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**ATTENDING**

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- CAO, Erin Beaudin
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

**ALSO ATTENDING**

- Director of Parks & Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Communications & Special Projects Coordinator Barb Shaw
- Compliance Coordinator, Kaden Thibault
- Charles Thompson, Legal Counsel
- Interested members of the public

**REGRETS**

- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss

**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>07-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>08-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2022, BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>3. Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Address: Dr Peter Ricketts, President, Acadia University</li><li>• Sadie McAlear, President, Acadia Student Union.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended convocations at Acadia.</li></ul>

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**4. Comments from the Mayor**

- Attended dedication at Clock Park on Sunday – an initiative of the Elders of Annapolis First Nation and Wolfville Baptist church Board of Global Ministries. Asked to pass appreciation to Town Staff for the Town decorations.
- Memory Café AGM – Event initiated by Dr. Beverley Cassidy who works with seniors in our community and partners with Charts Café, Mudcreek Rotary and the Town. Lovely program and to see that many groups come together and provide fun and respite for caregivers and those in early formative stages of memory issues.
- Mayor Donovan acknowledged three Proclamations
  - a. Year of the Garden 2022
  - b. May 17 - International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
  - c. May 29 - June 4, Access Awareness Week
- Mayor, Councillors and staff attended the raising of Pride flag this morning. Cllr. Proudfoot shared what the colours of the flag represent:
  - Black – diversity
  - Brown – inclusivity (both black and brown representing people of colour)
  - Red – life
  - Orange – healing
  - Yellow – sunlight or new ideas
  - Green – nature or prosperity
  - Indigo/blue – harmony and serenity
  - Violet/purple – spirit

**5. Public input / Question Period**

- Mercedes Brian referenced a study she shared with Council which showed there will be no reduction in disorderly conduct by using CCTV. Good Neighbours signs were a pilot that was cheap, fast and easy, but it didn't work. Crime prevention through environmental design would be changing the blades/stop signs preventing them from being stolen. Consultation does work with actions based on that built up trust. Need to stop saying it's Acadia's job. LED roadway lighting will be used but haven't seen examples of what that would like.
- George Lohnes referenced the past work/groups/reports to effect broad cultural change that have already been worked on by the Town, ASU and Acadia and community groups. Lots of work already done. This policy should be viewed in light of all of the work gone on before it.

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- Jane Lutes: Supreme Court of Canada Age diversity that exists in society should be reflected in design stages of policies, systems, facilities etc. to reduce barriers. Marauding students breaking glass on our streets is a barrier preventing us walking our dogs or driving our cars. Those response are landlords who are insensitive to the needs of permanent residents. Acadia University must accept responsibility for providing safe, secure, and fun ways for students to enjoy themselves. Video cameras show how exasperated the residents are and after almost 3 years Council is trying another avenue. We are open to all ideas.
- Bob Lutes, we are willing to work with anybody anytime. We all have similar goals whether you want cameras or not, which is for peace and privacy and community harmony. No-one would choose cameras as a first option. Those who choose privacy for pedestrians say no to cameras, those who choose safety of residents, both permanent and transient, including the students, want cameras to provide some hope of the return of peace, harmony and positive mental health.

**6. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, May 3, 2022**

**a. RFD 013-2022:  
Community  
Video Camera  
Policy**

- Moved to 1 year pilot.
- References: added Privacy Impact Assessment, still in draft if further feedback from today. Show how guidelines has been applied.
- Pilot Program evaluation – look at measurable results from implementation of cameras including, costs associated with replacement of signs, number of Nuisance Party Bylaw infractions and SOT's issued as well as discussion with the residents of the area.
- Legal Counsel spoke on legal issues/questions that arose. Council has not yet made a decision on installing the cameras, they are at that position now. This process has unfolded in a reasonable way and within the bounds of Municipal Government Act.
- Policy – changes more explicitly state when, how and with whom the Town might share digital recordings that are made.
- The provision made is permitted under Freedom of Information in part 20 of the MGA. MGA gives Town authority to share personal information if sharing with other agencies for one of the purposes of which it is collected.
- Another change is defined the locations and broadened safety, security, damage to property.



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- In response to a question Mr. Thompson advised other law enforcement agencies could be police forces for other jurisdictions or if there was a time when RCMP were not providing police services.
- In response to a question the Compliance Coordinator advised there are 7 days to retrieve the footage from the device. After 7 days it will start re-writing itself over the footage.
- Information could come from meetings to review footage but could come from a one-off request from RCMP.
- No scientific data gathering of for and against emails. One email representing 125 different people a group of 3 or 4 people sending 5 to 10 emails.
- Effective strategy in conjunction with other things we are doing and want to do.
- No CCTV data presented that is relevant to a University Town.
- Wolfville Harmony Webinar: Stephen Schneider did say CCTV has been proven to stop vehicle, property damage and drugs. Complex social issue that one party cannot stop.
- Youth drinking culture exists. Parties happen on streets because there is nothing to do on campus. Maybe with these cameras we can help to reduce the danger level.
- Lack of university activities on campus for students hasn't helped.
- Good Neighbours Group is invested and along with them, Acadia, Town staff and the cameras, we are committed to making neighbourhood safe for everyone. Will be ongoing effort.

**09-05-22 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE VIDEO CAMERA POLICY #215-004.**

**CARRIED**

**b. RFD 032-2022:  
 Temporary  
 Borrowings  
 Resolutions –  
 2022/23  
 Capital  
 Program**

**10-05-22 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY  
 BORROWING RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>TBR #22/23-01</b>	<b>VARIOUS PURPOSES TOWN</b>	<b>\$1,425,000</b>
<b>TBR #22/23-02</b>	<b>WATER TRANSMISSION &amp; DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$ 386,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL BORROWING</b>	<b>\$1,811,000</b>

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**TO COVER LOAN FACILITIES WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SHORT-TERM LOANS ARE REPLACED WITH DEBENTURE BORROWINGS AS PER THE 2022/23 TOWN CAPITAL BUDGET, TEN YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP), AND 2022/23 WATER UTILITY CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**CARRIED**

**c. RFD 020-2022  
Vending Bylaw  
Update**

**11-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX 1 OF BYLAW 99 TO ELIMINATE THE LIST OF SPECIFIC EVENTS AND REPLACE IT WITH:**

**“1) ALL TOWN-ORGANIZED EVENTS**

**2) EVENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN, AS APPROVED BY CAO (OR DESIGNATE) TO A MAXIMUM OF (3) PER CALENDAR YEAR, PER APPLICANT.”**

**CARRIED**

**d. RFD 009-2022  
Virtual  
Meeting Policy**

**12-05-22 THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND MEETINGS VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON, HOWEVER, ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND IN PERSON UNTIL A POLICY IS DEVELOPED.**

**CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS  
RFD 030-2022:  
Parks & Open Space  
Master Plan**

- Separate Tree policy – excluded from this plan deliberately. Conversations started with a person from Halifax who led the Urban Forestry plan for HRM. He has visited the Town and is willing and committed to working with Council on providing a perspective to move this forward. This would run parallel to the Parks & Open Space plan.
- Intended to be a partnership with whomever we decide to work with.
- Scope of Work/Terms of Reference created in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Association in US.

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- This is a new process – reviewing this Scope of Work document is not something we typically do but recognize there are experts in Council. Happy to take direction on improvements if Council wish to make them.
  - Key piece of this is Community Engagement, diversity and inclusion.
  - It was a recommendation of Audit Committee around Procurement Policy (yet to be approved) is that these larger studies, are policies and therefore Councillors should be part of early discussions to provide input into what information is gathered.
  - Feedback, comments/questions to go to CAO and staff will come to COW in June.
- 8. Public Correspondence**
- Correspondence was received from the public as noted in the agenda as well as some late additions.
- 9. Adjournment of Regular Meeting**
- 13-05-22 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 8:52PM.**

**Approved by Council Motion 13-06-22, June 14, 2022**

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