



**Before we begin our meeting, we would like to acknowledge that Stewiacke is in Mi'kmaki the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.**

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**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Attendance**

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors:

Mary Commo  
Susan Creelman  
Suzanne Lutz

Rebecca Rogers-Laing  
Chad Ramsey

Staff:

Dale Bogle, CAO  
Josh Hilton  
Leah Bennett – Recording Secretary

Randi Buchi  
Grant Cooke

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Mayor George Lloy  
Jeff Sibley

**3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda**

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

**Moved that the agenda for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be approved as amended to include verbal report update on Library Building Committee, under Business**

**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 Councillor Ramsey:

**Moved that the minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Council Meeting be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **6. Announcements / Proclamations**

NIL

## **7. Presentations**

## **8. Written Petitions and Correspondence**

- a. Rebate Programs for Low Income Nova Scotians
- b. 2021-21 Annual Report – Colchester – East Hants Public Library
- c. CCRCE's 20200-21 Financial Statements as well as the 2021-22 Budget

## **9. Business**

### **a. Staff Reports**

#### **i. Administration**

- Still awaiting ICIP funding opportunities, haven't been out since Covid
- Well Water Contract will be awarded on October 14, 2021 – Defer to Business
- Will touch on Traffic Study shortly, will become part of strategic plan involving a transportation study
- Accessibility Plan – Council has approved the regional Terms of Reference
- Stewiacke will be part of regional plan including Truro, Bible hill and Colchester County
- Public Works Building (Old Post Office) -two options for checking air quality
- Looking at Covid Plan for employees, all to be double vaccinated
- Dangerous and Unsightly has now grown to 10, 1 in process of being demolished
- Stewiacke Growth Review – another \$1.1 million added yesterday
- Perry Lake – Stewiacke River Crossing is extremely busy, 24-unit apartment building nearing approval stage
- Mass Casualty Commission postponed until end of January 2022
- Working with Province to hopefully get funding for those severely affected by the tornado
- Talking with Allyson Young regarding in person meetings at the Royal Canadian Legion, hope to have an answer soon
- Arrangements made for mould and IAQ (internal Air Quality) assessment
- Old NSLC – hoping to hear back shortly

#### **ii. Public Works**

- Jeff was unable to make it
- The hanging baskets have been removed for the season
- Councillor Ramsey was unaware that Jeff was flushing at night and said he has had no water issues
- Asphalt patching will be done before winter

- iii. **Recreation**
  - Josh is still in a stalemate with TIR not contacting him back.
  - All documents were submitted in August regarding extending the walking trail
  - Working on Rental Agreement regarding vaccinations for the Community Centre, Ball Fields, Soccer Field etc
- iv. **Planning**
  - Grant Cook has nothing to add since last meeting
- v. **Financial**
  - With additional permits added this week, we are now at \$7,939,306
  - On future graphs will add what that will equal to in additional taxes
  - Cancelling Records Management Software as it was \$30,000 initially and annual maintenance is \$8000 - \$9000, going to utilize Diamond
- vi. **Business & Tourism**
  - Continuing to meet although Jim McMorran is no longer able to be a member.
  - Acknowledgement of Jim's years of contribution
  - Small Business Week 18-22 October will be featured on FaceBook, please like and share
- vii. **Library Building Committee**
  - CAO Dale Bogle and Tiffany Bartlett (CEH Library) looking for County to contribute 40% of Library costs. Next meeting is in 6 weeks and will hopefully have an answer by then.

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

**Moved to receive the staff reports for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Regional Accessibility RFP**

- Consultant for our share of the Regional Accessibility RFP is \$6250.
- Shared equally with Truro, Bible Hill, Tatamagouche and Stewiacke

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

**Moved to recommend to Council to approve our share of the Regional Accessibility RFP which is \$6250 as presented**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**c. Remembrance Day Committee of the Whole**

- CAO Dale Bogle recommends that we move the Committee of the Whole Meeting that falls on Remembrance Day this year be held on the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey:

**Moved to recommend to Council to move the Committee of the Whole for November as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Solar Panel Fencing**

- All panels are installed and ready to go
- Inspector suggested we erect a fence prior to turning on
- Going to wait on quote before taking to Council

**e. Halloween**

- Josh suggested Dennis Park again this year where the kids come to us
- Josh is willing to do it, last year local businesses donated treats as well
- Hold on Halloween afternoon

**f. Christmas**

- Tree Lighting
- Fireworks
- 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December
- Checking vaccine records as per Covid restrictions

**g. Electronic Sign**

- Place on “Squabble Green”
- Come in 16mm (\$41,000+) and 10mm (\$45,000+) sizes
- 10mm provides more clarity
- Promote Events, weather etc
- Grant funding coming in future as well
- \$75,000 in Covid funds to get us up and running
- Great Communication tool to reach out to residents

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

**Moved to recommend to Council to approve Electronic Sign as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**h. NSFM Fall Conference**

- Anyone interested is to let CAO Dale Bogle know and he will register you.

**i. Strategic Plan**

- Infrastructure
- Tourism
- Climate Change
- Affordable Housing

Holding sessions every Wednesday afternoon to gage and forecast as the town is growing so fast. Want to include councillors. For example, the 72-acre property could house as many as 140 homes.

**j. Transportation / Traffic Study**

- Grant is in discussions with D.O.T. as Infrastructure is a major factor to how we continue to grow.

**k. Future Council Meetings**

- In person meetings can be held at Town Hall, Community Centre or the Legion
- Recommend Legion as it is nearby is we need anything
- Legion currently in use on Thursday evenings
- Next Covid level will open up Legion on Thursdays
- Need new sound system to do in person, this has been previously approved

**l. Splash Pad Update**

- RFP brought in two bids, one American and one local.
- Scaled back the apparatus with the local bid and they reduced the price
- We have \$100,000 from the Town, \$80,000 in a private donation and \$42,000 in Grants that Josh acquired
- Local company has several installations in NS already. They will also train staff on how to use and maintain equipment as well

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

**Moved to recommend to Council for approval for funding of Splash Pad for ABC Recreation in the amount of \$235,360.39 as presented.**

**10. By-laws and Policies**

**a. Mandatory Vaccine Policy**

- Council, Contractors, Suppliers etc to show proof of vaccination should be something we should look at in our office.
- Possibility of Condition of Employment for new hires

**b. HR Policy Amendment – New Statutory Holiday**

- Councillor Creelman in Section 604 of HR Policy added - i. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

**Moved to recommend to Council to approve to add National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. Citizen Comments**

- NIL

**12. Mayor Report**

- Deputy Mayor Chapman read the Mayor Report
- Deputy Mayor Chapman attended:  
HR Committee Meeting  
Two Library Committee Meetings

**13. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Creelman-

Tim Hortons Smile Cookies raised \$7597

Truro News recognized Councillor Rogers-Laing's nephew as he is a great hockey player

Sandy Kent passed away

Councillor Commo-

Waste meeting

Library meeting

Business & Tourism Sub Committee formed

**14. In-Camera Session**

**a. Legal**

Went into "in-camera" 8:31pm, motion by Councillor Commo and Susan Creelman, all in favour, nobody opposed.

Out of "in-camera" at 8:43pm, motion by Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Rogers-Laing, all in favour, nobody opposed.

**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

- NIL

**16. Adjournment at 8:44pm**

