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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: Susan Creelman
Suzanne Lutz

Rebecca Rogers-Laing
Pam Osborne

Staff: Kevin Matheson
Erin Richard

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Additions of:

8.a Letter received from Chad Ramsey

9.j Council Vacancy

9.k Stewiacke Fire Department Loan Guarantee Resolution

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

I so move to approve the agenda as amended, adding in 8.a Letter received from Chad Ramsey, 9.j Council Vacancy, and 9.k Stewiacke Fire Department Loan Guarantee Resolution, for February 22nd, 2024 – Council Meeting

MOTION CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

a) Council Meeting Minutes 2024 01 25

On the motion of Councillor Lutz and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the minutes as presented for January 25th, 2024, Council Meeting.

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Chad Ramsey 2024 02 22

9. Business

- a. Policy Advisory Board
Deferred to March Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b. Voting Method for Municipal election
Deferred to March Committee of the Whole Meeting
- c. Returning Officer
Verbal updated provided by CAO Matheson.
- d. Recreation Committee Citizen Appointee

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move the appointment of Greg Connell to the Parks, Recreation and Events Committee.

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- e. Final Phase 4 Report – WSP
Verbal update provided by CAO Matheson
- f. RFP- Accessible Washrooms at Committee Centre

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve the award of the “Accessibility Compliant” project to Global Construction (Maritimes) in the amount of \$115,294.96 without HST.

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- g. RFP- Room Divider at Community Centre

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Rogers-Laing:

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I so move to accept the bid "Option 1" in the amount of \$17,450.00 plus HST submitted by Creative Sport Solutions.

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h. CAO Recruitment Update
Verbal update provided by CAO Matheson.

i. Audio-video of Council and Committee meetings
Verbal update provided by CAO Matheson.

j. Council Vacancy

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move that Town Council leave the Council seat vacant until the regular Municipal Election in October 2024.

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k. Stewiacke Fire Department Loan Guarantee Resolution

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

I so move to approve the Stewiacke Fire Department loan guarantee resolution as read.

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10. By-law and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

February 10: I attended the public participation meeting @ the Community Center facilitated by TOS Planner Grant Cooke. Approximately 60 residents attended.

February 13: I enjoyed the pancake supper @ the Stewiacke Community Center. Thank you to our staff, Stewiacke Community Meals, council members & volunteers who made this possible.

February 21: I chaired the Planning & Advisory Committee meeting.

February 22: I attended the Grand Opening for the new Foodland in the Perry Lale Development. Congratulations to Sherry & Darren Schriver & staff on this momentous accomplishment. You embody Stewiacke Proud.

February 22: I attended the Joint Regional Transportation Agency public presentation in Truro.

** Thank you to our staff & public works for the work you do. You are appreciated.

** Weekly briefing continues with Mr. Matheson.

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13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Pam Osborne

On February 10th I attended the Public Participation Meeting held at the Community Center. The meeting was very well attended with over 60 people present. The conversation was very informative and respectful.

On February 22nd, I attended the Grand Opening of Foodland

Councillor Susan Creelman

The past 2 weeks for me as a Councillor have been full of highs and lows.

Public engagement sessions and last night's PAC meetings were well attended, many concerns voiced and we as a council will have some hard decisions to make.

Shrove Tuesday saw 2 well attended events at the Community Centre showing wonderful community spirit.

Yesterday I attended a session on the marketing levy as it moves forward to promote our Colchester Region.

Later yesterday I found out Councillor Ramsey would no longer be on Council and I am disappointed with the way the issue was brought forward.

I want to recognize his 11.5 years of service and thank him for his efforts in trying to make Stewiacke a better place.

And finally today saw a high with the opening of Foodland. It is a beautiful store and I thank Darren and Sherry Schriver for their belief in and support of Stewiacke.

14. CAO Report

Written report submitted.

15. In-Camera Session

NIL

16. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

17. Adjournment



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Adjournment called at 7:42pm.

Read and approved this 17 day of April, 2024

Mayor

CAO

