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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Mary Commo
Susan Creelman
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Chad Ramsey (7:10 pm)
Suzanne Lutz

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Erin Richard
Josh Hilton
Joe Robson
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for July 21st, 2022 – Combined Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

a. On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for June 9th, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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b. On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for the June 21st, 2022 - Special Council Meeting.

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- c. On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for the June 23rd, 2022 – Council Meeting

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

Just a reminder of Combined Council on August 18th, 2022.

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter from Honourable John A. Lohr
- b. Funding Announcement Invitation
- c. CN News Release
- d. TCPEP Annual Report
- e. Photos of Cast of Halfway There

9. Business

a. Staff Reports

i. Administration – CAO Dale Bogle

- Riverside / Lewis / Pleasant Hill – Province will make a decision in early fall
- Well Source Study – next month hoping for change order for phase 4
- Investigating Shared-Service for Planning and Development - RFP closing in a couple of weeks
- Solar Initiatives – Randi and Dale will analyse ability to fund
- Boardwalk Along River – Josh working with TIR, approved the trail under Highway 102
- Splash Pad is operational, looking at shading and filling in old wading pool
- Town Owned Properties – Spoke with a developer today regarding affordable housing
- Covid 19 Pandemic – easing but another wave on the way
- Rodent Infestation – Dangerous & Unsightly Premise – will speak in business
- Digital Signage – Contract awarded to Mattattall Signs
- Currently \$17.4 million in current and planned building
- Traffic Study – Part of Infrastructure RFP posted last week
- Library opportunity – Suggested that MGM provides the glass for the Library

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- Tornado – Still working with Province to hopefully get funding for those severely affected by the tornado
- Council In-person Meetings – Councillor Creelman will speak about reviewing with By-law and Policy Committee
- Community Centre – Siding – Need to put out RFP
- TCPEP Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC) – Councillor Creelman will be chairing - Congratulations
- Town website – Joe doing a great job
- Former NSLC Building – Happy to see Great Canadian Dollar Store coming to town
- Councillor Commo wants to wait and see how profitable before we move ahead with more solar.
- Dale wants to help residents with grants for solar and maybe funding assistance as well

ii. Public Works – Jeff Sibley

- CAO Dale Bogle stated Jeff was unable to make it but we have two new employees on board now

iii. Recreation – Erin Richard

- Councillor Creelman wanted to commend Erin on taking the lead on Town Days
- CAO Dale Bogle also thanked Erin for all the hard work

Recreation – Josh Hilton

- Councillor Creelman asked on the timeline on the trails?
- Josh is hoping by the end of summer

iv. Planning – Grant Cooke was unable to attend

- CAO Dale Bogle read Grant's report and there were no questions

v. Financial – Randi Buchi

- CAO Dale Bogle commented on how our permit values have eclipsed last year's totals already
- Mayor Lloy asked about the RFP for Auditor, asking if it was because we went over our \$15,000 to which Randi agreed

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Staff Reports for July 21st, 2022 Combined Council Meeting as presented.

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b. Boundary Review

- Should be in by end of October 2022
- Do we want to retain Mayor and six councillors or reduce to Mayor and 4 councillors
- Guideline and discussion as we need to provide report to UARBCouncillor Ramsey, Councillor Rogers-Laing, Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman agree to the reduction as long as we can cover all the meetings or maybe reduce the amount of Committee's attending

c. 50 St Andrew's St

- Will speak in 9. d. to this
- We will have to look at oil tank, wiring, etc but we are on track for demolition
- Have sent letters to the bank and the insurance company as well

d. Tender – Demolition

- Mayor Lloy asked if asbestos is found, would that be an additional cost?
- CAO Dale Bogle stated that it would but there is no evidence of asbestos and this house predates the 50's to 70's when asbestos was used
- Councillor Creelman asked how many tenders did we receive and what were the amounts?
- CAO Dale Bogle stated there were two tenders, a. \$17,200 + HST and b. 27,300 + HST
- Will be demolished in less than a week once work commences

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Commo:

I so move to approve the Demolition Tender of 50 St Andrews St, Stewiacke to Verhagen Demolition Limited in the amount of \$17,200 + HST

e. Town Days Update

- Erin stated they are always looking for helpers
- Mayor Lloy said that a great job has been done and thanks to Erin and all the committee members

f. ACOA Funding – Rediscover Main St

- Downtown area approved only in the amount of \$235,000
- This goes towards signage, shrubs and other things to attract people who are coming to town
- Does not cover infrastructure

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g. Traffic Counts

- Councillor Creelman asked how these will help with speeding?
- CAO Dale Bogle stated that West Hants has a traffic calming program
- We also need parking downtown
- We had 4 areas monitored over a 1 week period –
 - Dennis Park – Surprised by the total number of vehicles in the downtown area
 - Mastodon Ridge – Healthy numbers, don't think all these vehicles are driving downtown. Most are grabbing gas or a coffee.
 - St Andrews St – Thought these numbers would have been higher
 - Kitchener St – 1/3 of downtown traffic accesses Kitchener St
- Councillor Creelman asked what the next steps are, is this part of the traffic study the PAC is going to do?
- CAO Dale Bogle replied yes as well as part of the RFP for Engineering to look at traffic to help with suggestions

h. Website Update

- There will be update on calendar and emails to residents
- send in pics with people enjoying our town

10. By-laws and Policies

a. By-law and Policy Report July 2022

In regards to meeting locations-

Councillor Commo –

- Could we reconfigure upstairs? CAO Bogle - We could look at that
- When was lift inspected? CAO Bogle - It was last inspected fall 2021
- Other locations we would have to set up and clean up afterwards
- Agrees with in person but wants the option to do virtual

Mayor Lloy –

- What are others doing? CAO Bogle - It seems to be a mix of virtual, hybrid and in person

Deputy Mayor Chapman –

- Would have to have a good reason to join virtually

Councillor Rogers-Laing –

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- Would like to see a limit on the max of virtual meetings

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

I so move to approve the By-law and Policy Report for July 2022

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11. Citizen Comments

Pam Osborne –

- UARB has application stopping paying solar residents excess kw hours that go to the grid
- Reduce Councillors – didn't reduce previously due to the committees
- Cost of staff would be higher than 2 Councillors
- Wants residents to speak up and see what they want
- Should have in-person meetings
- By-law and Policy and PAC, haven't been able to attend, are they not open to the public? Want them put on the website
- ATV's are drag racing on St Andrews and someone is going to get hurt

12. Mayor Report

Mayor Lloy:

June 24 – Wonderful event of music at the senior complex in Stewiacke sponsored by the United Way

June 28 – Future works AGM in Truro

June 29 – Meeting in Stewiacke with MP Dr. Ellis. (Josh presented the results of accessibility study)

June 30 – TCPEP AGM in Truro

July 4 – Physician recruitment welcome in Masstown presented by TCPEP

July 7 – Town Day Committee meeting. Great work committee members.

July 9 – National Apology & Remembrance Ceremony for the No. 2 Construction Battalion in Truro

July 13 – Meeting with Mr Bogle and Counselor Creelman

Meeting and briefing with Mr Bogle July 6th and July 11th, 2022.

I was in the Town Hall for office time June 29th and July 6th, 2022.

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Deputy Mayor Report

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Mrs Richard and Councillor Creelman for Town Days Schedule

Attended a webinar on Community Health Boards that was sponsored by NSFM

Attended the Splash Pad Official opening

Attended Colchester East Hants Public Library Meeting

Met with representative from Mattatall signs along with our CAO regarding our new electronic sign

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman

Councillor Commo and I have been working, on behalf of Business & Tourism, on updated maps and brochures that are available at the Town Office and Mastodon Ridge

14. In-Camera Session

NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:25pm.



