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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  
Chad Ramsey  
Mary Commo

Suzanne Lutz  
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

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

REGRETS / ABSENT:

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

Changes to the Agenda – adding g. and h..

g. Town of Stewiacke Diversity and Inclusion Committee name change

h. Town of Stewiacke Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Terms of Reference

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting with changes as previously mentioned.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items**

NIL

**5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)**

Deferred next meeting to go through the recordings regarding Mattatall signs motion in minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**6. Announcements / Proclamations**

NIL

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## 7. Presentations

- a. Justin Dickie – Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - Justin educated on the role of Big Brothers Big Sisters and stated there are 3 children in Stewiacke, 1 Little Sister and 2 Little Brothers, waiting for Big Brothers Big Sisters.
  
- b. Walkability – Josh Hilton
  - Josh went through the Walkability final report explaining how we can improve and that it will be done in sections, focusing on the hot spot areas first.
  - Deputy Mayor Chapman suggested that street furniture could be memorials sponsored by families.
  - Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo agree that Mastadon Ridge should be on the top of the priority list.

## 8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter to Canadian Municipalities
- b. Model – Municipal Resolution – May 17<sup>th</sup>

## 9. Business

- a. Staff Reports
  - i. Administration
    - Riverside/Lewis/ Pleasant Hill – waiting on ICIP
    - Solar - \$1403 for month of May, saved 14 tonnes of greenhouse gasses, saved 361 trees and a total income year to date \$6384
    - Accessibility Plan – Report submitted to Province of NS
    - Boardwalk Along River – Josh has been working on this, definitely not in the near future.
    - Splash Pad – Near completion, early June opening potential
    - Covid – Covid cases are rising
    - Dangerous and Unsightly – in business
    - Traffic Study – Counters in and around town

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- Tornado – Still working with province to hopefully get funding for those severely affected by the tornado
- Consolidation Review – Attended public meeting in Antigonish, consulted Province, FAQ's prepared options being analyzed. Will speak later on this.
- Council In-person meetings – hoping for 26 May 2022
- Community Centre Siding – In Capital FY 2021-2022
- Mass Casualty Commission – Attended MCC on April 11, 2022. Will be required to attend additional sessions
- TCPEP – Stewiacke representative on this committee
- Digital Sign – still analyzing
- Former NSLC Building – Believe property has been sold

ii. Financial – Randi Buchi

- 11 Building Permits in April 2022, as a comparison, we had 6 Building Permits in April 2021.
- Spring / Fall Cleanup – We have 2 large items every garbage day, no need for Spring / Fall Cleanup
- Will be putting out RFP for collection services, consensus was to add more leaf bag pickup as well

iii. Recreation –

Erin Richard

- Big River Café will be looking after the washrooms at Dennis Park
- Water that was in the playground has been addressed and will be fixed tomorrow
- The garden boxes will be next year
- Deputy Mayor received a grant and was able to purchase trees for the church lot and maintenance will look after watering

Josh Hilton

- Councillor Creelman stated that Greg said how great Josh and Erin represent the town and to keep up the good work
- Councillor Commo suggested getting a ball team sponsored to pick up litter around town
- Deputy Mayor Chapman thinks the Walkability plan is great and thanked Josh for his part in that

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- iv. Planning – Grant Cooke (CAO Bogle spoke on Grant's behalf)
- Grant is unavailable
  - Public Hearing on 26<sup>th</sup>
  - PAC coming up with many issues
  - Councillor Rogers-Laing questioned an access road to St Andrews and we are trying to figure out a way
- v. Public Works – Jeff Sibley (CAO Bogle spoke on Jeff's behalf)
- Seasonal employees are back
  - Water usage is down over last year

On the motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to receive the Staff Reports as presented for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.***

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b. Playground RFP

Requesting a new playground at the ballfields as well as repairs and upgrades on current structure

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

***I so move that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve ABC Recreation's submission to Dennis Park Playground & Stewiacke Recreation Grounds Playground in the amount of \$103,565.19.***

c. Speeding Issues

CAO Bogle addressed email we received regarding speeding on Kitchener St. We are doing traffic counts but we do need to look at appointing a traffic authority. RCMP were there and one of the residents came out and was angry that they were running the radar on Kitchener St.

Main St and Hwy 2 is a major concern along with the Dennis Park area with the new splashpad.

Putting a 4 way stop on Riverside and Main

Reduce speed in town by 10Km

Deputy Mayor Chapman asked how long this process will take and Dale said we will take this to the traffic authority to proceed.

Also suggested to put rumble strips in school zone.

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d. Walkability

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to recommend to Council to approve the Walkability Plan as presented, with the understanding the plan will be broken down into smaller segments or individual initiatives and each segment or initiative of the plan will be brought to council by staff individually for approval based on budget availability, public consultation and available funding resources.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. 50 St Andrews St

Required Notice of Hearing served – 26 May Council, resident has right to speak to Council to appeal Terry Cox quoting on demo for house and garage.

f. Digital Sign RFP

Awaiting quote in Canadian Funds from Mattatall Signs

g. Town of Stewiacke Diversity and Inclusion Committee

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey:

***I so move to recommend to Council to change the Town of Stewiacke Diversity and Inclusion Committee name to the Town of Stewiacke Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

h. Town of Stewiacke Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Terms of Reference

On the motion of Councillor Lutz and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***I so move to recommend to Council to approve the Town of Stewiacke Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee as presented.***

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**10. By-laws and Policies**

NIL

**11. Citizen Comments**

NIL

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## 12. Mayor Report

12 May – Meeting in Antigonish with CAO Dale Bogle  
4 -6 May – NSFM Conference  
9 May – Meeting with MLA Larry Harrison  
10 May – Met with MNP Auditors regarding Town Audit  
11 May – South Colchester Health / Colchester Recreation Walks in Brookfield  
Congratulations letter to Mastadon Ridge  
Clean up this week in Stewiacke  
Splashpad coming along  
Well done Deputy Mayor Chapman with grant for trees  
Fundraiser this weekend at ballfield

## Deputy Mayor Report

- Attended HR meeting
- Library Board Meeting
- EDI Committee Meeting
- Transition House Luncheon

## 13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz

- Attended EDI Committee Meeting

Councillor Commo

- Attended Waste meeting – bring awareness of not disposing properly of batteries and sharps
- Attended Day of Caring (June 24) meeting - looking into bringing seniors to Big River or Dennis park for treats

## 14. In-Camera Session

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Ramsey:

***I so move to move In-Camera at 9:03pm.***

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

***I so move to move Out of Camera at 9:21pm.***

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15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

16. Adjournment

- 9:22pm

*George Sly*

*[Signature]*

