



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 Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake
- 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**

**17-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE
AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED

Additions under new business

- Discussion on Bill 340
- Discussion of 292 Main Street

**2. Approval of
Minutes**

**18-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023,
BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED

**19-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-
CAMERA MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER
26, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED

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20-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

21-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Mayor

- Devour Fest opening gala tomorrow.
- Women of Wolfville made nomination for a Postage Stamp to honour Mona Parsons which will be revealed in a ceremony taking place in front of the Post Office on November 6th.
- Homecoming went well.
- Councillor Palmeter congratulated Acadia on their basketball tournament wins.

4. Public input / Question Period

- Jeremy Banks, Locust St. concern Council is too focused and spending too much time and money on accommodating cars rather than pedestrians.
- Janet MacLeod, 24 Whidden Ave, concerns re crosswalks and would like to see traffic lights at Main/Gaspereau/Harbourside, a press button crosswalk for pedestrians at University and Main and Highland Ave/Main. Would like a reminder sent to all students on safety at crosswalks.

5. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, October 3, 2023

**a. RFD 050-2023:
First Reading
Revised
Building Bylaw
Ch. 65**

22-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING TO THE UPDATED WOLFVILLE BUILDING BY-LAW CH. 65 (ATTACHED TO RFD 050-2023).

CARRIED

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b. RFD 048-2023: Citizen Application to PAC Committee (Environmental Representative)	23-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON HALL AS A MEMBER AT LARGE ON THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE FROM NOVEMBER 2023 UNTIL DECEMBER 2025. CARRIED
c. IR 020-2023: Council Attendance Report (Q3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For information purposes only.
6. NEW BUSINESS	
a. Deputy Mayor Expressions of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Donovan polled Council members on their interest of becoming the next Deputy Mayor after Deputy Mayor Madeira-Voss' current term concludes in November. Councillor Wendy Elliott was the only Councillor who expressed her interest and will be acclaimed at the November 21st Council meeting.
b. Discussion on Municipal Reform Act Bill 340	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CAO provided background and status of Bill 340 which relates to Service Exchange agreements led by the Province.• CAO Beaudin was part of the committee struck by the NSFM (Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities look at the service agreements and MGA.• In 2014 the Equalisation Grant was frozen as no agreement could be reached on a formula. This is the first review since and is intended to modernize the formula, include things that had not been there before and provide equal level of service across the province.• In the last agreement Wolfville received around \$19,000 per year. With the new formula that would rise to \$300,000 annually which while one of the highest percent increases, it is not the largest amount.• The amount available across the province has not changed (\$30m) it has been spread around differently using the new formula.

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- Some municipalities pushed for more money to be made available but that did not happen.
 - Under the new formula the contributions the Town made previously, and which are mandatory for all municipalities for corrections and housing, would no longer be required, resulting in a savings to the Town of \$140,000.
 - Under the past formula obsolete schools automatically were the responsibility of the municipality resulting in a lot of costs for old buildings requiring demolition or repurposing. This is now the responsibility of the province with the municipality having first right of purchase. Doesn't really affect Wolfville.
 - There were two parts concerning roads. Part A is routes or trunk roads which would include Route 1, this would now be 50/50 responsibility for rehabilitation work.
 - Part B which concerned more rural areas was pulled to be revisited as it was felt the process was rushed.
 - Bill 340 requires making changes to legislation to allow it to become regulatory.
 - It affects all municipalities except HRM as they have their own regulations.
 - Capacity Grant is going to regulations to enable it to be reviewed every five years and the formula adjusted with more flexibility.
 - Any municipality which would be losing funding will receive a top up for the next five years at which point a further review would take place.
 - April 1st 2024 is the date this would come into affect.
 - Will be considered in the budget process.
 - New \$15m infrastructure grant to apply for.
 - CBRM and the opposition are not supporting the bill. However, many municipalities are engaged and have sent letters of support.
 - Law amendments are next week. Mayor Donovan is registered to speak.
 - Information will be posted through Communications Specialist to inform the community what is happening.
- c. Discussion on 292 Main St**
- Director Lake provided information regarding 292 Main St.
 - Request been received to amend Development Agreement.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Committee meeting will go ahead as an information only meeting on November 9 due to members of Council attending the NSFM conference and unable to attend the meeting.• Joint PAC/Council meeting will take place November 14.• Public Hearing with Special Council thereafter.
7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting to In Camera Meeting	24-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO INCAMERA UNDER SECTION 22(2)(e) AT 7:14PM.
8. Adjournment of In Camera Meeting to In Camera Meeting	REGULAR MEETING RESUMED 7:52PM
9. Motion from In Camera Meeting	25-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE BID FOR THE 2024 NOVA SCOTIA MUSIC WEEK EVENT WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM 2023/24 ACADIA EVENT GRANT ALLOWANCE AND 2024/25 GRANT ALLOCATION TO A TOTAL OF \$23,000 AS WELL AS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE \$30,000 IN KIND REQUIREMENT. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
10. Adjournment of Regular Meeting	26-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM.

Approved by Council Motion 20-11-23, November 2023
As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk