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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

Councillors: Mary Commo  
Susan Creelman  
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Chad Ramsey  
Suzanne Lutz

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO  
Randi Buchi  
Erin Richard  
Grant Cooke  
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Deputy Mayor Roseanne  
Chapman

**3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda**

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

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Combined Council Meeting with the following changes of the addition of 8.a. Letter of Support and 9.j. 50 St Andrews St Update and deletion of 9.d. Boundary Review.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items**

NIL

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## 5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

- a. On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special Council Meeting.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. On the motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

## 7. Presentations

- a. Emily Gowan – presentation on Asset Management & IRMA  
b. Katherine Williams – presentation regarding Boundary Review 7 Council vs 5 Council

## 8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter of Support – should be on Agenda and discussed previous to writing a letter

## 9. Business

- a. Staff Reports  
i. Administration – CAO Dale Bogle
- Still awaiting word on ICIP funding, haven't heard of any that have been successful as of yet

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- Well Water Source Study – allocating time towards getting this function going
- Sustainability – contract has been awarded to CBCL and Erin is taking the lead on this project
- Accessibility – Staff working together to go through and set priorities to get started
- Splash pad was a big success, going to look at numbers to see where we can improve, also looking at funding for a shade structure for next year
- Covid 19 having a bit of a resurgence
- 50 St Andrews St is a business item
- Boundary Review will be deferred to Committee of the Whole
- Erin and Dale in discussions in regards to recreation and the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel in the town
- Perry Lake is still growing even though a lot of the developments have not been signed off on as of yet
- Traffic study will be part of CBCL program
- Trying to decide on siding for Community Centre and would like to get it completed prior to the winter weather setting in
- Hurricane Fiona was a huge focus for the last while, will discuss more in Business
- Our website is ready to go, we are just waiting for AMANS to release it to the public.

Councillor Commo – solar on community buildings? CAO Bogle was looking at new buildings and refits along with wells for people not on town water that don't have the funds to assist.

- Town owned properties – considering land for housing? One piece of property that the province owns up near the car pool lot, which would be down the road to look at for affordable housing.

Mayor Lloy – update on crosswalks? Part of traffic study but we will be going ahead with acquiring the lights.

ii. Financial – Randi Buchi

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- Councillor Commo – the extra \$200,000 from the building permits, is that being set aside or going into general funds? Randi responded that it will be going into general funds and is not earmarked for anything.
  - Councillor Creelman – discussion on the ball field lights, is enlarging the field a separate issue? Randi stated if we are looking at a new field, we would put the new lights there but if we are expanding the old field, we will put new lights there.
- iii. Recreation – Erin Richard
- The RRFP units have been ordered for the crosswalks, we are just looking at locations
  - Ballfields – cannot afford to upgrade the lighting at this point as we are not sure where we will be located in two years
- iv. Planning – Grant Cooke
- Grant reviewed his report and asked if there were any questions, to which there were none
- v. Public Works – Jeff Sibley
- CAO Bogle wanted to acknowledge that Angie and Alan did a great job with the grounds and helping after Fiona.

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

***I so move to approve the Staff Reports as presented for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Combined Council Meeting***

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b. Firehall Paint Request

The Firehall had repairs completed by the town to the building, Randi acknowledged their request for \$4000 for paint but was advised by EMO to look at the lease and see where our responsibilities cease. Randi suggested to move to postpone the decision to approve the funds until we have a current lease we can agree on. Councillor Rogers-Laing said we should just give the funds to them for for all they do for us. Councillor Commo and Councillor Ramsey agreed.

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

***I so move to provide support to the Firehall in the amount of \$4000 for repairs and paint.***

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c. Open Late Trial

Randi stated that as part of our Accessibility Study, we are going to trial our hours of service starting January 2023 for 6 months, where the Town Office will be open late on Thursday evenings only, until 6:30pm. We will keep track of people who are coming in and see if it will be viable to continue to stay open late past the trial period.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve a 6 month trial starting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 of opening the Town Hall office until 6:30pm on Thursday evenings.***

d. Boundary Review – Deferred to Committee of the Whole

e. MGA Consultation Survey – Deadline Monday 31 October 2022 to capture the overall views of Council and Staff, please have in to CAO Bogle by noon on Monday

f. Asset Management – Any questions we can bring to Emily, it ties in to CBCL. A timely project.

g. Org. Chart Change

CAO Bogle mentioned with the growth how we are strained, and with Josh leaving it has been tight. Looking at Erin taking on a larger role and we could hire a back person to assist. Randi is taking on more of an operational side to take pressure off Dale.  
Deferring to Committee of the Whole

h. Library Update

Spoke with our lawyer who said the MOU will be completed next week, also Josh had put an RFP together for an architect. Have a meeting to go over the details and see if we can get MOU signed off with Colchester.

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i. Hurricane Fiona Update

Opened up Level 1 for Emergency Command Centre (ECC). 713 calls for assistance, only 6 of those calls were from Stewiacke.

j. 50 St Andrews St Update

Demo has been completed as of this morning. Councillor Ramsey mentioned that there are citizen complaints regarding the mud on the road, so if we can have the public works sweep it down.

**10. By-laws and Policies**

NIL

**11. Citizen Comments**

NIL

**12. Mayor Report**

September 28: Assisted with coverage of the warming center @ the Community Center. Thank you to Counselor Creelman & Deputy Mayor Chapman going above and beyond providing coverage @ the warming center during hurricane Fiona.

September 29: HR meeting.

October 4: Meeting with Mayor Bill Mills in Truro.

October 7: Attended the Grand Opening of the Great Canadian \$ store with Deputy Mayor Chapman and Mr. Bogle.

October 13: Polled council in regards to cancelling COW October 13 due to sickness. COW cancelled. Combined council meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> confirmed.

October 15: Attended the Colchester Ground Search and Rescue open House in Truro.



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October 18: Attended the Women in Business Breakfast hosted by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce in Truro. Albone Retreat owner Andrea MacDonald was part of the panelists which presented during the Q & A and delivered an inspiring message of the support from staff, family and Stewiacke.

October 18: Attended Municipal Engagement Session by Zoom.

October 19: Meeting with Mayor Christine Blair in Truro.

October 19: Chaired the Planning & Advisory Committee meeting.

October 21: Attended the Small Business Awards luncheon hosted by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce in Truro. Congratulations to Big River Café Small Business of the Year award winner. Sunkist was recognized with our Town.

October 21: I meet with Mr. Bogle and the owner of 50 St. Andrew St. in Bedford.

October 21: I attended in the evening the Nova Scotia Health community healthcare meeting in Truro.

October 22: I attended the Bushinkan Dojo Kenshu Saturday morning at the Stewiacke Legion. Steve Nickerson Shihan was the guest for the seminar. Outstanding program has been developed by Todd Fleck. Thank you for the invitation to attend.

October 25: Attended the Police Advisory Committee meeting in Truro.

October 26: Attended a meeting of Mentoring Plus in Truro.

**I want to recognize all the Stewiacke Fire Department, Stewiacke Community Meals, countless volunteers and staff who went above and beyond during Hurricane Fiona.**

Congratulations to Jeff Turple who was recognized as Maritimer of the Month by CTV news. Thank you, Jeff, for your countless hours of volunteering with our youth.

Monday a weekly briefing with Mr. Bogle and in the office Wednesday am.

#### Deputy Mayor Report

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### **13. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Commo:

- Solid Waste Regional Chair Meeting
- Congratulations to Big River, they received a \$1000 grant and built tables and chairs

### **14. In-Camera Session**

NIL

### **15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

NIL

### **16. Adjournment**

Adjournment called at 8:24pm.

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