



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance, Mike MacLean,
- Director of Engineering & Public Works, Tim Bouter
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason,
- Director Planning & Development Devin Lake,
- Nick Zamora, Manager, Community Development
- Dave Taylor, Parks & Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	16-11-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of In-camera section.
2. Public Input / Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public input
3. Staff Reports for Discussion	
a. Info. Report: IR006-2021 Fiscal 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director of Finance Mike MacLean presented on the Town's Budget Process including discussions on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessments not available until Jan 1st.• Capped Assessment Program (CAP) – limits assessment increase for residential property - set by Provincial legislation. CAP is now set at 5.4%.• Cost of Living is 4.1%• The assessment of property would have to have moved up by market value for it to be reassessed.• Municipalities CPI is not the same as household CPI as the cost factors differ.• Data to bring back in January

CARRIED

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- CAP may be benefitting higher income homes
- Discussions around tax rate increases, comfort level considering Natural Disaster concerns with Wolfville being a coastal community.
- Commitment to increase capital funding program by 6% every year.
- Climate Action Budget – preliminary, timings may change if Provincial funding becomes available. Town needs to be ready to apply for grants that become available.
- Nature Preserve – provide information to Council on the early warning system so they can understand how it works.
- Ten-year Capital Investment Plan
- Ten-year Debt Repayment Projection
- Grown our funding model in past 5 years to \$42m.
- \$3.5m expansion done on sewer project.

Adjournment for Lunch break 11:40am

Meeting resumed: 12:32pm

i. Parks Planning

- Director Thomason provided overview of past 3 years and looking forward - multi-year Parks plan.
- Equitable Access
- Parks & Open Spaces is part of Municipal Strategy Plan.
- How does it fit with Capital Budget timeframe?
- Reservoir Park (current work)
 - Paved and extended parking spaces at Sherwood is getting lined to support an accessible space
 - Willow Park – new sidewalk more accessible, put in with ability to add some additional parking and trailhead links.
 - Splashpad – new solid surface path.
- Visitor Information Centre
- Pickleball – Year 1 objective.
 - Plan is to utilize old tennis court site at Tower Community Park – maintained by the Town. Working through lease.
 - Acadia donating the land providing we maintain a tennis court.
- Provincially we could have capacity to have a development charge for parks. Part of current planning discussions.
- Discussions ongoing with Nature Trust around a resident who has stated he is willing to invest in improvements to the trail.
- Harvest Moon Trail – no winter maintenance this year based on pilot project last year which had an element of risk.
- Options are to pave the trail and maintain it 12 months a year or groom it in winter months.
- Discussions with other municipalities who have both types of trails.
- Manager of Community Development Nick Zamora presented an interactive data gathering platform, to gauge Council's interest and appetite for a variety of park and recreation projects in the Town.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on natural solutions for some of the challenges.• Equitable access what does that look like for community.• Working on populating a 10-year budget plan for Parks, also what the vision is for each of the parks going forward.
4. Public Input / Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public attendance.
5. Adjournment of Regular Meeting	17-11-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN TO IN CAMERA AT 2:45pm
	CARRIED
6. Adjournment of Regular Meeting	20-11-21 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR AND IN CAMERA MEETING ADJOURN AT 3:30pm
	CARRIED

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 05-12-21, December 7, 2021
As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk, Office of the CAO.