



Special Council Meeting - Minutes of the Meeting

June 9, 2020 6:30pm

(Via Videoconference Webex Meetings)

Attendance

In attendance	Don Clarke, Mayor	Chair
	Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh	
	Jane Bustin	
	Mike Trinacty	
Councillors	Rod Reeves	
	Barry Corbin	
	Mike Payne, CAO	
	Karen Peckford, Finance Director	
	Chantal Pineo, Executive Coordinator	
Absent with		
Regrets:	Anna Ashford-Morton	

1. Call to Order

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous Council Minutes were approved by motion of Council.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Finance Update and Valley Waste Update

4. New Business:

- (a) Municipal Election 2020 Report & Recommendations*

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Chantal Pineo-Atwood be appointed as Assistant Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council accept the Provincial List of Electors, based on a signed data sharing agreement with Elections Nova Scotia.

MOTION CARRIED

Council requested that the most recent List of Electors be used for the Town's Municipal Election.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council approve a draft budget of \$12,827.00 and the appointment of Intelivote Systems Inc. to manage an electronic voting system for use in the upcoming Municipal Election, 2020. Internet and telephone voting will be used as the alternative to paper ballots.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Outdoor Fire Bylaw Review

Mr. Payne noted that over the last few weeks there have been concerns fielded from staff and Councillors with regard to backyard fires during Provincial Fire Bans.

After some lengthy discussion, Council agreed that the current Bylaw is satisfactory. Prohibitions on burning of certain materials are in place and acceptable fire pits are clearly defined. The Bylaw is not tied to Provincial fire bans pursuant to the Forests Act.

Council asked staff to do an awareness campaign regarding the Outdoor Fire Bylaw, suggest no-burning during Provincial Fire Bans, etc.

(c) Fitness Centre Re-Opening Plans

Mr. Payne reviewed the Centre's Re-Opening Plans in accordance with the Public Health measures that will fully be in place.

Council gave direction to hire the Manager back full time beginning June 15, 2020.

(d) Summer Student for Park Maintenance

Due to workloads and the anticipated demands of maintaining parks on the one employee dedicated to that task, it was asked of Council to approve hiring one student for the summer only, at the cost of \$6500 (confirmed by the Ms. Peckford) to aid in these departments.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded

THAT

Council supports the hiring of one student to assist with Parks and Public Works for the summer of 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

(e) Council Meeting Structure During Covid 19

Council agreed to continue with the current structure that has been in place since March 22nd, whereby Council meets virtually every two weeks.

The last Council meeting of the month will now include departmental reports, as per our COTW Agenda, to keep Council informed of each department's status.

In an event that Council must hold a public meeting, we may move to the gymnasium to facilitate such a meeting.

5. Ongoing Business

(a) Rainforth Park Beautification – Pillars and Retaining Wall

Council gave direction for staff to complete the retaining wall and pillars at Rainforth Park.

Members of Council asked about the Park Plan and when Council will be able to review same.

Councillor Bustin and Councillor Trinacty noted that 80% of the plan has been completed, and a sketch and plan has been given to the Community Development Committee, for the remainder, to review and forward to Council. CAO Payne confirmed Council will see this at the June 23 Council meeting.

(b) Council Appointees to Gala Days Review Committee – Councillor Trinacty

Councillor Trinacty explained that in conversations with Byron Lamb, Gala Days President, it has been determined that this year would be a good year to review and ultimately make decisions on the Gala Days location, constitution, the Town's role/administration, and the 75th Anniversary events. It was felt a committee should be struck with 3 Councillors sitting on same. Being considered are Mayor Clarke, Councillor Trinacty, Deputy Mayor Walsh and Councillor Ashford-Morton.

6. Update Reports

(a) Bylaw Report

Council reviewed the Bylaw Report which noted common issues such as fences, swimming pools and animals.

(b) Kings Transit Update – Councillor Walsh

Deputy Mayor Walsh updated Council on Kings Transit and explained that it is currently running limited capacity with no fares being accepted until July 1st.

The Kings Transit Board has approved a route revision and has been sent to the UARB for approval. This would eliminate the #6 run.

The Board feels that the IMSA is outdated and the municipal contributions need to be reviewed.

(c) Finance Update

Ms. Peckford confirmed that the Town has \$147k outstanding in property tax billings which is under 10% of the total billings. Considering the current climate, both Council and Karen are very pleased.

There is close to \$1.8 million in the bank but upcoming debt payments will soon decrease this amount.

Karen is working on a Gas Tax Report and noted the Town will have \$462k available for infrastructure projects this fiscal year.

(d) Valley Waste Update – Councillor Corbin

Councillor Corbin offered an update on Valley Waste and highlighted some items such as the hope is to have one large Fall Clean Up, as the Spring Clean Up is not happening. There will be a soft opening of the facility next week. There are some employment vacancies due to the fear of the pandemic and the handling of garbage.

The Board is looking at Policy changes with regard to servicing of private roads.

The operating and capital budgets have been passed.

The Audit is currently taking place and is close to being finished.

7. In Camera Session (Legal)

The regular Council meeting entered into an In Camera Session at 8:06pm and returned to regular Council at 8:25pm.

8. Next Meeting: June 23, 2020 at 6:30pm.

9. Adjournment – Council adjourned at 8:27pm.