

#### **ATTENDING**

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Deputy Mayor Wendy Donovan, Councillor David Mangle, Councillor Carl Oldham, Councillor Hugh Simpson, Councillor Mercedes Brian, Councillor Dan Sparkman, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

### **ALSO ATTENDING**

Director Corporate Services Jen Boyd, Director Finance Mike MacLean, Director Public Works Kevin Kerr, Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller, and a number of interested members of the public

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

# Amendments to the Agenda:

- Item 6a, Grants to Organizations Policy, deferred to March 1st Committee of the Whole meeting
- Addition of In Camera session to discuss a legal issue

### THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE ABOVE NOTED AMENDMENTS

**CARRIED** 

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. 13-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2016 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

**CARRIED** 

# 3. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

- There was a big celebration for Jean Carey's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday held on Sunday, February 14th
- Coming up Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is a snowshoe hike with the Nature Trust
- Council is still running the snowshoe hikes through the month of February on Sundays at 1:30pm
- There is a fund raiser on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for the Syrian Refugee family that has recently moved to Wolfville, at the Louis Millett Centre in New Minas. Deputy Mayor Donovan highlighted that this was the first of two families being welcomed into Wolfville
- The fundraiser on February 27<sup>th</sup> is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wolfville
- The community has embraced welcoming the Syrian Refugee family into the area
- On February 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Complete Community program on at Acadia University in Fountain Commons, 6:30pm
- 4. MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS DEFERRED FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2016:
- a. RFD 082A-2015 WEST END LANDS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
  14-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION BY
  VIKING VENTURES TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGISTERED AGAINST PID 5526837
  (THE WEST END LANDS), TO PERMIT FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL LOTS WITH A SINGLE MEANS OF EXIT
  FROM THE LANDS VIA A PUBLIC STREET

**CARRIED** 



- 5. MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, FEBRUARY 2, 2016:
- a. WOLFVILLE L'ARCHE HOMEFIRES SOCIETY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION POLICY 140-008

  15-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WOLFVILLE

  L'ARCHE HOMEFIRES SOCIETY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION POLICY 140-008

  CARRIED
- 6. MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEW BUSINESS:
- a. RFD 007-2016 FIRE INSPECTION POLICY 220-002
  16-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SYSTEM OF
  MUNICIPAL FIRE INSPECTIONS POLICY 220-002 AS PER THE NOVA SCOTIA FIRE SAFETY ACT AND
  REGULATIONS
  CARRIED
- b. RFD 009-2016 MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP (MPAL) PROGRAM 17-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS THAT THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP (MPAL) PROGRAM EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016

**CARRIED** 

# 9. QUESTION PERIOD

Wendy Elliott inquired about the recent layoffs of two Town Staff and whether or not the layoff had more to do than just the MPAL program.

Based on budgetary discussions and the decision that was made on the MPAL program there are
two positions that are being eliminated – the Recreations Coordinator and the Events and
Tourism Coordinator. There will be one new position created that will handle both Recreation
and Events. Both employees have been given notice and both will be welcome to apply for the
new position.

Wendy Elliott also inquired as to whether or not Council was aware that the second half of the Habitat for Humanity home on Maple Avenue is now empty.

- Not all of Council were aware of this issue
- The complicated part of this issue is that in the mandate the properties are owned by the Habitat families and at some point it is likely that they will sell. The fact that the houses are up for sale is not the problem because that is part of the vision

John Comeau, 59 Stirling Avenue, inquired about the Stormwater management system and the impact of the four additional properties.

- There is still a requirement for Viking Ventures to obtain Building permits before the development moves forward
- The Stormwater Management System has to be in place
- The Development Agreement will make sure that there is a plan in place that does not make the current situation any worse

Wanda Swinimer speaking on behalf of Billy Bob at 63 Stirling Avenue, inquired about the pond that was installed to fix a problem but now seems to have created a problem. Will the system be self-sufficient in the end?

 Part of the Stormwater Infrastructure and changes that need to be made to the pond will be looked at and concerns of neighbours/homeowners will be taken into account before any work is done.



Susan MacArthur expressed her thanks to Council for their support in moving forward with the Viking Ventures development.

- 10. ADJOURNED TO IN CAMERA MEETING
  18-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED
  TO IN CAMERA TO DISCUSS A LEGAL ISSUE AT 7:37 PM. CARRIED
- 11. IN CAMERA AND REGULAR MEETINGS ADJOURNED

  19-02-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN CAMERA AND REGULAR

  MEETINGS OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:58 PM

  CARRIED

Approved by Council Motion 19-03-16, March 22, 2016

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services