

Your Town Council in Action

Items of Interest from Wolfville's Town Council Meeting



Summary of issues brought forward at the **November 24, 2015 Meeting of [Town Council](#)**

- The Minutes from the meeting will be approved at the December 15, 2015 meeting
- [Agenda Package](#)

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OCTOBER 6, 2015

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

- Council referred the purchase and installation of a Video Surveillance System to the 2016/17 budget.
- The RCMP were generally in support of such an initiative and felt that this would be an additional tool that could be used to assist the RCMP with future investigations.

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

EXISTING LOTS WITHOUT FRONTAGE

- Council approved the First Reading of amendments to the [Municipal Planning Strategy \(MPS\)](#) and the [Land Use By-law \(LUB\)](#) to enable the development of existing lots without frontage on a street by way of an access easement from a public authority.
- This is a long-standing issue that was first reviewed by the [Planning Advisory Committee](#) on July 23, 2015, which was then referred to a Public Participation Meeting on September 3, 2015.
- The next step is for a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00pm, before a decision is made by Council at Second Reading.

EXPROPRIATION EXPLORATION – WEST END LANDS

- Council directed staff to prepare a report exploring the costs, benefits, risks, and opportunities of expropriating land between Viking Venture's West End Land (PID 55268379) and Skyway Drive/Kent Avenue to facilitate further development of the area.

CLOCK PARK WATER FEATURE

- The goal is to place a water feature, that is a piece of public art, within Clock Park in the Town of Wolfville. The [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) have been discussing the water feature and are enthusiastic about its alignment with the [Public Art Policy](#), the role of the Committee, and with the desire through the public consultation portion of the design process to integrate public art into Clock Park's design.
- Council approved the Project Charter for the Clock Park Water Feature.



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APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

- Council appointed PriceWaterHouse Coopers (PwC) as the Town's Auditor for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2016, and provided that the performance and fee continue to be satisfactory that they may be appointed for each of the next two fiscal years pending an annual review of those fees and performance.

COUNCIL-COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

- Council accepted the 2016 Council-Committees of Council Meeting Schedule as presented in RFD 074-2015, with the understanding that throughout the year, there may be the requirement to make adjustments to scheduled meetings.
- All 2016 Council-Committees of Council meetings will be updated to the [Town of Wolfville meetings website](#).

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTOR

- Council appointed Mr. Ergin Nemburt as the Municipal Fire and Life Safety Inspector, pursuant to section 19(1)(b) of the [Fire Safety Act](#), Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002.
- The Municipal Fire and Life Safety Inspector will perform inspections as laid out in the [Fire Safety Regulations](#), and historically, the responsibilities of the Fire and Life Safety Inspector have been included with the position of Building Official.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

- Council adopted the Information Technology Usage Policy 150-001 for the Town of Wolfville.
- This Policy was adopted in order to outline the Town's requirements regarding acceptable Information Technology usage by municipal employees; such as personal computers, electronic mail, document management systems, internet-related systems, cell phones, voice mail, etc., and address confidentiality issues and the Town's ownership of all data files. The Policy applies to both elected officials and Town employees.

CITTASLOW

- Council endorsed the application attached to RFD 084-2015 to [Cittaslow](#) for Wolfville to be certified as a "slow city". [Cittaslow](#) is an international organization committed to environmental conservation, the promotion of sustainable development and the improvement of urban life.

COMPENSATION REVIEW

- The Town of Wolfville recently completed a Compensation Review to determine the competitiveness of existing non-unionized Town employees and to make recommendations on how all positions should be appropriately placed on the Salary Grid.
- Council adopted the Salary Grid proposed in the Royer Thompson Report, to increase annually each year by Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

- Council approved the attendance of Councillor Mercedes Brian and Councillor Hugh Simpson to attend the FCM [Sustainable Communities Conference](#) in Ottawa, February 9-11, 2016.
- The conference program will focus on innovative and emerging practices as well as proven good practices.

ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY CLOCK PARK VENDOR

- Council approved the vending request from Kernel Sanford the Popcorn Man to operate at Clock Park November 28 and 29, 2015 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm during the Rogers Hometown Hockey event.



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