



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:

Councillor Creelman
Councillor Commo
Councillor Ramsey
Councillor Rogers-Laing
Councillor Lutz

Staff:

Dale Bogle, CAO
Leah Bennett

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo:
I so move that the Approval of / Changes to the Agenda for January 27th, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes

NIL

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

NIL

9. Business

a. Terms of Reference _ New Library

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman:
I so move to approve Terms of Reference – Stewiacke Library Committee as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Dog/Animal Control

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:
I so move to approve The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – SPCA as Dog/Animal Control as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. 134 Main St/Proposed Amendments – Site Plan Approval

On the motion to Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey:
I so move to support, in principle, as a result of the review in accordance with site plan approval guidelines, the recommendation to keep a third horse on the property situated at 134 Main Street East, Stewiacke, pending the completion of the proposed process and amendments for the Stewiacke Land Use Bylaw (LUB) and Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS), as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Land Use By-Law – Keeping of Horses

On the motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Councillor Creelman:
I so move that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give first reading to proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to allow by site plan approval a maximum of three horses on a property zoned General Residential (R-2) and having a minimum area of 0.4 hectares (1 acre). Staff are hereby directed to set the date of the public hearing for this amendment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Amendment to the Land Use By-law – Rezoning from C-2 to R3B**

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give first reading to proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law to rezone from C-2 to R-3B the area shown on the attached map so that all of PID #20471033 will be zoned R-3B. Staff are hereby directed to set the date of the public hearing for this amendment.

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f. **Capital Budget Review**

- Taxed amounts are estimates only on water budget - will be a substantial cost in the next couple of years
- Moved 2 items from General to Operational – furnace for public works building and commercial mower – Jeff will budget under equipment next year
- Updated information came in late today \$100,000 Architectural cost for Library

Councillor Commo – Why was library moved to 2024/2025? CAO Bogle responded that we needed more time to apply for grants for maximum benefit.

- Ballfield lights, is there any grants available for these? Randi mentioned that Josh is hoping he can get 50% funding
- \$25,000 for a wood chipper, why do we need a wood chipper? Randi replied that it is used to clean up the ditches and roadways.

Mayor Lloy – Outdoor skating rink, is this an ice making machine as well? Randi responded that it is more intricate than just a plain rink as it has side boards but does not have ice making machine.

Councillor Creelman – Egress to St Andrews in Capital Budget? Not at this time but it will be in transportation plan in the future stated Randi.

- Ballfield & Scoreboard and field improvements? Cost is low enough to include in Operation Budget instead of the Capital Budget.
- Intake valve, was work done on that? Highest cost scenario depending on water results as we may be able to update the current plant.

g. Strategic Plan Update

Four main categories:

- Climate Change
- Infrastructure
- Affordable Housing
- Tourism

Will have a report for upcoming February Committee of the Whole for Council.

Councillor Commo – Who decided importance and items? Mainly survey results

- Wants community engagement
- Affordable housing, wants lower costs
- Mary should contact Nino to get more information
- Attainable housing VS Affordable housing
- 30% of pretax income is what they base the rent of affordable housing.
- Province willing to give up land for affordable housing
- Town has some land to make affordable housing (waiting on PID's)
- Solar farm, would like to wait a year before building more to ensure it is profitable
- Town involved or Provincial to assist with solar initiatives?
- Have any other municipalities been doing this for a while that we could communicate with to see their results?

Deputy Mayor Chapman – Wants list of future Strategic Plan meeting dates

Councillor Lutz – Is solar farm on now? No, just waiting on NS Power to connect

- Will residents have access to the solar? All power will be sold to NS Power grid
- Good to look at solar options with new builds, grids etc

10. By-laws and Policies

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

- January 17 – Business Interruption and Pandemic Planning Committee Meeting
 - January 19 – Truro Colchester Chamber of Commerce on national childcare plan funding changes
 - January 19 – Police Advisory Meeting in Truro
 - January 20 – By-law & Policy Meeting
 - January 21 – Affordable Housing Needs and Demand follow up session
 - January 25 – On site 10-day pump test start
 - January 26-27 – 2 Part training program on building high performing resilient municipal government teams in 2022, very informative
 - January 26 – Chaired Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Monday and Wednesday's I will be in office due to current Covid restrictions
- Be safe and reach out to those in need.

Deputy Mayor Report

- January 17 – Business Interruption and Pandemic Planning Committee Meeting
- January 21 – Co-ordinated Access Colchester by United Way regarding next steps with the housing crisis
- January 25 – Colchester East Hants Library Board Meeting
- January 26 – Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman

- Business Interruption and Pandemic Planning Committee Meeting
- Co-ordinated Access Colchester by United Way regarding next steps with the housing crisis
- Explore Central Committee wrap up meeting, sent report to Council and Business & Tourism Committee
- By-law & Policy Meeting
- First meeting organized by Mr. Hilton in regards to Walkability Project

14. In-Camera Session

On the motion to go in-camera by Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Rogers-Laing at 7:39pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration



16. Adjournment called at

George Lee

[Signature]