



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director, Financial Services Mike MacLean
- Director, Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake,
- Special Projects & Communications Coordinator, Barb Shaw

REGRETS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Agenda Item

Discussion and Decisions

**1. Approval of
Agenda**

**27-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA
BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED

2. Public Input

- No-one for public input

**3. Operational Plan
Discussion**

- The CAO facilitated discussion on the operational plan for Council to review their strategic plan.
- Infrastructure Management was added as a fifth strategic direction and remains a priority.
- Regional Recreation facility is contingent on others. The report was circulated previously.
- Streets, roads, sidewalks and 4-way stops are ongoing.
- Economic Sector growth remains a priority. Support with/from WBDC & REN.
- Climate Change management remains priority. Active Transportation is part of this.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility. Requirement coming within next 12 months to develop a plan which will include a framework/committee. New Accessibility plan due 2025.



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- Housing - waiting to hear re Accelerator Fund application.
- Entrepreneurial research at Acadia.
- NSCC tourism program. Previously worked with Wolfville. Part of Town and Gown discussion under economic discovery workplan.
- Events Acadia relationship grown.
- Social Equity – plain language re writes of policies & bylaws.
- Community Safety Office pilot project – homelessness.
- Would like more information on grants that are available.
- Community Harmony – meeting with landlords, RCMP and Acadia next week.
- Homecoming Debrief well received.
- Transportation a category on its own.
- Camps Programming – uptake and reviews. Community Recreation Manager can provide stats for CAO report.
- Mudley fundraiser.
- Full study on the four-way stop will come back to Council next fiscal year.
- Cost of repair to sidewalk is approx.. \$4,300 per metre.

4. Public Input

- Carolyn Whitby – interesting meeting and discussion.

5. Adjournment of Meeting

28-10-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 8:57 pm.

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 06-11-23, November, 7 2023
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk