



ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Mike Butler (left at 6:57pm)
- Councillor Ian Palmetier
- Interim CAO Rob Simonds
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Beth Hopkins
- Director of Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Director of Public Works, Alex de Sousa
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- GIS Coordinator, Trevor Robar
- Interested members of the community

REGRETS

- Deputy Mayor Wendy Elliott

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	23-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED
2. Approval of Minutes	
a. Town Council Meeting April 16, 2024	24-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2024, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
b. Special Town Council Meeting, April 26, 2024	25-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2024 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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3. Comments from the Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff thanked for budget work. • WBDC AGM June 11 – 5pm at Troy • Valley REN AGM June 19, Bent Ridge Winery, Martock • Horton Grad Parade – June 24 • Mayor attended 3 days of convocation. • Wolfville School Family Funfair – June 24 • Pride month – June. • Accessibility Awareness Event May 27th at L’Arche - 5pm-6:30pm
4. Public input / Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Whitby, Maple Ave. Budget – more information from Acadia re pool - are Kings County and Kentville contributing? Believes balanced budget is due to drawing on reserves and is concerned. Decorative lights to Willow Park be removed from budget until all streets have at least one sidewalk in good repair. Safe Sidewalk Canada. People want to know Council priorities and share their thoughts on them. Land Use Bylaw – rezoning section was amended now have ability to request a re-zone to any other zone. Do we really want to be able to re zone everything to one zone?
5. Motions from Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 7, 2024	
a. RFD 029-2024: Budget 2024/2025 and Operational Work Plan	<p>26-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2024/25 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, TEN YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN, AND THE WATER UTILITY OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Operating Budget with revenue & expenditures in the amount of \$15,142,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residential Tax Rate of \$1.4655 per hundred dollars of assessment applied to taxable residential and resource assessments



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial Tax Rate of \$3.5655 per hundred dollars of assessment applied to taxable commercial assessments ○ Taxes to be billed by way of Interim Tax Bill (issued in April, due May 31, 2024) and Final Tax Bill (issued in August, due the October 1, 2024) ○ Interest on overdue amounts to be charged at a rate of 1.00% per month, compounded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town Capital Budget with Year 1 totaling \$5,647,900, including capital reserve funding of \$2,243,100, operating reserve funding of \$207,700, long term debt funding of \$709,200, Active Transportation Grant funding of \$474,900, ACOA grant funding of \$403,300, Provincial Sustainable Service Growth Fund of \$485,000, other grant funding of \$771,000, and other external grant and/or contribution funding of \$353,700. ● Water Utility Operating Budget with operating revenues of \$1,519,400, operating expenditures of \$1,416,900, non-operating revenues of \$43,600, and non-operating expenditures of \$214,400. ● Water Utility Capital Budget totaling \$679,100 including Depreciation Reserve Funding of \$98,600, Municipal Capital Growth Funding of \$287,500, Capital from Revenue Funding of \$40,000, Long Term Debt of \$230,000 and Accumulated Surplus funding of \$23,000. ● Fire Protection Area Rate (pursuant to Section 80 of the Municipal Government Act) of \$0.0555 per hundred dollars of assessment



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Development Area rate (pursuant to Section 56 of the Municipal Government Act) of \$0.23 per hundred dollars of commercial assessment • Sewer fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sewer usage rate of \$7.08 per 1,000 gallons of water used by customer ○ Flat Rate fee of \$135.70 per quarter ○ Minimum quarterly charge for any metered customer \$29.85 ○ Sewer connection fee of \$6,500 ○ Water connection fee of \$6,500 ○ Sewer and Water connection fee of \$6,500 • Low Income Property Tax Exemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Income threshold to qualify a maximum of \$45,000 ○ Maximum tax exemption of \$1,040 <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>27-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 024/25 GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS UNDER GENERAL GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (NOT PART OF STRATEGIC & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP POLICY) AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>Grants to Organizations under General Government/Community Development (<i>not part of Strategic & Community Partnership Policy</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acadia Scholar Bursaries \$11,000 ○ Acadia University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events hosting contribution \$10,000 - Summer Camps \$15,000 - Pool Operating Contribution \$60,000 - Fitness \$50,000 ○ Devour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd Installment of one-time capital grant \$50,000 <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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	<p>28-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THROUGH THE MOU WORKING GROUPS, ACADIA REPORT TO COUNCIL QUARTERLY, ON NUMBERS OF RECREATION AND FACILITY USE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>29-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE HIRING OF A FULL-TIME PROJECT MANAGER POSITION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS AT A SALARY COST UP TO \$100,000 PER ANNUM PLUS BENEFITS AS PART OF THE 2024/25 BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>30-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW SENIOR PLANNER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM POSITION FUNDED BY THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND AT A SALARY COST OF \$95K PER ANNUM PLUS BENEFITS AS PART OF THE 2024/25 BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>31-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A \$20,000 ONE-TIME GRANT CONTRIBUTION TO EVENTS ACADIA TO SUPPORT THEIR STRATEGIC BID AND HOSTING EFFORTS AS PART OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>32-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A \$25,000 ONE-TIME CAPITAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WOLFVILLE CURLING CLUB TO SUPPORT ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES TO THEIR FACILITY AS PART OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>33-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A \$50,000 ONE-TIME CAPITAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WOLFVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO</p>



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<p>b. RFD 031-2024: Donation of Box Car</p> <p>c. RFD 027-2024: PA 2024-001 First Reading, Rezone 123 Highland Ave S2e</p>	<p>SUPPORT REPAIRS TO RANDALL HOUSE – AS PART OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
	<p>34-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE APPROVED PROJECT-SPECIFIC INCREASE TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR OF \$610,000 TO CARRY OUT THE FULL SCOPE OF WORK IN THE EAST END PARKING LOT, INCLUDES WORK TO THE VALUE OF \$21,000 ATTRIBUTED TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE WOLFVILLE LEGION PARKING AND WALKWAY AREAS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
	<p>35-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DONATION OF THE BOX CAR TO THE MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR HERITAGE SOCIETY AT NO COST OR LIABILITY TO THE TOWN. ALL LOGISTICS OF REMOVAL TO BE WORKED OUT WITH TOWN STAFF AND THE SOCIETY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
	<p>36-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO A LAND USE BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTIES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE (PIDS 55271738 AND 55350045), FROM R-3 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL– MULTI DWELLING UNIT (R-MDU) AS OUTLINED IN THE RESOLUTION – ATTACHMENT 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>37-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO ENSURE PUBLIC BENEFITS ARE NEGOTIATED, WITH INCLUSIONS OUTLINED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO RFD 027-2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	



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<p>d. RFD 028-2024: PA 2024-002 First Reading, Rezone Gaspereau Ave, Polycorp</p>	<p>38-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO A LAND USE BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A PROPERTY ON GASPEREAU AVENUE (PID 55274575), FROM R-3 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL– MULTI DWELLING UNIT (R-MDU) AS OUTLINED IN THE RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>39-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO ENSURE PUBLIC BENEFITS ARE NEGOTIATED, WITH INCLUSIONS OUTLINED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO RFD 028-2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>6. Adjournment of Regular Meeting to In Camera</p>	<p>40-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO INCAMERA AT 7:40PM</p>

Approved by Council Motion 14-06-24, June 2024
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk