
ATTENDING

- Mayor Jeff Cantwell
- Deputy Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Mercedes Brian
- Councillor Carl Oldham
- Councillor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin,
- Recording Secretary, Amanda Brown, and

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance, Mike MacLean
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Director of Planning and Development, Devin Lake;
- Compliance Officer, Blair MacMurtery; and
- Coordinator of Administrative Services, Vanessa Pearson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- George Lohnes
- John Gordon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Cantwell, called the [Town Council Meeting](#) to order at 6:34 p.m.

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1. Approval of Agenda	<p>01-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of report from the WBDC Meeting as 6(e) <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
2. Approval of Minutes	<p>02-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF VIRTUAL SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2020, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3. Comments from the Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been a tremendous reaction on both sides surrounding the Main Street Pilot. The Town values their partnership with the WBDC. The Town appreciates the

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business owners and realize there are a lot of challenges surrounding COVID. The Town wants to preserve the relationship.

**4. Public
Input/Question
Period**

- **John Gordon** – Previously requested how the Pilot was going to be assessed. Devin responded today and he hasn't had time to review so he will comment at a later time.
- On July 10th there was a Facebook post and there was a comment stating the feedback was mostly positive. It is suggested that the Town avoid the propaganda and let people see what happens to give their opinions and accept the opinions as they come. Comments such as you are just opposed to change are unacceptable and Councillors should be listening to individuals concerned. At best the feedback has been mixed.
- **George Lohnes** – Would like to reserve his comments until the end of the meeting.

5.

Motions/Recommendations from Virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 7, 2020.

**a. RFD 032-2020:
Payment Relief
Measures
Changes**

- Director MacLean advised unless there were question's he would leave it as is in the report.

03-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO RE-ESTABLISH CHARGING INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLES AND WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES, AS FOLLOWS:

- **PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLES**
 - **INTEREST TO BE APPLIED TO PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OWING AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**
 - **INTEREST ON OVERDUE AMOUNTS TO BE CHARGED AT A RATE OF 1.00% PER MONTH**
- **WATER/SEWER UTILITY RECEIVABLES**

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- **INTEREST TO BE APPLIED TO WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OWING AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2020**
- **INTEREST ON OVERDUE AMOUNTS TO BE CHARGED AT THE 1.5% PER MONTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NS UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD APPROVED RATES**

THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO UTILIZE WATER DISCONNECTIONS FOR ARREARS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS APPROVED BY THE NS UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD.

CARRIED

6. New Business

Motions/Recommendations from Virtual Town Council Meeting, July 21, 2020.

**a. RFD 033-2020:
March 31, 2020
Financial
Statements**

- Director MacLean advised the audit is completed and the Financial statements are before Council as they have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.
- The Audit Committee is recommending that Council accept the Financial Statements.
- There is a note in this year's statement that does not exist typically and it's surrounding COVID. The audit reviewed how COVID could impact the Town. It was noted the Town was in good standing.

04-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2019/20 CONSOLIDATED AND NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CARRIED

**b. RFD 034-2020:
Revision Period
for List of
Electors**

- Coordinator of Administrative Services, Vanessa Pearson advised the Municipal Election Act requires Council to confirm dates for the Preliminary list to be reviewed in order for Electors to be able to access their information and have it changed if necessary.

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- Dates suggested are July 27-August 21, 2020 which will provide the public as well as the Returning Officer the necessary time to complete the revisions requested by the electors.

05-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DATES OF JULY 27TH, 2020 TO AUGUST 21ST, 2020 AS THE FORMAL REVISION PERIOD DURING WHICH AMENDMENTS CAN BE MADE TO THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE.

CARRIED

**c. RFD 035-2020:
AVCC Tourism
Marketing**

- Director Thomason provided a report related to the presentation provided previously at COW.
- AVCC is seeking funding in the amount of \$4,000 for the 2020-21 Tourism Campaign.

06-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MARKETING AS PRESENTED AT THE JULY 07, 2020 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000, TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE 2020-21 TOURISM CAMPAIGN.

CARRIED

**d. Discussion with
Blair
MacMurtery,
Compliance
Officer**

- Follow-up surrounding the Nuisance By-law and the parties and social gatherings during COVID as well as an update on the communication with the RCMP.
- Parking enforcement Commissionaires have not been on the ground since March. All calls for service however are still being completed when received.
- There was some confusion surrounding the new garbage date and there were some issues surrounding the move-out with the extra problems of COVID. Spring Clean-up was also cancelled. Work was completed with the landlords.
- COVID has changed the demographics with the students. Some stayed and continued to work and some did not.

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There were restrictions put in place and when the easements started to take place there was an influx on the weekends which resulted in more social gatherings.

- A Public session surrounding the re-opening and the Code of Conduct for the University will be hosted by the Town next Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom with Dr. Ricketts of Acadia and the Mayor. Public will be encouraged to participate. Further information will be provided on the Town's social media this week.
- There is continuous dialogue taking place with the University and the Town.

**e. Report from
WBDC Meeting**

- An Emergency Meeting took place at 8:30 a.m. this morning by WBDC. There were 40 people in attendance, and it was very respectful. There were two topics on the Agenda. The Levy and Stay Healthy Main Street.
- Some members are not happy with how the Levy is being handled and feel the Town should not be controlling and stating how it should be disbursed.
- Most businesses are not happy with Stay Healthy Main Street. They indicated not all businesses were consulted.
- Some of the concerns are the timing. To do this during COVID and make it a one-way street is making it difficult on businesses.
- Front Street is viewed as dangerous and there is a lot of traffic congestion.
- A lot of the businesses feel there is now less accessibility for people that need to attend the businesses.
- Delivery Drivers may start applying surcharges because the deliveries are taking so long.
- Businesses are all advising their business has dropped substantially (most are reporting a 10% drop).
- It was noted if the project was not working it could be changed back. Council can't continue to keep ignoring the business owners and the public. Councillor Oldham advised he is hearing way more people against this than for it. Councillor Oldham advised he does like it but its not about him. He noted Council has to think of the bigger picture and the business owners that are situated

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on Main Street. This negativity towards the project is not going away and it needs to be addressed.

- Director Lake advised he and his team have been on the street these past weeks and have improved and updated sections of the project based on the public's and business owner's feedback.
- There will be a walkthrough later this week with the Accessibility Committee for their feedback.
- The project is being evaluated and changes are being made based on comments on social media, emails and through going out on the street and working more closely with the WBDC.
- Councillor Oldham requested a motion be put out and not ignore what the people are expressing. He moved that Council reverse the Healthy Main Street project immediately.
- The motion did not receive a seconder and therefore was not considered by Council.

7. Correspondence:

- Noted additional correspondence has been received subsequent to the agenda going out on Thursday.
- Mayor Cantwell noted he answered most of the correspondence.

8. Public Input/Question Period

- **George Lohnes** – Requesting encouragement on the north side of the street to maintain social distancing and not walk 4-5 together.
- It was a positive to have the Compliance Officer provide updates and Council to conduct a healthy discussion surrounding the University.
- St.FX completed a Public Input session and he suggested that we have the public submit their questions rather than speaking at our event.



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**9. Adjournment of
Regular Meeting**

**08-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE
REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:23 PM.**

CARRIED

**Approved by Council Motion 02-09-20, September 1, 2020
As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Office of the CAO**