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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Mary Commo
Susan Creelman
Chad Ramsey (6:48pm, thought meeting was a 7:00pm)

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Randi Buchi
Josh Hilton
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for February 17th, 2022 – Special Council Meeting
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

NIL

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

NIL

9. Business

a. Town of Stewiacke DRAFT Strategic Plan – Infrastructure

VISION – CAO Bogle read the vision and said he is open to options regarding wording.

MISSION – Deputy Mayor Chapman would like the word 'goal' removed and CAO Bogle suggested 'aim' which was agreed upon.

- Engineers to help us with well water, waste water etc to guide us.
- Asset Management Plan – Randi – The province is pushing us to have this in place as we need it for our vision.
- Water Treatment Plant – Dale – We have a good water source, can we modify to accommodate

DISCUSSIONS:

Councillor Creelman

- Infrastructure is a priority but we should have a discussion as to what we want Stewiacke to look like.
- What do we want the Downtown area to look like?
- What do we want Perry Lake area to look like?

Deputy Mayor Chapman

- Growth capacity – Infrastructure is one part of growth, enhancing organizational effectiveness and achieving or keeping financial stability would also apply
- Maintaining fiscal sustainability

Councillor Commo

- Tourism is not a strategic goal right now.
- Business & Tourism have several things in the works to handle Tourism
- We could re-assess in 6 months

Asset Management:

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Discussed Asset Management and the concerns with priority but it is a vital need that is a basis for infrastructure. We have a Dalhousie student starting on 2 May 2022 who will be collecting data. Province is pushing for us to have in line and we need it for our vision. If you don't know your current state, you cannot plan for the future vision. Jeff has a good start on the basic systems in the town.

Strategic Planning:

We have color coded based on Capital Budget so items can be easily prioritized. The playground was questioned and it is necessary to repair and maintain due to wear and tear and it is now becoming a safety issue.

Engineers were here in December 2021 to inspect the lagoon which is doing fine, does not have to be inspected again until 2025. We have plenty of room in there.

Concerned with erosion of the river and we have the potential to lose the Fish Shack and Main St W. Another concern are the ballfields. Looking at ways for the Dykelands creating foreshore marshes to slow erosion.

Ballfield lights need to be updated as we cannot have night games and the suggestion was made to look into Blue Jays Care Program for possible funding. Dominion, Cape Breton, NS received \$1 million in funding! Antigonish has Challenger Field for children with disabilities which has proved to be immensely popular.

Affordable housing was discussed and the consensus was that they should be privately owned and we don't necessarily want low-income housing. Low-income housing is costly for us. Would like to see affordable housing rentals around \$900 - \$1000 a month.

The main topics of priority are:

Well Water – Consultant to assist us to work on water / waste water as we need help with knowing exactly what our capacity is. Water treatment plant - can we modify to accommodate the good water source now?

Riverside / Lewis / Pleasant Hill - Looking at applying for funding with ICIP (70%) leaving us to pay a balance of \$1.655 million. If the funding doesn't come through, we would need to come up with a plan B.

Asset Management – We have to get the moving parts in line to proceed with the overall picture.

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Traffic Study – Should start on this immediately so we know exactly what we need and where in regards to traffic lights, stop signs, speed humps and even if we need to change the flow. Also, the egress road to St Andrews St.

Library – Discussions regarding library, including increased costs of moving forward at this time, fundraising and to conclude to a date this should be completed.

Top three discussed:

- 1) Riverside
- 2) Engineers (Includes water)
- 3) Library

Will bring to Committee of the Whole

10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

Deputy Mayor Report

13. Councillors Reports

14. In-Camera Session

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:14pm.

