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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:	Mary Commo Susan Creelman	Chad Lutz Rebecca Rogers-Laing
Staff:	Dale Bogle, CAO Randi Buchi Josh Hilton Leah Bennett	Grant Cooke Jeff Sibley

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Councillor Ramsey

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Mayor Lloy noted the following changes to the Agenda:

- The date on the Agenda should read Thursday February 10th, 2022 not 2021
- The presentation by David Phillips TCPEP will be moved to Committee of the Whole meeting in March 2022 due to scheduling issues
- Under Business – vi. Business & Tourism can be removed
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On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo:

I so move to approve the Agenda with the forementioned changes for February 10th, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Minutes for January 13th, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting as presented.

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. John A. Lohr - Call for Applications – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

9. Business

a. Staff Reports

i. Administration – CAO Dale Bogle

- Riverside / Lewis / Pleasant Hill – Randi working on proposal, will discuss in Business
- Well Source Study – 12:30pm the pump was turned off and the water table dropped less than 1 meter, very exciting and historic for the town
- Accessibility Plan – Mailout going out and on website and social media
- Boardwalk along river – Josh is working on planning
- Splash Pad - Waiting on arrival of equipment
- EMO – Covid-19 – Rapid test's will be available again next week for pick up at the Community Center
- Digital Signage – Still going through RFP's – lot of information
- Federal Grants – are ongoing. The Queen's Jubilee will bring more offers
- Perry Lake – House received BP for \$350,000 and the next morning sold for excess of \$414,000!
- Council In-Person Meetings – Hopefully soon!
- Former NSLC Building – Nothing yet.
- Probably on pace to exceed \$20 million which is what Truro did last year

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Councillor Lutz – Water – will we get engineer to give the gallon rates etc?

CAO Bogle – We will be getting an engineer to have solid numbers.

Councillor Lutz – What size development would these waters allow?

Councillor Commo – Will wastewater facility hold?

CAO Bogle – The engineers will confirm.

Councillor Lutz – We need traffic lights and Highway 2 and Main St.

CAO Bogle – I agree that they are needed.

Councillor Commo – Regional Business Development, is this an offshoot of TCPEP?

CAO Bogle – Small group of Business Development Officers that meets once a month for an hour to learn about different things. For example, today was a meeting discussing extending the runway at the Debert Airport to handle commercial airliners. A new group which is operational arm sort of TCPEP

Councillor Creelman – Is the solar field live now?

CAO Bogle – It will be on Monday, the meter was delayed but it is ready to go now.

Councillor Creelman – Might be a good opportunity for some positive publicity

CAO Bogle – Completely agrees

ii. Public Works – Jeff Sibley

- Dale already spoke on well, any further question?
- Councillor Creelman wanted to give a shout out to Jeff and staff for doing a great job

iii. Recreation – Josh Hilton

- Feb 17th 11-2 there will be another Rapid Test Kit Pick Up at the Community Center
- Erin was in and can't wait to come back, she is looking at returning on March 7
- Deputy Mayor Chapman – How many summer students will we be hiring this year? Josh – We will hire 2-3, will see closer to summer in regards to restrictions.
- Councillor Creelman – I went to last rapid test – well organized and showed there was a definite need, thank you!

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iv. Planning – Grant Cooke

- The Planning Advisory Committee met on January 26, 2022 not 2021
- The houses would be 20ft x 30ft and the apartment buildings would be 2 or 3 stories high
- Councillor Creelman – Development on St Andrews, what are the next steps to determine feasibility? Grant – PAC would have a public consultation to get feed back from the residents. Would then use feedback to bring to Council to determine if we need to rezone.
- Councillor Creelman – Rezoning of horses, when will we have the public hearing? Grant – Will group together as advertising is quite costly.

v. Financial – Randi Buchi

- Councillor Commo - Library showing in 2024/2025, I think this should be put back into next year's budget. Randi – the funding takes time, but if we get it, we can push it forward to 2023/2024.
- Councillor Commo – Outdoor skating rink \$100,000? Josh – It's called Easy Ice. Millbrook has one that I am going to go and have a look at. The whole system is around \$70,000 but would give a higher quality rink.
- Councillor Commo - \$50,000 for transportation plan? Is that the transportation study? Randi – Yes, it is.
- Deputy Mayor Chapman – Accessibility Compliance - \$250,000..what does that include? Randi – Will cover in business.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

I so move to receive the Staff Reports as presented for February 10th, 2022 – Committee of the Whole

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Strategic Planning Update

- CAO Bogle suggested a special meeting with Council and public to review and have community engagement.
- Councillor Creelman suggested we set a proposed date to which CAO Bogle responded that he would like input from Council and Councillor Lutz also added she wants this meeting to happen.



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- Councillor Creelman agreed and next Thursday February 17th, 2022 at 6:30pm was agreed upon.

- c. Resolution of Council to prioritize capital projects
 - Randi stated that we need resolution for all 3 projects, then motions.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to endorse and give priority to the project to refurbish Riverside Avenue, Pleasant Hill and Lewis Street, the cost of which has been estimated at \$5,800,000 and to apply the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for funding to cost share with the federal and provincial governments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Capital Budget Approval

- Randi stated that we do have a loose list but have a prioritization list linked to the previous list
- Councillor Creelman – The ballfield lights – to correct electrical or taller poles? Jeff- \$400,000 might include poles but would include fixtures. Actually, looking at a couple of options.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Creelman:

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approves the 2022 – 2023 General Capital Budget totaling \$6,187,469 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approves the 2023 – 2026 General Capital Budgets totaling \$2,915,000 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approves the 2022 – 2023 Water Utility Capital Budget totaling \$1,182,305 as presented.

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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approves the 2023 – 2026 Water Utility Capital Budgets totaling \$4,060,000 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Operating Budget Review

- Insurance – Councillor Commo brought up the fact that Insurance rates are going up 10-15% or even higher. Randi will check into that but stated that last year we had a 20% increase.
- Student Program Wages – Update under \$20,000 to try to add one more student
- Parks & Grounds Upgrade – Bleachers are completed and not included in Budget
- Ballfields & Parks – With an additional \$5000 for scoreboard
- Revenue for Town Days and Rhubarb Fest included – budget is based on return to normal regarding covid.
- Councillor Creelman – Tourism has a \$6000 budget but Business & Tourism has a \$0 budget? Randi – They are both combined under the Tourism budget.
- Biggest decision for us is – are we going to keep 10% increase in assessed values?
- I recommend that we take off the 3.5% Market change and we could reduce the taxes.
- Councillor Creelman – Will the tax reduction be for both commercial and residential? As some commercial properties are already receiving the tax discount. Is it possible to have a document with 2021/2022/2023 to show all numbers including with the \$0.05 discount? Randi agreed and will send it out prior to Council Meeting.

10. By-laws and Policies

a. By-law and Policy Report

- 2002-13 Fees Associated with Dog Control Policy is a less intricate Policy of By-law 2002-12. We would like to make the policy redundant as we are streamlining the By-laws and Policies to reduce duplication.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

I so move that we recommend to Council to remove and eliminate Policy 2002-13 Fees Associated with Dog Control as presented.

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11. Citizen Comments

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12. Mayor Report

- Infrastructure strategic planning discussion with Mr Bogle and staff
- Joint Council meeting with Municipality of Colchester Council
- Business & Tourism Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Two site location visits at the well water site and another tomorrow at completion
- Monday morning briefings at Town Hall with Mr Bogle
- Nomination forms for Order of Canada will be forwarded to Council
- HR Committee (Myself, Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman) met with Mr Bogle
- SFM Meetings with Mayors, Wardens and CAO's yesterday
- Very Important to note, Congratulations to Councillor Commo, who is now elected as Northern Region Chairperson of Northern Region Solid Waste Committee. Councillor Commo has been a member of this committee since 2014.

Always reach out to those in need.

Deputy Mayor Report

- Met with Councillor Creelman regarding International Women's Day 2022 project – the theme this year is Break the Bias
- Business & Tourism Meeting
- Mass Casualty
- Attended 2 Library Meetings
- HR Meeting
- Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
- Population increased 13% to 1557 (in 2016 pop 1373)

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman

- 2022 has had lots of sadness with many passings and bad weather not helping either
- On a brighter note – There is a FaceBook site called Geneology of Stewiacke and Surrounding Areas, which has great old photos and history

14. In-Camera Session

Motion received from Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing to move In-Camera at 8:13pm.

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Motion received from Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman to move out of In-Camera at 9:10pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 9:11pm.

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