

ATTENDING

- Mayor Jeff Cantwell
- Deputy Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Mercedes Brian
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Carl Oldham
- Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot Left meeting at 11:15
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and
- Recording Secretary Amanda Brown

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director Planning & Development Devin Lake,
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason,
- Director of Finance & Corporate Services, Mike MacLean,
- Director of Public Works, Kevin Kerr, and
- Vanessa Pearson, Coordinator Administrative Services

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Cantwell, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda Item

Discussion and Decisions

1. Approval of Agenda

01-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED:

• To include an update regarding the streets in the CAO's report.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

02-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MARCH 3, 2020 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

3. Presentations

Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia – Marion Moore & William Zimmerman

- Presentation provided to protect Nova Scotia waters, shorelines and ecosystems from risks associated with offshore exploration and development.
- The pandemic has had a large impact on the world with regards to climate changes.
- Discussion surrounding accidents and oil spills.



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• A Public Inquiry should be held to promote public involvement.

General Update - Fire Chief Todd Crowell

- Currently there are 49 members with a few applications for review.
- Service range from 40 years to 1 year.
- This year there have been 96 calls, 46 of those calls have been during the pandemic.
- 1053 hours have been spent on training this year.
- Training has resumed with social distancing.
- Summer standbys will start the weekend of July 17th and continue until the beginning of September.

Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce – Financial Support Request – Judy Rafuse

- Presentation surrounding financial support for tourism funding.
- This year has been a very trying time and harder than most years for tourism. Funding is more important this year than any other.
- \$100,000 has been granted by the County of Kings.
- Funding has been applied for through Tourism Nova Scotia and it will not be approved until late July early August.

Electronic Voting Security - Dean Smith

- Overview provided advising a raise in electronic voting has increased.
- Dean Smith advised there are more people turning to electronic voting as it can be completed anywhere.
- There is a PIN mailed out and the use of your birthdate for security to allow the electronic voting.

CBCL Consultants – Wolfville Flood Risk Study Overview – Alexander Wilson, Lindsay Wilcott and Steffanie Piche

- Presentation surrounding Flood Risk Mitigation Plan.
- Climate and rainfall were assessed to complete the plan.
- Raising of the Dyke's can reduce the flood risks.

Acadia University – Return to Campus Discussion – Dr. Peter Ricketts and Ian Murray

- Presentation provided on returning to campus.
- Students will have a delayed start. There will be an extended period for move in's and dates will be provided. This will allow for the 14-day quarantine.
- There will be a reduced reading week allowing students to only resume within the Province/Atlantic Bubble.
- There will be five phases to the opening of the University.



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- Campus grounds are now opened to the public. Buildings remain closed at the present time.
- There is a COVID website set up by the University that questions can be submitted

Adjournment

03-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN FOR A BREAK 10:30 A.M.

CARRIED

Regular Meeting Reconvened

04-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE RECONVENED AT 10:40 A.M.

CARRIED

4. Public Input/Questions

- **Robert Lutes** Student parties are a concern and place the residents against the students. Part of the issues are the out of towners.
- Happy to hear there is a mentorship program and would be happy to help with it.
- George Lohnes Encouraging Council to read the material and email he
 has provided to Council surrounding COVID, the student parties and
 residents.
- Concerned and disappointed with the lack of involvement by Council and their lack of sitting down with Dr. Strange and the University and planning on behalf of the Town.
- It is clear the Country may soon open up on a whole and is concerned there will be no isolation period for people attending the University. It was further indicated there would be no testing of University students implemented by Dr. Strange.
- The Code of Conduct the University is proposing is useless for off campus students if there is no implementation permitted by the RCMP and By-law officer.
- Allegra Snyder Landlord in Town who has properties rented to students.
- There have recently been some issues with some of the students.
 Would like the information as a landlord on how she can make use of the Student Code of Conduct would be very useful.

5. Committee Reports (Internal)

- (a.) Audit Committee Nothing further outside of the report submitted. There will be a meeting this Friday, July 10th.
- (b.) **RCMP Advisory Board** Nothing further outside of the report.



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- 6. Staff Reports for Discussion
 - a. RFD 0032-2020: Payment Relief Measures -Changes
- Director MacLean provided an update surrounding the dates to bring the Payment Relief Measures to an end.
- Currently the collection of tax payments and water and sewer are behind last year's collection.
- The information on the interest will go out to the public with the August bills indicating interest will start to be applied on taxes as of September 30th and Water/Sewer interest will begin in November.
- Request made should the situation change surrounding COVID the
 dates be reassessed as well as if there are individuals that are still
 having financial difficulties that there be the opportunity to have a
 one on one conversation.

05-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:

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
 - 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



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7. CAO Report

- The charging station will be opened on August 1, 2020.
- Complaints surrounding parties and there is follow up by both Council and the By-law officer Blair. There have been charges laid in some instances and Blair will follow up with the RCMP surrounding a recent party this weekend.
- Blair will be placed on the next agenda to provide an update.
- If disruptive behavior by students are taking place the public is encouraged to contact the RCMP.
- Our VIC opened last week. The Town is starting to gradually resume business as usual.

8. Committee Reports

- (a.) **Kings Transit Authority (KTA)** Intention of Kings transit is to have half hour between Grand Pre and Wolfville. This is still in the works and has not started yet.
- (b.) Kings Point to Point Update provided by Councillor Brian verbally.
- The Kings Point to Point Transit Society Board met on June 23, 2020, via conference call.
- The Manger reported that KPPT is in receipt of the COVID Employment Wage Subsidy for office staff and drivers. Revenues are down 73%, with 20-25% of usual sales, but expenses are also down proportionally. Revenue over expenses for May 2020 was \$15,688, with the year to date at \$38,576.
- Seven drivers are working two days per week each. Trips to Halifax for dialysis and cancer care appointments have continued. These trips use volunteer drivers.

9. Public Input/Question Period

- No further Public Questions/Comments
- **Comment made by Mayor Cantwell** Council over the last 8 years have made some remarkable accomplishments.
- The Town is working hard to maintain the budget throughout the pandemic and have deferred future works.
- Mayor Cantwell announced he will not be re-offering for Council in the upcoming election. Offers thanks to both his colleagues as well as the Town for the past years, it has been an honor and privilege.



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10. Adjournment of 06-07-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE **Regular Meeting**

OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 11:27 A.M.

CARRIED

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