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1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloy called the meeting to order 7:00pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Councillors: Pam Osborne
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Greg Brown
Erin Richard

Randi Buchi
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Deputy Mayor Chapman

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for September 14th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

Amended minutes from 2023 08 17 9.b. Request for Leave (Councillor Ramsey)

Minutes were incomplete, should have read 'Discussion on whether Councillor Ramsey was asking for leave or ordinary resident'. Adjusted to add the complete sentence.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:

I so move to approve the Minutes as amended for August 17th, 2023 – Combined Council Meeting

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

a. Colchester East Hants Public Library

The library went over their Needs Analysis Report and the benefits and uses of the Library.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

a. Support Letter 'Capital Assistance for the re-siding of the Stewiacke Legion'

9. Business

a. Staff Reports

i. Administration

- Spent most of the last 4 weeks familiarizing with Council and staff
- Met with HR Committee, UARB Public Hearing, Joint Council with Colchester in regards with the Police Advisory Board and the status of the Stewiacke Library project, Joint Regional Transportation Agency Municipal Working Group (Inaugural Meeting), as well as Business & Tourism Committee
- Met with Town Solicitor Charles Thompson, David Phillips (TCPEP), Larry Gibson (Perry Lake Developments), Mayor Lloy and Management Team Meetings
- Councillor Osborne wanted to follow up on the RCMP and their presence, glad to hear you brought up the open house. Follow up on complaint process, how does it work? How long to follow up? A couple of instances, I have replied in writing, one is a cost issue, waiting to get more work together to have the issue taken care of when we are working on similar projects. We will have management meetings to keep updated on status. It is an improvement in being able to respond to residents

ii. Financial

- Randi asked if there were any questions on the documentation provided with our financial status

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- Councillor Creelman asked about the three year change in tax base, is that because we lowered the tax rates? Randi replied, no, it is from the comparison of the UA – Uniform assessment and the CPI.
- Councillor Osborne was curious about the tax sale for 50 St Andrews St, is that likely further down the way? Randi replied it will be but again we did not receive any tenders.

iii. Community Development

- Erin asked if there were any questions on her submitted report
- Councillor Osborne wondering if you had looked at having an open house? Erin stated that as we do not know exactly which route we want to go at this time, so not as of yet
- Councillor Osborne was also wondering about the newsletter, long time ago Councillors were asked for input, any chance of bringing that back to which Erin stated we do have Council Corner and maybe we can take turns. Monthly is better than quarterly if we keep it to one page.
- Councillor Creelman stated that on behalf of Business & Tourism that we would like to participate

iv. Public Works

- Riverside Project has begun, equipment maintenance and ongoing work stated.
- Councillor Creelman stated that it has been noted at Business & Tourism has a sign that is laying in the ditch and has been for several months, to which CAO Brown stated that he knows the person to contact and he will bring it to his attention.
- Councillor Osborne asked the dates for Fall Flushing but we do not have them as of yet. CAO Brown will ask and send out an email.

v. Planning

- Planning Advisory Committee will start regular monthly meetings later this month or early October.
- Working on rezoning for the next residential phase at Perry Lake
- Looking in two areas of the Town that have only one access point to see what remedies may be available

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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:

I so move to receive the Staff Reports as presented for September 14th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Office Closure Christmas

The Town Office will be closing for the Christmas Holidays on December 22nd at noon and will re-open at 9:00am on January 2nd, 2024. Councillor Osborne asked if staff will be using vacation time and Randi confirmed that it was accrued vacation time that the staff use.

c. Fire Department Lease

CAO Brown will bring forward to the next Committee of the Whole with a more detailed report.

d. Permits Issued Update

A chart was included to show the status of the building permits year to date

e. NSFM Code of Conduct Working Group

Expecting a response by September 25, but there is still a lot of work to be done

10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

- 21 Aug – CAO Greg Brown first day
- 22 Aug – Joint Council Meeting in Truro with Colchester Municipal Council to discuss the Police Advisory Board & Library proposal
- 23 Aug – I issued a Happy Birthday wish on behalf of the town, for long time Stewiacke resident, Lloyd Bogle's 97th birthday (which should have read 95th birthday)
- 24 Aug – Attended a meeting with Curtis MacKinnon RCMP in Bible Hill
- 28 Aug – First weekly meeting with Mr Brown



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- 28 Aug – Met with Alana Hirtle of CBDC
- 30 Aug – HR Committee meeting with Mr Brown
- 31 Aug – Issued a statement of good luck on behalf of Stewiacke Town Council to the Stewiacke Storm who hosted the 13U A Tier 3 – Provincial Championships. Congratulations to the Storm for winning the silver medal! A major accomplishment.
- 31 Aug – Signed a letter of support for the Stewiacke Legion for an application for Capital Assistance
- 11 Sept – Weekly meeting with Mr Brown
- 13 Sept – Attended the Feasibility Study for Community Transit meeting
- Mr Brown and I will be meeting each Monday for a briefing of the upcoming week

Welcome to the Town of Stewiacke Mr Brown.

Deputy Mayor Report

NIL

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – nothing

Councillor Ramsey – nothing

Councillor Osborne – nothing

Councillor Rogers-Laing - nothing

Councillor Creelman –

- Had a few questions from residents
- Attended the UARB hearing
- Just wanted to welcome Greg

14. In-Camera Session

NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL



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16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:00pm.

Read and approved this 16 day of October, 2023

Mayor

CAO