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1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Susan Creelman (7:01)
Chad Ramsey

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Randi Buchi
Leah Bennett

Grant Cooke
Erin Richard

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Mayor Lloy
Councillor Commo

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

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

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for June 9th, 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 Rogers-Laing and Councillor Creelman:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for April 14th, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.
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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for May 12th, 2022 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

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7. Presentations

a. MNP Presentation –

- 7:05pm – 7:35pm Darren Chaisson went over the Audit Report
- Councillor Creelman questioned if we were in good financial shape for a small town to which Darren confirmed.
- Councillor Creelman also questioned Accounts Receivable in relation to Revenue and Darren also confirmed that there are no red flags and nothing concerning.
- Darren thanked Randi for all her time and effort with all the hard work that is involved with the audit.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Hauler Letter – Black Bags
- b. Business Excellence Award 2022 – Mastadon Ridge – Stewiacke, NS
- c. NSFM Organizational Change – Deputy Mayor Chapman read aloud

9. Business

a. Staff Reports

i. Administration

- Riverside/Lewis/Pleasant Hill – Still waiting on ICIP
- Working with Randi to get water from well into homes
- Working on Solar Field online so public can view
- Halfway marker cuts through town property near ballfield which would be good for tourism
- Amalgamation review is ongoing with Council
- Town owned properties – will discuss at PAC to bring to Council
- Fall training session planned by EMO regarding amateur radio system
- Covid appears to be easing and most restrictions lifted now
- Rodent infestation being brought to Council on 23 June 2022, currently working with lawyer
- Digital signage is being covered in Business
- We have received a small Federal Grant from ACOA for tents and farmers markets
- Our growth for this year has surpassed last year's total already – we think we will surpass \$20 million this year

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- Traffic counts are received and will bring to next Council
- Splash Pad is complete and we will have an official opening on 22 June 2022
- Great Canadian Dollar Store will be carrying dairy products as well
- In-person meetings can resume when Council advises when to begin them
- Sent some items to Wisconsin for the play about Stewiacke "Halfway There"
- Councillor Lutz questioned damage at the Splash Pad and asked if we have security and was reassured that we do have cameras up for security purposes
- Councillor Creelman asked for an update on 50 St Andrews St – working with Charles on report as owner wants to oppose. Will do presentation on 23 June 2022. Dealing with Health Canada to see what long term effects are from the rodents

ii. Financial – Randi Buchi

- Randi advised Councillor Creelman that the Receivables are mainly due to one customer, the school and it will fall back into line when that is rectified
- Dale wanted to recognize all Randi's hard work

iii. Recreation –

Erin Richard

- Summer program is going great, the response has been almost double of a typical year
- Town Days planning is underway and currently have 7 people. Darren Schriver suggested getting kids to work the BBQ for their teams etc and they can take the proceeds

Josh Hilton

- Dale thanked Erin and Josh on all the hard work, they are always on the go and doing a great job

iv. Planning – Grant Cooke

- Grant read his report to the Councillors

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

- Seasonal staff is doing great
- Despite growth, water use reduced significantly
- Was at a Public Works conference and part was traffic calming
- Calcium Chloride on books to get done if it hasn't been already

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On the motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Creelman:

I so move to receive the Staff Reports as presented for June 9th, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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b. MNP

General Operations:

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

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Consolidated Financial Statements of March 31st, 2022 as presented.

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Water Utility

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Water Utility Financial Statements of March 31st, 2022 as presented.

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c. Digital Sign Contract

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

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the quote for the digital sign to Mattatall Signs in the amount of \$40,845.42 CDN as presented.

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10. By-laws and Policies

Councillor Creelman reviewed the By-law & Policy Report for the Committee of the Whole June 9, 2022.

- Noted that the fees with the lines through them are the current fees and the fees with red underline are what we propose to adjust the new fees to.
- Deputy Mayor Chapman noted that was a lot of work to go through all those
- Councillor Creelman wanted to thank Randi and Jeff for all the hard work

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

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Fees Policy as presented.

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

I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Sewer Connection By law as presented.

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11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

NIL

Deputy Mayor Report

- Attended Town Days meeting
- Rhubarb Festival meeting
- Business & Tourism breakfast
- NSCC Graduation
- Breakfast with MP Stephen Ellis

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman

- Attending United Way Day of Caring meetings
- On the Nominating Committee for TCPEP
- Business & Tourism breakfast
- Explore Central Visitor Guide now available in paper copy

Councillor Rogers-Laing

- Town Days meeting

14. In-Camera Session

NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

- 8:26pm





Committee of the Whole Meeting - **MINUTES**

Thursday, June 9th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom, Stewiacke, NS

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