

ATTENDING

Mayor Don Clarke, Chair
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Adam Lutz
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Rod Reeves
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance
Katie Verrette, Community & Economic Development Officer
Krista Longmire, Planning and Bylaw Admin. Coordinator

Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator

Also in Attendance:

Jennifer Tufts, CEO Valley REN

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF May 8, 2023 BE
APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

MOTION CARRIED

**b. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF May 9, 2023 BE
APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

MOTION CARRIED

c. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF May 23, 2023 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION:

Jennifer Tufts, CEO Valley REN gave an update on operations via PowerPoint presentation. Their core areas of focus are business development, workforce development, sector development and regional development. Mrs. Tufts highlighted that REN's investment has been leveraged by 8.54 times.

Councillor Lutz asked if NSCC has been approached for recruitment of workers and Mrs. Tufts confirmed that NSCC has been involved in various development processes with Valley REN. Councillor Jamieson asked what property and assets are more desirable. Currently Valley REN is gathering that data to be able to provide to developers. Councillor Walsh complimented Mrs. Tufts on the presentation and all the initiatives undertaken by Valley REN. He also mentioned that Berwick is currently undergoing a Municipal Planning Strategy review and asked for input from Valley REN. CAO Boyd will connect Mrs. Tufts with the consultants.

5. FIRST READINGS:

a. Brown Street LUB Amendment

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give First Reading is to redesignate and rezone PIDs 55238067 and 55238059 from Commercial General (C1) to Residential Two Unit (R2), amend the language in policy C2, and forward the application to a public hearing on the condition that a Certificate of Compliance or equivalent is received from the Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change prior to advertising the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

b. 308 Main Street LUB Amendment.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council give First Reading to the rezoning 307 Main Street (PID 5524911) from R1 to R2 and that the application be forwarded to a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD017-2023 Backhoe Tender

There may be an opportunity to get a trade in on the old backhoe. If successful, it will offset the actual borrowing for the new backhoe.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award tender BER2023-0004, with a total purchase amount of \$258,175 to Brandt Tractor Ltd for a 2023 John Deere 320 P backhoe loader.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Housing Accelerator Fund Discussion

CAO Boyd presented a new funding source from CMHC, Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). This fund provides incentives to local governments to encourage local initiatives that remove barriers to housing supply, accelerate the growth of supply and support the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities which are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse. CAO Boyd has been speaking with Planner Fuller regarding this initiative and she is willing to assist with the application. It was recommended that staff proceed with drafting an application for review.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clarke's highlighted his activities from the last two weeks and upcoming events.

May 25 – Centennial celebrations

June 6 - NSUARB hearing for the Municipal council size review

June 7 – Attended the open house at the Evangeline Club

June 14 – Valley REN Annual General Meeting

June 21 - IMSA Board meeting

June 27-Solar Garden tour with the Premier and MLA Chris Palmer

8. IN CAMERA SESSION – PERSONNEL

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 8:18pm .

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:12 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE COMPENSATION & REVIEW POLICY AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN AND ADD TWO NEW THE GRADES, 2A AND 2B TO THE SALARY RANGE AND PLACE THE FINANCE CLERK ADVANCED IN GRADE 2A.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:13 PM.