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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  
Chad Ramsey (7:20pm)

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

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Councillor Commo  
Councillor Rogers-Laing

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Creelman:  
*I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Lutz:  
*I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.*  
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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

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## 7. Presentations

- a. Greg Connell representing Mastodon Ridge and Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre  
Want to contribute to cleaning up ½ Way Marker and how to clean it up, maybe flower boxes.  
ACOA offering a funding program Main Street Rediscovery – want to submit application to take advantage for sprucing up the trails and signage.  
If funding is not successful, we should look at contributions to move forward.

## 8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Colchester – East Hants Public Library
- b. John Lohr – 911 Cost Recovery Fund

## 9. Business

### a. Staff Reports

#### i. Administration

- Riverside/Lewis/Pleasant Hill – Awaiting decision from Province
- Well Source Study – Preparing for Phase 4 – 1) Start of permitting  
2) Overview from engineering
- Egress Road – St Andrews to George or Hwy 2 will become part of upcoming strategic plan involving a transportation study.
- Solar for Community Buildings – Can see live feeds to monitor
- Accessibility Plan – Looking for endorsement for Council
- Looking at solar for new builds and retrofits
- Well water drilling plan to assist those not on Town water
- Boardwalk along river – Josh received report from Dalhousie on rising waters, which is in his report
- Splash Pad – Started work today
- Town Owned Properties – Speaking with Grant, PAC had a presentation on affordable housing
- Covid 19 – Covid cases are on the rise again and we have staff impacted with covid
- Rodent Infestation – Dangerous & Unsightly Premise – Eight investigations ongoing. 101 Kitchener in process of being demolished
- Council Orientation and Refresher training – A lot of grant availability



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- Perry Lake - \$11 million in growth last year and currently at \$9 million in growth in 3 ½ months
- All Municipalities in Colchester are putting joint application for funding submitted through the Chamber, collectively for Colchester for \$500,000
- Looking to secure funding to hire a consultant to guide us in what the downtown area should look like
- Library – Have MOU now from Colchester County, looking it over
- Policing Review – Ongoing Study
- Tornado – Continue to work with the province to hopefully get funding for those severely affected by the tornado
- Council in-person meetings – Legion is not an option, worried about covid situation and maybe a hybrid model
- Mass Casualty Commission - Attended MCC on April 11,2022. Will be required to attend additional sessions.
- Digital Sign – Business item
- Regional Business Development – Representing the Town on this committee – Zoom meeting today
- Former NSLC – Have been asked for tax certificate and zoning letter, will probably be sold soon
- Shubenacadie Canal and Stewiacke River potential project – Group would like to partner with Stewiacke
- Met with Mastodon Ridge last Friday
- Want to spend time on water, will have for Council in next 2-4 weeks
- Speaking with Grant regarding traffic study, spoke with MLA regarding Hwy 2 and Main St

ii. Financial – Randi Buchi

- Collection contract expires end of 2022
- Recommending the removal of spring and fall clean up due to two large items allowed on garbage collection day
- Working to modernize or expand our collections

iii. Recreation –

Erin Richard

- Discussion on maintenance of playground equipment and viability of keeping high maintenance equipment
- Deputy Mayor Chapman really liked the Easter Egg Hunt

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- Councillor Creelman felt the Walkability Report is very elaborate but at the same time very good.
- Deputy Mayor Chapman is happy to see the Splash Pad moving along and is looking forward to seeing the kids enjoying it.

iv. Planning – Grant Cooke

- Deputy Mayor Chapman would like to know how many more homes can St Andrews St handle before we get an egress road.
- Will be doing a traffic study, hasn't heard of a specific number. Timberlea has a subdivision with 100's of homes with one road.
- Councillor Creelman questioned if it is the population on the street or the length of the street that would dictate the need for the egress road.
- Will look into it but thinks it is just the amount of homes.

v. Public Works – Jeff Sibley (CAO Bogle spoke on Jeff's behalf)

- Councillor Ramsey questioned the snow budget
- We did go over our budget due to the snowstorms every weekend

On the motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to receive the Staff Reports as presented for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.***

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b. Strategic Plan – next steps – vision – discussion

- Waiting for ICIP results
- Water and engineering to begin Phase 4 for metering and treatment plant

c. 50 St Andrews St Update

- Working with solicitor and owner to get personal items removed.
- Will have more to report by next Council Meeting
- Demo is moving ahead on schedule



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d. Moving Accessibility Plan – Regional Accessibility Plan

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Lutz:

*I so move to recommend to Council to approve the Moving Accessibility Plan – Regional Accessibility Plan as presented.*

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e. Digital Sign Contract

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey:

*I so move to recommend to Council to award the Digital Sign Contract to Mattatall Signs in the amount of \$28,238.65 + tax.*

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**10. By-laws and Policies**

NIL

**11. Citizen Comments**

NIL

**12. Mayor Report**

March 25 – Attended the Rules of Order and Meeting Process Workshop – Elected Officials in New Minas

April 11 – Attended by Zoom the Inclusion & Diversity Committee meeting

April 13 – Meeting with Sherry Martell from the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce & Mr. Bogle

Weekly briefings with Mr. Bogle continues

In the office each Wednesday morning

**Deputy Mayor Report**

- Attended HR meeting
- Business & Tourism meeting



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**13. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Creelman

- TCPEP CEO David Phillips and Matthew Berrigan joined Councillor Commo and myself on a tour around town and they were amazed by the growth from the last visit in the fall
- Walk & Wheel with Josh
- Business & Tourism
- HR meeting

Councillor Ramsey

- Business & Tourism meeting was one of the best ones ever

Councillor Lutz

- Attended Diversity & Inclusion meeting

**14. In-Camera Session**

On the motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Creelman:

***I so move to move In-Camera at 7:59pm.***

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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to move Out of Camera at 8:18pm.***

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**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

**16. Adjournment**

- 8:19pm