



**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
Hybrid – Council Chambers and via Zoom, Stewiacke, NS

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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 7:07pm

Suzanne Lutz

Susan Creelman

Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Pam Osborne

Staff:

Erin Richard

Leah Bennett

Jeff Sibley

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Removal of item 9.h. as there was no meeting to decide

5.b. was already approved on May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Combined Council Meeting as amended***

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Council Meeting Minutes 2023 04 27 – defer minutes to listen again



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b. Special Council Meeting Minutes 2023 05 02 – were approved May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Council meeting

c. Council Meeting Minutes 2023 05 25 – date on number 3 was April 27<sup>th</sup> instead of May 25<sup>th</sup>.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting as amended.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Announcements / Proclamations  
NIL

7. Presentations  
NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence  
NIL

9. Business

a. Temporary Borrowing Resolution

Deputy Mayor Chapman read the Temporary Borrowing Resolution aloud.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Osborne:

***I so move to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution as presented June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Council Meeting***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Committee Appointments

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to approve the following appointments to vacant committees effective immediately:***

***Councillor Lutz to the Audit Committee***



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***Councillor Osborne to By-law & Policy Committee  
Deputy Mayor Chapman to Solid Waste Committee  
Councillor Osborne to the Library Board***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. 101 Kitchener St Demo Extension

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Osborne:

***I so move to approve the extension of demolition of 101 Kitchener St until August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented, with the conditions that the site be secured from the public entering the property is cleaned up including the accessory building.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- d. Notice to rescind the motion to reduce the number of Councillors

Question was brought up if we have written confirmation in regards for rescinding the motion and Mayor Lloy stated he would find out if that was the case and would bring back to meeting in July.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to approve to rescind approval for the Municipal Boundary review application to reduce the number of councillors from 6 to 4, dated November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- e. Signing Authority

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

***I so move to approve to appoint Erin Richard, Director of Community Development, as Second Administrative signing authority***

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f. Banking Resolutions

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the increase in the credit card borrowing facility with the RBC from \$25,000 to \$30,000***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to approve the current operating overdraft with the RBC of \$250,000***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

g. Well Water PCAP (Provincial Capital Assistance Program)

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the application for funding of the Well Water Study, phase 5, from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program in the amount of \$200,000 + HST***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

h. Library Architectural Tenders – omitted as no meeting to decide

i. HR Policy

This was in regards to change the on-call to \$100 and to implement the range for CPI to between 2% - 5% for salaries.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

***I so move to amend the HR Policy section 34-01 increasing on-call to \$100 per week and section 36-01 including a salary range cap of 2% - 5% following CPI for Nova Scotia***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

j. Colchester County Council Meeting – Discussion regarding joint Police Advisory Board

Mayor Lloy referenced the letter from Christine Blair and suggested they break for summer, Mayor Blair wants to meet both Councils. Interim CAO Buchi wants to bring forward for discussion. Suggesting in August, Special Council Meeting. Stewiacke did not have enough



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participation, many times couldn't meet quorum and that is factual.

Some of Council concerns were:

- Ensure the minister is aware we are not asking for this
- If Colchester wants to talk, lets talk
- Has a letter been sent to stop this process from Stewiacke
- Do we want to continue with RCMP or a municipal service
- Stewiacke was not the only ones who didn't show preventing quorum at meetings
- Were there benefits prior to joining county
- Working together would equal less meetings
- Joining forces would give us a louder voice
- Cumberland County are also looking at their arrangements with the RCMP

Consensus is agreed upon to meet with Colchester.

**10. By-laws and Policies**

- a. 2004-19 Human Resource Policy Proposed Amendment Mar 2023

Already addressed with the motion earlier.

**11. Citizen Comments**

Just one asking if Roseanne Chapman could speak up

**12. Mayor Report**

- June 8-10 - Attended the Atlantic Mayor's Conference, report sent to Council
- June 13 – Attended Special Council Meeting CBCL
- June 14 – Erin & I met with Sandy Martin, owner of MGM in regards to their Grand Opening June 28<sup>th</sup>
- June 16 – HR meeting with Mr Hartling
- June 19 – Authorized a release to inform the citizens of the Town of Stewiacke staff will be available at the Community Center May 28, 5 – 7pm, to assist any citizens requiring support to complete the Boundary Review survey
- June 19 – Attended the ISANS AGM in Halifax

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June 20 – I attended the breakfast with the Susan Corkum-Greek Minister of Economic Development hosted by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

June 21 – Planning & Advisory Committee meeting did not have quorum, met with Mrs Richard for a briefing

June 22 – Attended the TCPEP AGM in Truro

June 22 – Attended the Coronation celebration of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla at Government House

- The next Council meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> and will be a combined meeting
- Thank you to our staff for the amazing work they do on a daily basis
- Tomorrow at 2pm the Progressive Flag will be raised at Dennis Park

#### Deputy Mayor Report

Congratulations to all the potential Grads from FCA from the Town of Stewiacke  
Congrats also to Jade MacDougall who recently graduated from St FX with a Bachelor of Science

Attended breakfast meeting at the Chamber of Commerce

Attended Audit Committee meeting at the Colchester East Hants Public Library in Truro

Attended HR Committee meeting

Attended CBCL information session

Nice to see the Splash Pad open and being used

The digital sign has had lots of positive comments

The Progressive flag will be raised at 2pm on Friday

Would like to send out condolences to Susan Smith and family on the passing of her mother who was a teacher in Stewiacke for many years

#### 13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – Attended the Regional Accessibility Committee for Colchester County although there was not quorum

Wanted to say congrats to all the grads and all the kids who are grading

Councillor Ramsey – Condolences for Maude as she taught me as well

Councillor Osborne – Attended breakfast as well



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Was at the Lieutenant Governor's Garden Party  
Want to send my sincere condolences to Susan Smith and her husband Chris and family,  
Mrs Smith was my teacher

Councillor Rogers-Laing – Would like to thank Erin and team  
Lifepoint Church and the Library for the event on Friday at the Community Center

Councillor Creelman – Addition to the things I attended with everyone else  
Attended the TCPEP AGM  
A new board member on TCPEP is going to be Rene Verboom from Big River Café – nice  
to see Stewiacke have a voice at TCPEP  
Rhubarb Festival was very well done and great attendance  
Felt for the musicians on Saturday afternoon, was great music but a poor turnout

14. In-Camera Session  
NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration  
NIL

16. Adjournment called at 7:42pm

Read and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023



**Mayor**



**CAO**

