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1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloy called the meeting to order 7:00pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Pam Osborne

Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Kevin Matheson

REGRETS / ABSENT: Susan Creelman, Suzanne Lutz

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

CAO report moved to 9.j

Subsequent items renumbered

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

***I so move to approve the agenda as amended for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Meeting***

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

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

***I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Meeting***

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

NIL



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## 9. Business

### a. Hiring Committee Report

Verbal update from Interim CAO. Position is advertised and recruiters are making initial contacts.

### b. WSP Phase 4 Water report

Report circulated to Councillors. Several concerns raised about aquifers, residuals from treatment and listing of items requiring further consideration. Interim CAO instructed to get answers and/or arrange another presentation with WSP.

### c. Chamber of Commerce sponsorship

Interim CAO instructed to inquire about Impact and Connector level sponsorships.

### d. Returning Officer Update

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

***Committee of the Whole recommends to Town Council the appointment of Janet Friday Dorey as the Returning Officer for the 2024 Municipal Election at a fee of \$15,000.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

### e. New Police Advisory Board

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

***Committee of the Whole recommends to Town Council that the Town of Stewiacke start the implementation process for its own five member Police Advisory Board, and further that the Town request permission from the Minister of Justice to extend the deadline to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 following the 2024 municipal elections.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

### f. Voting methods for October elections

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

***Committee of the Whole recommends to Town Council that paper ballots be used in addition to electronic voting for the October 2024 Municipal Election.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

### g. Atlantic Mayors Congress

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

**Committee of the Whole recommends to Town Council that the Town of Stewiacke continue membership in the Atlantic Mayors Congress pending further information to be brought back to Council.**

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### h. SPCA – contract renewal

Staff have not yet received proposed renewal terms. Current contract extended to August to allow negotiations to proceed.

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i. Rentals to non-profits

Verbal report from Interim CAO – concern about consistency. Staff will investigate current arrangements with community groups.

j. CAO report

Written report circulated.

**10. By-laws and Policies**

NIL

**11. Citizen Comments**

NIL

**12. Mayor Report**

Report attached

**13. Councillors Reports**

**14. In-Camera Session**

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

***Committee of the Whole to go in-Camera at 8:24pm to discuss:***

- a. Potential litigation
- b. Contract negotiations

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting resumed at 9:03pm, with no motions from in-camera session.

**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

NIL

**16. Adjournment**

Adjournment called at 9:04pm.

Read and approved this   1   day of   May  , 2024

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Selz".

CAO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.