



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance, Mike MacLean
- Director of Planning and Development, Devin Lake
- Director of Public Works, Tim Bouter – left meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- Special Projects Coordinator, Barbara Shaw

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- George Lohnes

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Deputy Mayor Oonagh Proudfoot

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Wendy Donovan, called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Approval of Agenda	01-05-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED/AMENDED: CARRIED
2. Approval of Minutes	02-05-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2021 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED
	03-05-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

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CARRIED

04-05-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Mayor

- Mayor Donovan read the Proclamation for Access Awareness Week.
- Congratulations to all our graduates at Acadia University and NSCC and we wish them all the very best.
- A positive note for the Town of Wolfville it is great to see people using the trails and social distancing and there have been no problems with parties. Congratulations to everyone for working hard to keep everyone safe.
- A reminder surrounding the loud vehicles with summer coming the RCMP has been alerted to be on the look out.

4. Public Input/Question Period

- George Lohnes – There are two matters to be discussed. I am wondering if the Town might consider after the issue of Covid starts to dissipate if they would issue a proclamation of thanks to for the frontline workers of the community.
- The second item deals with the MOU for the University. An email has been sent by him regarding access to the committee and he understands this is not a Town committee, but he urges that the committee allow public access if not public participation and to follow up with the University and the ASU to allow this.
- Access to the campus of Acadia. He wrote regarding the flow station and why there was not access to the public. One question he has being into 14 months, the Town should be approaching for access to the grounds at the gardens and the trails.

5. MOTIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MAY 4, 2021:

- a. RFD 026-2021: KINGS REMO REGIONAL EM PLAN, CHANGE 1**



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- No further comments or discussion.

05-05-21 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE CHANGE 1 TO THE KINGS REMO REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN DATED MARCH 2021.

CARRIED

b. RFD 028-2021: TBR RENEWAL

- No further comments or discussion.

06-05-21 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION;

**TBR #21/22-01 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION
\$2,000,000**

TO COVER LOAN FACILITIES WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SHORT-TERM LOAN IS REPLACED WITH FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AND DEBENTURE BORROWINGS COMPLETING THE 2020/21 TOWN CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

CARRIED

c. RFD 029-2021: 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

- No further comments or discussion.

07-05-21 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTIONS;

TBR #21/22-02 VARIOUS PURPOSES TOWN \$1,124,750

TBR #21/22-03 WATER TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION \$ 230,000

TOTAL BORROWING \$1,354,750

TO COVER LOAN FACILITIES WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SHORT-TERM LOANS ARE REPLACED WITH ACOA GRANT FUNDS AND

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DEBENTURE BORROWINGS AS PER THE 2021/22 TOWN CAPITAL BUDGET, TEN YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP), AND 2021/22 WATER UTILITY CAPITAL BUDGET.

CARRIED

d. RFD 031-2021: PACE PROGRAM TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION 2021/22

- No further comments or discussion.

08-05-21 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION TO ENABLE FINANCING THE TOWN'S PACE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL 2021/22, WITH A MAXIMUM BORROWING SET AT \$250,000.

CARRIED

6. New Business

a. RFD 032-2021: East End CDD Lands

- Director Lake advised there are two large pieces of undeveloped land in the Town which he is calling the Kenny Land and Maple Ridge Lands.
- There needs to be a planning exercise to determine what goes there and with public interest where the parks, roads etc., will be placed.
- Looking for input from Council and there is no timeline that has been determined as of yet and there would be a report brought back surrounding costs, developers they are working with as well.
- In the package there is an older study on the old west-end lands and there is a study as well done by Dalhousie.
- Director Lake has consulted with Mr. Kenney who is also in the process of trying to sell his lands.

09-05-21 THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO BEGIN A SECONDARY PLANNING PROCESS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LANDS IN WOLFVILLE'S EAST END (AS OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT) AND BRING BACK A REPORT OUTLINING THE PROCESS, ASSOCIATED COSTS, AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO A FUTURE MEETING OF COUNCIL.

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**b. RFD 033-2021:
Indemnification
and Legal
Assistance Policy**

- Special Project Coordinator Barb Shaw provided an overview of the draft policy to enable the provision for Council members and staff for situations where you are drawn into a legal action based on duties performed in good faith or, in situation where protection from harassment may be warranted.
- Currently, both staff and members of Town Council have indemnification coverage through our insurance provider, but there is nothing available to assist staff or members of Council if they are impacted by harassment from external parties.
- Outside of Wolfville there were Municipalities that took steps to roll this out which include the County of Queens and Annapolis. There was also research done in relation to the roll out by Toronto. Barb Shaw reviewed the indemnification and legal assistance provided.
- All individual situations would be reviewed in-camera.
- It was noted that there is no insurance coverage under the existing policy for staff or Council for legal protection surrounding harassment.
- Councillor MacKay commented she would rather see a policy surrounding support with direction for staff members to have the help they require. Councillor MacKay feels there should not be an amount set for civil litigation and the amount referenced of \$25,000 when looking at the revenue of Toronto in comparison to the Town the amount is very high.
- Councillor Madeira-Voss advised should it be triggered the amount may not be the \$25,000 and she would rather have something in place than not should a situation arise that it is required and will provide protection and assistance.
- Councillor Butler believes it may open up a situation where more people will come at the Town or members of Council/Staff if they are aware a policy is in place.
- Councillor Elliott feels it is important to draw a line in the sand to determine what is appropriate when dealing with staff and Council and would like to see something in place.
- Councillor Ingham advised there is a little pressure as the Town is the first to come up with a policy for both Indemnification and Harassment. This would be a precedent setter and the Town wants to be fair and provide protection. Does the current harassment

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policy in place cover the Council? CAO Beaudin advised it is currently only for staff, but the policy could be reviewed to determine if Council could be included.

- Councillor MacKay is struggling with how it is determined who will receive what amount.
- Mayor Donovan suggested if Council agreed that perhaps the matter should be put to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.
- Barb Shaw advised legal council did not recommend the current policy for staff to include Council as they are not actually employed by the Town.
- Direction was provided to staff to bring the policy back to Committee of the Whole for further discussion with a more robust manner based on the discussion at Council and to have the policy include further support etc.

7. Correspondence

- Mayor Donovan acknowledged the second email from Courtney Harris and advised that it would be taken under advisement.
- No further comments.

8. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

10-05-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:49 P.M. AND THERE WOULD BE NO IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED

Approved by Council Motion 02-06-21, June 15, 2021

As recorded by Amanda Brown, Administrative Assistant, Office of the CAO and Planning Department