verrette also gave a brief update from the Community Development Committee meeting due to Councillor Walsh being absent.
- c. Public Works** – report as circulated
- d. Finance** – report as circulated
- e. CAO** – report as circulated.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. AREA** - Mayor Trinacty gave an overview of the last AREA board meeting held at the end of January.
- b. Annapolis Valley Regional Library** - Councillor Walsh wasn't present to give a meeting report. CAO Boyd reviewed a letter from Julia Merritt, CEO, regarding no change in their funding formula from the Provincial Government. Municipalities are considering sending a letter to the province to voice their disappointment in the decision.
- c. Audit Committee** - Councillor Jamieson reviewed the Audit Committee report.
- d. Accessibility Committee** - Councillor Kwakernaak reviewed the Accessibility Committee
- e. Valley REN-LOC** - Councillor Jamieson reviewed the ValleyRen-LOC from the last meeting
- f. Interim IMSA** (Kings Transit & Valley Waste) - Mayor Trinacty highlighted items from the IMSA report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Provincial reduction to Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers and Resource development** – no action will be taken at this time.
- b. Kings County Senior's Safety Society** - will be discussed as part of the budget consideration under grants to organizations
- c. Basic Income Public Meeting** – invitation to Council to attend the public meeting on Saturday, April 5th.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT – report as circulated

12. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:51 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Council *March 25, 2025*

As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant