



**ATTENDING**

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Acting CAO, Director of Finance Mike MacLean, and
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

**ALSO ATTENDING**

- Director of Parks & Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Communications & Special Projects Coordinator Barb Shaw

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Mayor Donovan called the [Town Council Meeting](#) to order at 6:31 pm

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decisions</b>
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>14-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>15-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2022, BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>16-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT INCAMERA MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2022, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>17-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2022, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>

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**18-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**3. Comments from the Mayor**

- Mayor Donovan acknowledged the Town flags flying at half mast in memory of those impacted by the massacre 2 years ago in Nova Scotia which affected many people all over the province.
- Light up Blue for Autism event was attended by council members. There was a socially distanced group hug, hopeful in coming years huggers can come closer.
- A drone was out capturing the event but not seen any footage as yet. Mayor Donovan will attempt to track down.
- Acadia Alumni dinner next weekend taking place in Halifax. Over 13,000 members in Nova Scotia mostly based in the HRM area.
- Town Council and senior staff will take part in an all-day Diversity Workshop on Thursday.

**4. Public input / Question Period**

- No public input.

**5. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, April 5, 2022**

**a. RFD 024-2022: Parks & Open Space Master Plan**

**19-04-22 THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP A PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000, USING OPERATING RESERVES IF REQUIRED, AND THAT A TERMS OF REFERENCE BE DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL PRIOR TO ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.**

**CARRIED**

**b. RFD 025-2022: Repeal of COVID19 Safe Workplace Policy**

**20-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REPEAL OF POLICY 130-28 COVID-19 WORKPLACE SAFETY POLICY**

**CARRIED**

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**c. Request for  
Agenda Item:  
The Big Crunch**

**21-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL MOVE THAT THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE JOIN THE EASTERN KINGS COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD, THE KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL, AND THE TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL AS AN ENDORSER OF THE COALITION FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD, AND THAT STAFF WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AROUND DIMINISHING FOOD.**

**CARRIED**

**d. Additional  
Agenda Item**

Mayor Donovan provided an update on the provincial initiative: ***Non-Resident Provincial Property Tax and Provincial Deed Transfer Tax***

- This topic was discussed during provincial election campaign.
- First correspondence received early last week- email from a resident and then an email from Warden Webber of Chester which was sent to all Mayors, Wardens and CAO's.
- Understand legislation had first reading April 12th and second reading April 14th. On April 13th law amendments were started where deputizations could be made to the government. Warden Webber has been approved to make deputation.
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) holding meeting on 27th April for Mayors/Wardens and CAOs to explain how this should be handled. The NSFM Board also has concerns as they too have received little information.
- Mayor Donovan sent a letter this morning to the Premier (cc'd to Keith Irving, John Lohr & Council) on behalf of Council speaking to concerns regarding lack of data. There is a document online which Mayor Donovan found, that deals with deed transfer tax and has some clarity around living out of province, buying a house in NS and how to pay your 5% to the province. It does not go to the Town.
- Province had said Town is not responsible for gathering the additional property tax but unclear how it will happen as the Town has all the relevant information.
- Frustration around lack of consultation and collaboration with us. All municipalities have different processes.
- Many seasonal residents contribute a great deal to the community and concern how this will affect them.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wanted to bring this to the attention of listening public so they know we are doing what we can to find out more. Lots of questions remain unknown but any information received will be shared.</li><li>• In an article the Minister of Finance said it will definitely bring in revenue but whether it will help the housing market they don't know.</li></ul>
<b>6. Public Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correspondence was received from the public as noted in the agenda.</li></ul>
<b>7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting</b>	<b>22-04-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 6:56PM.</b>

Approved by Council Motion 08-05-22, May 15, 2022

As recorded by Laura Morrison, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk, Office of the CAO