

Council Meeting  
December 14, 2021  
Time: 6:30pm

Minutes  
Via WebEx Virtual Meetings

**Attendance:**

Mayor Don Clarke - Chair  
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty  
Councillor Rod Reeves  
Councillor Adam Lutz  
Councillor Chris Goddard  
Councillor Ty Walsh  
Councillor Derrick Jamieson  
Karen Peckford, Director of Finance  
Michael Payne, Chief Administrative Officer  
Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

The council meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 Council Meeting were approved as circulated.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Council approved the Agenda as circulated, with the following amendments;

- *5b: deferred to December 16 budget meeting of Council*
- *addition of 6g: Christmas break*
- *addition of 6h: Downtown Audio and Town Hall Wi-Fi mesh*

**4. Second Reading**

- a. R Logie and A Logie – Rezoning Maple Avenue

It was **MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council give Second Reading to the rezoning of Logie Lands on Maple Avenue (PID 55543987) from R-1 to R-2

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Recommendations:**

a. COTW Recommendations to Council

- Tax Reduction Policy:

**It was MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the Tax Reduction Policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Tax Exemption Policy:

**It was MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Council approve the Tax Exemption Policy and recommend the Day Care Centre's Property Tax Exemption and Reduction By-law for first reading.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Chris Cooke, Accessibility Committee:

**It was MOVED** and seconded

**THAT**

Chris Cooke be appointed to the Accessibility Committee as a citizen member

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. Police Services Advisory Committee Recommendation to Council

*Deferred to December 16, 2021*

**6. New Business:**

a. Interim IMSA (Shared Service Pilot Project) involving Kings Transit and the Valley Waste Resource Management

Discussion ensued around the Shared Service Pilot Project, benefits to the Town and potential risks. Mayor Clarke noted upcoming meetings with the involved parties.

**It was MOVED and seconded**

**THAT**

Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached Inter-Municipal Services Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. Kings Region Diversity IMSA

Memo from Brittany Mastronami

Discussion ensued around the proposed IMSA; including the cost estimates and the services provided. The current draft agreement has not been viewed at the Community Development Committee or Committee of the Whole. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting of these committees.

c. Mural Project Donations

Discussion ensued regarding the attached Report to Council, with Ms. Peckford outlining that the Town cannot issue donation receipts on behalf of the third-party Mural Society. While a similar practice may have taken place in the past, current CRA guidelines would not allow it and it cannot be done by the Town. The Town will address this matter with the Mural Society and work on a resolution moving forward.

d. Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

A letter from the Honorable John A Lohr was distributed, with no further discussion.

e. Safe Restart Funds Projects

Ms. Peckford gave background on the attached report regarding moving some F2023 budget priorities to F2022, using Safe Restart funding. Council found this exciting news and discussed the practicality of these projects.

**It was MOVED and seconded**

**THAT**

Council approve these capital projects, totally approximately \$41,320 using Safe Restart Funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

f. Valley Waste Guarantee

Ms. Peckford gave background on the attached Memo and Councillor Jamieson gave a verbal update.

**It was MOVED and seconded**

**THAT**

Council approve the Valley Waste Resource Management Authority TBR Guarantee in the amount of \$23,683.

**MOTION CARRIED**

g. Holiday Break

Traditionally, Town approves a Holiday Break for staff at the Council meeting preceding the Holidays. There is no existing policy or by-law for this, and it is instead tabled each year. Discussion ensued that this was the best way to handle this matter.

**It was MOVED and seconded**

**THAT**

Council approve administrative Town Staff have a holiday break from December 25, 2021 through January 3, 2021. Town Hall will reopen for business Tuesday January 4.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CAO Mike Payne noted that staff will be very appreciative of this gesture.

h. Downtown music audio system/Wi-Fi in Town Hall gymnasium

CAO Mike Payne gave a verbal update on the Gymnasium Wi-Fi, which is now fully operational, and that a contractor is preparing is working on the audio system planning and components.

## **7. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Clarke gave a verbal update on his activities since the last Council meeting, including;

### *Projects:*

228 Main Street development: Designs will be presented in January, with changes being made as requested.

### *Correspondence:*

*Outgoing correspondence to:*

Annapolis Royal re: Tidal Project

AREA re: Town priorities

MLA Chris Palmer re: Green Energy, UARB decision on Top-Up & Spill tariffs

### *Meetings:*

Valley REN LOC Meeting with Councillor Jamieson: new member at that table, Jessica Callahane from Grant Thornton, the REN is actively recruiting new members

REN Business Meeting

IMSA Working Group meeting

Erin Ferguson, Brighter Communities consultation meeting with builders

AREA Board Meeting

Economic Taskforce Meta

### *Events:*

Christmas Tree Lighting, Town of Berwick Staff Party, Holiday Parade

Official opening of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts

AIM Conference in Dartmouth with Equilibrium

### *Upcoming Meetings:*

IMSA Working Group

Community Development Committee

Budget Committee

Valley Waste

Member of Parliament, Chris d'Entremont (January 26, 2022)

Open discussion ensued around the Town Hall Parking Lot lights, issue has been resolved with Berwick Electric Commission. There was further discussion around tree removal and replacement, with further discussion being tabled to an upcoming Community Development Committee meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

Council adjourned at 8:13 PM.