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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Mary Commo  
Susan Creelman

Chad Ramsey  
Suzanne Lutz

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

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Councillor Rogers-Laing  
Grant Cooke

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move that the agenda items 9b, 9c and 9d be moved to Committee of the Whole in January 2022 as presented.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

a. On the motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Creelman:

***I so move to approve the Minutes for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting as presented.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. On the motion of Councillor Lutz and Councillor Commo:

***I so move to approve the Minutes for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting as presented.***

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## 6. Announcements / Proclamations

- a. African Nova Scotian Affairs Support Mechanism for Civic/Municipal Proclamation of African Heritage Month 2022

## 7. Presentations

NIL

## 8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

Seniors Care Grant  
Work Commencing on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

## 9. Business

- a. Staff Reports
  - i. Administration – CAO Dale Bogle
    - Animal Control - Will address in 9.g.
    - Riverside/Lewis/Pleasant Hill – Anticipating Funding offered by ICIP in January 2022
    - Well Source Study – Phase 3 drilling is now complete. 10 day pump test will commence first week of January 2022
    - Still looking at strategic planning on infrastructure as well as purchase on a piece of property of 72 acres
    - Further talks on transportation study and an egress road from St Andrews to Hwy 2
    - Solar Garden – Should be complete by tomorrow. CBC wants to do story on Solar Garden
    - RFP issued for Regional Accessibility Plan
    - Planning for solar plans for new builds, retrofits and perhaps looking at a drilled well water program can be explored
    - Boardwalk along river – TIR approved the trail
    - Splash Pad – Contract awarded to ABC – now looking to store some of the equipment for the winter, hoping to break ground in the spring
    - Public Works Building (Old Post Office) – Air quality testing has been completed, awaiting findings
    - PAC meeting to free up town owned properties for affordable housing
    - EMO – Covid 19 – Plan has been updated, will circulate to Council

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- Covid 19 cases – 287 today, maximum was 297 in a day previously
- Concerned with the ongoing rise in cases, especially Omicron
- Dangerous and Unsightly – Eight investigations ongoing. Town of Truro hopefully to assist with capacity issues
- Digital Signage – Quotes have been received for digital signage in the downtown, Deadline for RFP applications is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Federal Grants – Examining many options, opportunities ranging from 50-75%
- Perry Lake taking a life on of its own – Stewiacke River Crossing – 24-Unit apartment building nearing approval stage. ProTX Wellness Center Approved next to Jessy's Pizza. Working on a major review of the proposed Commercial C-2 site with planned expansion opportunities for vacant land along Highway 102
- Library Opportunity – FCM call – very interesting call
- Tornado – still working with province to hopefully get funding for those severely affected by the Tornado
- Consolidation Review – Working with Province on a presentation, plus a review of tax rates pre and post amalgamation for those municipalities that have dissolved. Planning to monitor the Antigonish Town and County review process. Working with Mayor Lloy and Finance Manager Randi Buchi
- Council In-Person Meetings – In talks with Royal Canadian Legion (Allyson Young). Hope to have an answer soon but also watching Covid numbers
- Community Centre – Siding – In Capital Fiscal Year 2021-22 plans
- Outdoor Rink – Examining options for the former church lot
- Being interviewed by the Mass Casualty Commission in the near future
- Public Housing – Cobequid Housing – Reviewing our process
- TCPEP Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC) – Committee member
- Truro Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP) – Stewiacke representative on this committee
- Regional Business Development – Representing Stewiacke on this group for Colchester Region in a pan regional approach – 104 Northside 2200 Acre Industrial Site – take advantage of railway and river
- Former NSLC Building – Should be listed with a broker soon. Looking at access issue.
- Approval from TIR to put boardwalk along river by Hwy 102
- Councillor Commo questioned if St Andrews St property with infestation being demolished? CAO Bogle replied with the fact that we are working to get the owners property out and looking at demolition to be paid for with bank and insurance company

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- ii. Public Works – Jeff Sibley
  - CAO Dale Bogle stated Jeff was unable to make it
  
- iii. Recreation – Josh Hilton
  - Discussed how the signage on the Splash Pad will not work as it stretching the logos too much and it is distorting them
  - Councillor Creelman asked if the ½ Way sign could be used for one of the features at the Splash Pad...Josh will look into it
  - 4 December was very successful starting with the breakfast at the Legion.
  - Food Drive was a hit and filled the Fire Trucks
  - Christmas Tree lighting was best yet, close to 500 people, despite the frigid temperatures
  
- iv. Planning – Grant Cooke
  - CAO Dale Bogle stated that Grant is having a reaction to his booster shot and is unable to attend the meeting
  
- v. Financial – Randi Buchi
  - Councillor Creelman asked if Debenture for Solar Field included fence, Randi confirmed that it did not.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey:

***I so move to approve the Staff Reports for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Combined Council Meeting as presented.***

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- b. Terms of Reference – New Library – Deferred to January 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- c. 134 main St/Proposed Amendments – Site Plan Approval – Deferred to January 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- d. Land Use By-law – Keeping of Horses – Deferred to January 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- e. Proposed Amendment to the Land Use By-law – Rezoning from C-2 to R3B – Councillor Commo would like deferred to January 2022 when she has confirmed information on the prospective project, as Mayor Lloy and Councillor Commo could not locate the motion for 9.d. stating that “staff are hereby directed to set the date of the public hearing for these amendments”
- f. Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate – Councillor Creelman read the Debenture.

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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to approve the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate as presented.***

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- g. Dog/Animal Control – Legal council verified Section 14.2, no RFP required and we can move forward with SPCA as it is a non-profit organization. Defer until January Committee of the Whole Meeting when we have actual adjusted contract in hand.
- h. TCPEP Funding Renewal - \$3900 will remain, we are looking to continue on for another 3 years. Councillor Creelman added that to continue with TCPEP would be good for Stewiacke.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

***I so move to approve the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP) for Funding Renewal for another three years as presented***

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## **10. By-laws and Policies**

- a. Commercial Tax Refund – Councillor Creelman read that the review is due in July this year and that we proceed with another 4 years due to the growth in Perry Lake.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

***I so move to Council to approve the extension of By-law 2018-24 with a review slated for July 2026***

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## **11. Citizen Comments**

Terry – Thanked us for all our hard work and wished us all Happy Holidays!

Pam – Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

## **12. Mayor Report**

Mayor Lloy:

- 1 December      Stewiacke Fire Department Executive Meeting & Group Photo
  - 2 December      Business & Tourism Zoom Meeting  
REMAC Meeting in Truro
  - 4 December      Tree Lighting & MC  
Various events around town  
Horse Wagon rides
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	Big River Café – Snack and talk to Vendors at Craft Fair
	Legion amazing breakfast
	Stuff a Fire Truck
	Shout out to Stewiacke Community Meals
	Shout out to Josh for all the hard work, it was fantastic
6 December	Met with CAO Dale Bogle and Larry Gibson and partners regarding Perry Lake
	Evening National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
8 December	HR Committee Meeting and met with CAO Dale Bogle
	Visited well water site
9 December	Year end release with Saltwire to be published either January 29 <sup>th</sup> or the first week of December?
13 December	Truro Chamber of Commerce
15 December	Chaired and attended PAC Zoom

Thank you staff, Council and Volunteers for all your hard work and wish you all the best these holidays  
Merry Christmas

### Deputy Mayor Report

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Josh, fantastic event on December 4<sup>th</sup>, was wonderful to see all the people out and about again.

- Last week met with NS Housing Staff
- Attended 2 - 3 hour sessions on Unconscious Bias offered by CEHPL to staff and board members
- Stewiacke Community Meals has been awarded a grant for \$2000 for Edible Landscapes
- 2 December – REMAC
- 8 December – HR Meeting
- 2 December – Business & Tourism Meeting

Merry Christmas and thank you all, we work together as a team and look forward to in-person meetings again.

### 13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz

- Tree Lighting was a wonderful event
- Regional Accessibility – in touch with and looking at getting the Regional Accessibility plan in place and there is a survey on Facebook

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- Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays

Councillor Creelman

- 8 December – HR Meeting
- 2 December – Business & Tourism Meeting
- Met with Randi discussing policies and fees
- MLA tour parts of our trails – ½ way maker and new trail under highway
- Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas

Councillor Commo

- Struck home was the Unconscious Bias that the Library put on, really enlightening
- Merry Christmas to everyone
- Congratulations to Councillor Creelman's Curling team who won the 55+ and will be heading to Kamloops in July!!

Councillor Ramsey

- Offered good wishes to everyone over the holidays

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

NIL

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

NIL

#### **16. Adjournment**

Adjournment called at 8:03pm.