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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 Suzanne Lutz
Staff:	Dale Bogle, CAO Leah Bennett	

REGRETS / ABSENT:

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

Mayor Lloy announced that we have one change to the Agenda and that is to add to In-Camera – Land.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Council Meeting, with the following changes as mentioned by the Mayor.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

NIL

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

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

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

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## 6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

## 7. Presentations

NIL

## 8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter of Thanks to Town from Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre

## 9. Business

- a. Deputy Mayor Appointment

Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey nominate Deputy Mayor Chapman for another year. Mayor Lloy asked 3 times for nominations and no others were brought forward. Deputy Mayor Chapman accepts and is honored.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

***I so move to approve the annual Deputy Mayor Appointment to Deputy Mayor Chapman as presented to November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Committee Review

Discussions on comparable towns with 5 and 7 council and committees were reviewed. Necessary committees to keep are Audit, PAC, Council and looking into keeping By-law and Policy committee.

**Councillor Commo** – Would like to go through committees to see which we should keep and/or remove.

**Councillor Creelman** – Feels if there is a reduction in council, maybe could redirect funds to staff to assist more to which Councillor Commo and Councillor Ramsey agreed.

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Council are more to lead than do all the work, need more residents on committees to assist.

Also feels that any committees we send funding to, we should have a presence.

**Councillor Rogers-Laing** – Stated that larger communities can reduce to 5 council and it works and that she feels we have been council heavy for a while now.

**Councillor Lutz** – Would like to see public input prior to making a decision.

**Councillor Ramsey** – Doesn't feel the need to have CAO Bogle, Mayor Lloy and himself to be present on the Police Advisory Committee. Others have duplicate representation that we could minimize.

**Deputy Mayor Chapman** – We can make decision now and adjust the committees later.

**CAO Bogle** – Decision now will bind us for the next 8 years.

c. Boundary Review

Discussions were made in regards to other towns with similar populations with committees and councillors. This discussion was brought up several times during different meetings and was being deferred so, a decision was made to make the vote and not defer any longer.

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

***I so move to approve the reduction of Council from 7 to 5, including the Mayor, as presented November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Council Meeting***

**YAY – 5**

**NAY – 2**

d. Library Update

Arranged a meeting with the Library Committee that will take place next Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.

MOU has been revised with Stewiacke's comments and sent back to CAO of Colchester with CAO Bogle will be meeting with once the MOU has been reviewed.

Prepared an RFP that has been posted to see the interest and costs would be, was posted on the procurement website today.

Town of Stewiacke 60% and Colchester 40% for total process.

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e. Org Chart

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to approve the Org Chart as presented to November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Council Meeting***  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. 2023 – 2024 General and Water Utility Budget Schedule

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve Schedule A as presented to November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting***  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. By-laws and Policies**

NIL

**11. Citizen Comments**

NIL

**12. Mayor Report**

November 11: I laid a wreath on behalf of the Town of Stewiacke at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to the Town of Stewiacke for this honour.

November 14/21: I meet with Mr. Bogle for our weekly briefing and update.

November 16: On site for office time.

November 16: Chaired the Planning and Advisory Committee meeting.

\*\* Congratulations to Counselor Creelman who has been named Chairperson for the TCPEP oversight committee.

\*\* I released the Mayors message for the upcoming December newsletter.

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### Deputy Mayor Report

Attended a meeting at Mastadon Ridge with Track Consulting

Attended Webinar on Main St recovery

Laid a wreath on behalf of the province on Remembrance Day

Tomorrow night is Abalone Retreat's Grand Opening and hope everyone that can attend, will go.

### 13. Councillors Reports

**Councillor Creelman** – Attended the meeting at Mastadon Ridge with Track Consulting who specialize in working on trails

By-law and Policy met recently and will have a couple of items for the Agenda for December's Combined meeting

### 14. In-Camera Session

a. Land

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo:

***I so move to move In-Camera at 8:00pm.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey:

***I so move to move out of In-Camera at 8:10pm.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

### 16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:10pm.