
ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Oonagh Proudfoot
- Councillor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Wendy Elliott,
- Erin Beaudin, Chief Administrative Officer, and
- Recording Secretary, Amanda Brown,

ALSO ATTENDING

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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1. Approval of Agenda	01-02-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED: CARRIED
2. Approval of Minutes	02-02-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED
3. Comments from the Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 3 Proclamations – Freedom to Read Week February 21st-27th, Nutrition Month is the entire month of March and Poetry Day is March 21st.• The Mayor would like to thank the staff for keeping the Town cleared after the storm and the continuous effort to keep the trails cleared.

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4. Public Input/Question Period

- **George Lohnes** – Agrees with the concerns David Daniels has brought forward regarding public input in his recent email.
- Surrounding the motion for tonight and the Offshore Drilling, there has been no public engagement. If better engagement is completed in the forefront, staff can be better prepared to present to Committee of the Whole.
- Recognizes Councils time is limited but it is no excuse to not have public engagement. Council needs to be careful on how they adopt a resolution based on a presentation until they have determined if there is widespread support from the citizens.

5. MOTIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, FEBRUARY 2, 2021:

a. MOTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OFFSHORE DRILLING

- Councillor Butler advised he sent Mr. Lohnes an email inquiring about any information he might have in his findings surrounding the Offshore Drilling.
- Councillor Butler indicated this is to get the information out to the public and having a public inquiry into both the risks and benefits and further discussion on the matter if the motion is moved forward.
- Mayor Donovan advised she is always concerned in having staff members involved in something that is outside of the Town's jurisdiction and she would be happy to lend support to the Province by providing a letter.

03-02-21 THAT COUNCIL RECOMMEND THAT THE PROVINCE UNDERTAKE A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE PROVINCE AND THAT A MORATORIUM ON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES BE ESTABLISHED PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE INQUIRY.

CARRIED

b. RFD 010-2021: ACCESSIBILITY REPORT CARD AND PLAN AMENDMENT

- No further comments or discussion.

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04-02-21 THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE WOLFVILLE: ACCESS BY DESIGN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR 2019-2022 TO CHANGE THE DATE THE REPORT CARD IS DUE TO COUNCIL FROM MARCH 31ST OF EACH YEAR TO APRIL 30TH.

CARRIED

c. RFD 006-2021: COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

- Mayor Donovan noted this is not a Town Strategic Plan it is a Council Strategic Plan and builds on the MPS. The MPS involved many public consultations.
- There were meetings with Council, and they made a few modifications to the priorities for the Town based on what they as Councillors heard when they were going door to door during the election
- Councillor Elliott inquired about Social Equity and if it was still in the Strategic Plan. CAO Beaudin confirmed it was and it was discussed further in the Operations Plan.

05-02-21 THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE ATTACHED COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2021-2024

CARRIED

d. RFD 007-2021: PCP MILESTONE 2 EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

- No further comments or discussion.

06-02-21 THAT COUNCIL SET A COMMUNITY EMISSION REDUCTION TARGET OF 45% REDUCTION FROM 2016 EMISSIONS BY 2030 / NET ZERO BY 2050.

CARRIED

e. RFD 008-2021: FINANCIAL UPDATE #3 (COVID) DECISION POINTS

- No further comments or discussion.

07-02-21 THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED;

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- **GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS (ONE TIME CAPITAL)**
 - ACADIA – TURF **\$60,000**
 - CHRYSALIS HOUSE **\$20,000**

- **UPGRADE TOWN’S WEBSITE/REDESIGN** **\$25,000**

- CARRIED**

6. New Business:

a. Format of Council and Committee Meetings Effective March 2021

- CAO Beaudin provided an update surrounding the restrictions relaxed recently by Dr. Strang and it allowed for up to 100 people or 50% capacity of the building. The social distancing still applies for all meetings.
- CAO Beaudin advised they will not be able to accommodate anyone from the public or all staff members given the room capacity of Council Chambers.
- It is being suggested in March Council, Committee of the Whole and Committee meetings (provided they are smaller committees) will be able to continue in a hybrid model that is currently being used for Committee of the Whole meetings where some members will be in Chambers and some will continue to attend via zoom with a maximum of 10 members in Chambers at one time.
- Discussion from Council they would prefer meetings to be in person and question if there is another area that could accommodate everyone so they could accommodate all meetings to be in person.
- CAO Beaudin advised there are locations, however, it is harder from a technology perspective. CAO Beaudin noted if Council wishes, the plexiglass can be removed from Council Chambers. It was agreed by Council they would like the plexiglass removed.

7. Correspondence

- Correspondence as noted in the agenda package.
- Mayor Donovan noted she did follow up with the Mona Parson’s correspondence and noted Council would support the suggestion to have her included on a stamp.



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8. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

08-02-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED TO AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of In-Camera and Regular Meeting

09-02-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA AND REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

CARRIED

**Approved by Council Motion 02-03-21, March 23, 2021
As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Office of the CAO**