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1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order 7:00pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Pam Osborne
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Randi Buchi
Erin Richard
Kevin Matheson

REGRETS / ABSENT: Mayor George Lloy
Councillor Chad Ramsey

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

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

I so move to approve the agenda presented for January 11th, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

NIL

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

Water Rate Study

Community Transit- no presentation.



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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- a. email correspondence from resident Shannon MacPhee

9. Business

- a. Water Rate Study

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Water Utility apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rate for water and water services, fire protection to the Town of Stewiacke and changes to its rules and regulations for customers served by the utility, as set out in the water rate study prepared by G.A Isenor Consulting Limited. in Association with Blaine S. Rooney Consulting Limited.

Question: Councillor Osborne asked if it is possible for council to discuss this again in 2 weeks at the Council meeting.

Answer by CAO Matheson: Yes.

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- b. Financial Report

- i. Received for information purposes.

- c. Planning and Advisory

- i. received for information purposes.

- d. CAO Hire Committee Report

- i. Councillor Creelman provided a verbal report stating Kevin Matheson has been hired as Interim CAO, and he started on January 9th, 2024. Councillor Creelman updated the RFP closing for Recruiting services was January 11th at 2pm. There were 8 bids received, ranging from \$13,500 - \$43,700 exclusive of HST.

- e. Development Officer Appointment

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Jason Fox from the Town of Truro as the Development Officer on an interim basis.

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- f. Council Committee Appointment

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:



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I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Osborne to the Parks, Recreation & Events Committee.

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g. Citizen Committee Appointments

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

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Beate Acker and Cassandra Swallow to the Audit Committee.

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Melanie Haggart, Chris Pelling, Audrey Armsworthy and Ian Gulliver to the By-Law and Policy Committee.

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Beate Acker to the Parks, Recreation & events Committee.

I so move that the Town of Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Council the appointment of Todd Fleck to the Business & Tourism Committee.

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10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

NIL

Deputy Mayor Report

NIL

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – attended the Regional Accessibility Committee.

Councillor Osborne – Welcome Kevin Matheson and wish no winter traveling for you.

Councillor Rogers-Laing – no report

Councillor Creelman – Happy New Year everyone



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14. In-Camera Session

NIL

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:38pm.

Read and approved this 13 day of February, 2024

Mayor

CAO