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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: Chad Ramsey  
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz  
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

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

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting***  
***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – Combined Council Meeting with the changes being 10.b. and 10. c. should read 'Policies' not 'By-laws'.***

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL



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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

NIL

9. Business

a. RFP – Air Conditioning Units

Councillor Rogers-Laing questioned if the air conditioning units were budgeted for? Randi replied that the air conditioning units took priority over the siding as some are not working.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Tender for rooftop heating and cooling units to Bird Mechanical for \$51,747.00 plus HST as presented for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. RFP – Custodial

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

***I so move to approve the Town of Stewiacke Custodial Services Contract to Joan Crawford for the 2 year contracting period starting April 2023, ending March 2025 in the amount of \$13,000 annually including HST as presented for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Budget Update

The only change was the sidewalks on Riverside \$340,000. Parking issues were also reviewed to put sidewalks in across from Guardian so people stop parking there unsafely. Look at paving parking lot at end of Guardian building.

Library architecture, we put in \$50,000 as an estimate for that.

Library full cost estimate as well.

d. Election Update

Advance Polls from 18 February 9:00am to 25 February 7:00pm. Ongoing advance poll that is 8 days long.

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e. CBCL Update

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Open House at the Community Center  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Presentation at the Committee of the Whole  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Wrapping up the project  
Getting great feedback on the online survey.

10. By-laws and Policies

a. Commercial Development District Improvement Plan By-law

Councillor Creelman commented that 2 By-laws require 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our lawyer has reviewed and Clause 4 has the adjustments. This will allow us to change the Commercial area if needed.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey:

***I so move to approve the amended Commercial Development District Improvement Plan By-law as presented and considered first reading for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

- 16 Jan – Meeting in Truro with Mr Bogle and the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce
- 18 Jan – Attended Town of Stewiacke Business Interruption & Business Pandemic Committee
- 18 Jan – Chaired Planning & Advisory Committee meeting
- 19 Jan – Attended East Hants Planning Session
- 19 Jan – Attended via Zoom By-law & Policy meeting
- 22 Jan – Attended the Celebration of Life for Councillor Mary Commo
- 23 Jan – Attended Community Transportation meeting
- 24 Jan – Hosted NDP NS Leader Claudia Chender
- 26 Jan – Attended in Halifax NSFM governance change meeting. Follow up will be sent to Council

Welcome to our new staff, Ben Grosvenor to the Recreation Programming position and Gabriela Boldrini to the 2 year term Reception / Administration clerk position.

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Congratulation to Erin Richards, Jeff Sibley & Roseanne Chapman who received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee honoring those who have made a significant contribution to Canada, Nova Scotia or fellow citizens. MLA Larry Harrison presented January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Community Center. I was also humbled to receive this award.

### Deputy Mayor Report

- Met with Mr Bogle
- Meeting on the 'Right to Adequate Housing' (NS Health / Community Health Boards)
- Met with Erin Richard
- Meeting – Business Interruption and Pandemic Planning Committee
- Attended 'Sustainable Development – Goals & Quality of Life in NS
- Stewiacke Community Meals – another successful take-out meal in January. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, SCM will give the Shumilacke Foodbank \$500, the Pantry at the Stewiacke Branch of the East Hants Public Library \$500 and the Breakfast Program at Winding River Consolidated \$500
- Attended the medal presentation for those of us in the Colchester Musquodoboit Valley riding who received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. I was proud and honoured to receive this medal along with Mayor Lloy, CAO Bogle, Erin Richard and Jeff Sibley
- Attended the Celebration of Life for the late Mary Commo
- Attended the opening of the bids for the architectural services for the new library build
- Met with a resident considering running for Council in the February by election
- Would like to see the Town lower the tax rate to offset the 28% increase in property assessments
- My apologies to Dale as I missed him on my report for receiving the Award as well

### 13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman:

- Information about the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal:
  - Mayor George Lloy is fostering a profound and positive atmosphere. Additionally, he chairs the Colchester Association for Mental Health and is a basketball coach
  - Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman has earned the trust and respect of residents through profound acts, such as spearheading the Community Meals Initiative
  - CAO Dale Bogle is a vice-chair of the Jiksitui Elder Council and co-producer of the River Stone Journey leadership concept; which has been adopted by Nova Scotia Universities
  - Jeff Sibley has been instrumental in developing an engineered landscape for the robust growth Stewiacke is experiencing



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- Erin Richard has elevated the recreation profile, keeping pace with the robust growth of the Town of Stewiacke

Thank you to you all, it's nice to be recognized and nice to see all the things that people do contribute to the town.

Councillor Ramsey:

- Had a great meeting last Thursday with East Hants, looking at Development Agreements
- Also attended the Celebration of Life for Mary Commo

**14. In-Camera Session**

NIL

**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

NIL

**16. Adjournment**

Adjournment called at 7:31pm.

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are present. The top signature is a stylized, cursive name that appears to be "P. K.". The bottom signature is also cursive and appears to be "George".

