
ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Ian Palmeter
- CAO Erin Beaudin
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Financial Services, Mike MacLean
- Director of Parks & Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Director of Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Director of Public Works, Alex de Sousa
- Communications & Special Projects Coordinator Barb Shaw
- Wolfville Deputy Fire Chief, Chad Schrader
- Interested members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	<p>11-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>No motion coming from in camera</i>
2. Approval of Minutes	<p>12-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>13-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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14-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

15-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 4, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Mayor

- Acknowledgement of the various festivities that took place for Canada Day, Pride Celebration in Waterfront Park and the Opening ceremonies of Special Olympics. Thanks to the organizers and staff involved. Very successful despite the heat.
- Looking forward to Mud Creek Days.
- Excited to welcome Dr Jeff Hennessy as new President of Acadia. beginning Sept 1st.
- Informal meetings have started with Community Organizations and individuals interested in developing non-market housing. Further discussion to follow.

4. Public input / Question Period

- Caroline Whitby, Maple Ave.
 - Suggests moving the temporary compost site back to the gateway of the previous site in Maple which is not currently being used and would help ease traffic congestion in downtown area. Could Town provide a reminder to residents they can also use their green bins?
 - Attended the joint meeting in March to receive report of Recreation Facility, wondering if community engagement took place or still to happen. One of the recommended steps was to undertake direct and immediate discussion with Acadia in respect of the findings. Any update on that?
 - Encourage Councillors to attend facility when SMILE use the Acadia facilities - an opportunity not to miss.

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- Mayor Donovan responded advising staff will take the comments regarding the compost bins under advisement. It was further advised a meeting took place with members of Acadia as per the recommendation and until a regional facility is in use, their sense at that time was that the Acadia pool will stay open. There is some confidential information regarding land and operational figures which cannot be shared at this time but more information will be forthcoming as soon as able, hoping the Fall.

5. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, July 4, 2023

**a. RFD 034-2023
Nuisance Party
Bylaw**

16-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL FIRST READING TO THE AMENDED BYLAW CH. 97 – NUISANCE PARTY BYLAW AS ATTACHED TO RFD 034-2023.

CARRIED

- *Six for*
- *One opposed*

Discussion

- *Concern landlord is being made responsible for tenant they can't get rid of.*
- *Intent is to provide greater support to landlords with the changes, recognizing efforts landlords are making and give them credit for it. Demonstration of good will. As bylaw stands now, that doesn't happen.*
- *The checklist is included to provide examples of what they could do to show willing. Each circumstance will be dealt with on own merit.*

**b. RFD 010-2023
Committees of
Council Policy**

17-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISED COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL POLICY 110-001 AS ATTACHED TO RFD 010-2023.

CARRIED

**c. RFD 032-2023
Council Policy
Review Task
Force**

18-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING COUNCILLORS TO THE COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW TASK FORCE:

- **Councillor Jennifer Ingham**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss• Councillor Jodi MacKay• Councillor Mike Butler	CARRIED
	19-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW TASK FORCE.	CARRIED
d. RFD 033-2023: Community Video Camera Pilot Extension	20-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE COMMUNITY VIDEO CAMERA PILOT EXTENSION UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2023.	CARRIED
6. NEW BUSINESS		
a. RFD 025-2023 DA Amendment PID 55274591, 215-223 Gaspereau Avenue	21-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DA AMENDMENT ON PID 55274591 (GASPEREAU AVENUE) AS OUTLINED IN RFD 025-2023.	CARRIED
b. RFD 037-2023: March 31 Financial Statements	22-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2022/23 CONSOLIDATED AND NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023, AS AMENDED.	CARRIED
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Council thank staff for the excellent work.</i>	
c. RFD 027-2023: Salary Review	23-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE NEW SALARY GRID FOR NON-UNIONIZED STAFF AS PRESENTED IN RFD 027-2023.	CARRIED
	24-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVE DIRECTION FOR THE CAO TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED SALARY	

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ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6, 2023, AS PRESENTED IN RFD 027-2023.

CARRIED

- d. RFD 038-2023: Fire Truck Pumper Tanker Purchase** **25-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$300,000 TOWARDS THE PURPOSE OF A PUMPER TANKER.**
- CARRIED**

Discussion

- *It takes approx.. 600 days to construct.*
- *Letter of intent required to lock in price.*
- *Increased water capacity of vehicle results in efficiencies with getting water off the truck onto the fire (2200 gallons of water).*
- *This type of apparatus is considered in the Capital Reserves and the \$1.7m ask can be covered by those reserves.*
- *Anticipated next large request will be for aerial truck in 2024/25 and a pumper rescue in year 6. Will remove truck from year 9.*
- *Last time borrowed money for Fire Dept was over a decade ago.*
- *Reserves are shared with County.*
- *The rising costs are considered annually in the budget figures.*
- *Trucks being replaced have value to other departments and we will be able to recoup some funds.*

- e. Housing Accelerator Fund Application Discussion**
- The Housing Accelerator Fund Application is a federal government grant opportunity aimed at enabling municipalities to increase the amount of building permits issued per year.
 - It is clear there is a need for more housing. Housing Needs Assessment Report will be brought to Council once released.
 - Difficulty is the very short time frame to pull application together and the ability of stakeholders to meet the deadlines. We have 25 projects created, but there is uncertainty as to whether they will happen.

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- Continue to look at potential projects on non market spectrum and how to accelerate some of these projects – but it’s clear a lot of potential partners aren’t close to investment ready.
 - Actively doing a Housing Policy review at PAC and want to bring a nonmarket housing strategy forward.
 - Passing on this opportunity at the moment.
 - Mayor Donovan met with different groups in community who are farthest along in the process but still not ready for this.
 - Continue to look at this and be committed to finding a way.
- f. **IR014-2023 Info Report Quarterly (Q2) Attendance Report for Council**
- For Information purpose only.
7. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting to In Camera Meeting** **26-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO INCAMERA UNDER SECTION 22(2)(e) AT 7:44PM.**
8. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting** **28-07-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:10PM.**

Approved by Council Motion 12-09-23, September 2023
As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk