



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2015**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Council Members Present: Mayor Roger MacKay; Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy; Councillor Lennie White; Councillor Lynn MacDonald; Councillor Charlie Sutherland

Town Employees Present: CAO Kelly D. Rice; Recording Secretary Bev Heighton

Regrets:

Visitors Present: A number of Westville residents

Media Organizations Present: The Advocate; The News

1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Westville Council Chambers welcoming everyone in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the tentative agenda. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

3.2 *It was moved by Councillor White to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.*

3.3 *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

3.4 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Special Council Meeting. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Deputy Mayor Murphy asked if there were any updates regarding the temporary closing of the Mental Health Unit at the Aberdeen Hospital. CAO Rice explained that they are doing some recruiting for Doctors positions.
- 4.2 Councillor White asked if the property at 1959 Church Street had been cleaned up. Mayor MacKay stated that it had been cleaned up by the Town of Westville.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the Financial Reports as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried*

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Police Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.***
Councillor Sutherland thanked Chief Hussher for his report.

Councillor White would like to see Chief Hussher attend a Council Meeting to present and explain his report to Council and the Public.

Councillor White attended the Police Commissioners Conference in Truro and it was very informative. He will present his report at the next Police Commissioners Meeting.

- 6.2 **Fire Report - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.***
- 6.3 **Recreation Report - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.***
Councillor MacDonald reviewed some of the highlights in the Recreation Report.
- 6.4 **Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to approve the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.***
- 6.5 **Environmental Health Report - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.***
- 6.6 **Transportation Report – *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Transportation Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.***
Councillor Sutherland complimented the Public Works Department on the replacement of the culvert on North Main.

CAO Rice informed Council that the new sidewalk plough has been ordered and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Graham expects delivery at the end of October.
- 6.7 **Animal Control Report – *Not Available***
- 6.8 **Building Report- *Not Available***

6.9 Glen Haven Manor Report

Councillor White informed Council that there was a press release regarding the opening of the Whispering Tide section at the Glen Haven Manor for Alzheimer's residence.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries & Casino Corporation

CAO Rice read a letter from the President & CEO Robert MacKinnon from the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries & Casino Corporation regarding the activities and events being held in various communities across Nova Scotia during the annual Responsible Gambling Awareness Week, taking place September 27 to October 3, 2015.

7.2 Northern Subway AAA Selects Hockey League

CAO Rice read a letter from the Northern Subway AAA Selects Female Hockey League seeking sponsors for the 2015/2016 season. There are several levels of sponsorship.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to donate \$150.00 to the Northern Subway AAA Selects Female Hockey League as a Proud Supporter Sponsor. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried.

7.3 Air Cadet Squadron

CAO Rice read a letter from Catherine Kelly Captain and Commanding Officer of the 374 F/L Chisholm Air Cadet Squadron. Ms. Kelly thanked the Town of Westville for their ongoing support and requested that the gym fee for Sunday activities be waived in order to provide the program on Sunday.

After some discussion Council decided that the Policy should be followed.

7.4 Highland District Soccer Association

CAO Rice read a letter from the Highland District Soccer Association looking for each municipality to sponsor a sign with their town crest on it. The signs will be grouped together and placed in the main field area.

After some discussion Council felt that the Town of Westville will not be supporting the municipal sign campaign. Council will send a letter to them with regards to this.

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Tax Sale Property

CAO Rice informed Council that the Property at 2026 Acadia Street has gone to tax sale but, with no success. The property belongs to the Town of Westville and CAO Rice asked Council if they would be agreeable to put the property up for sale for the outstanding amount owing on the tax bill. Adjacent land owners to the property would be notified of the sale. CAO Rice stated there has been some interest in the property.

Councillor Sutherland made a motion to put the property at 2026 Acadia Street up for sale. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8.2 Water for the Rink

CAO Rice informed Council that when they made arrangements to cover the cost of the water for the rink there has been a short fall of a \$1000.00. CAO Rice asked Council if they would be willing to increase the grant for this amount.

Councillor Sutherland made a motion to increase the grant amount for the

Westville Rink to cover the additional water cost. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

8.3 Mandate of Municipal Economic Working Group

Councillor White brought forth to Council the proposed mandate of the Pictou County Municipal Economic Working Group. Before the group moves forward they are looking for approval of the mandate from each municipal council. They are looking at working together to encourage a positive environment for economic development in Pictou County.

Deputy Mayor Murphy felt the meetings have been very constructive.

Mayor MacKay congratulated Councillor White on being the vice chair for this group.

Councillor White made a motion to accept the mandate of the Municipal Economic Working Group. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8.4 Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP)

Councillor MacDonald presented the proposed changes to the Provincial Alcohol Act. She had concerns with the issue of allowing two drinks to be served in eating establishments without a meal being purchased. After a lengthy discussion Council decided to write a letter to the Alcohol and Gaming Division with their concerns.

Councillor MacDonald made a motion to write a letter to the Alcohol and Gaming Service of Nova Scotia and state that the Town of Westville does not support the proposed change in the liquor license rules with regards to eating establishments. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Councillor White would like to look at a Municipal Alcohol Policy in the future.

Councillor MacDonald stated that MAP has some literature that could assist.

9. ADDITIONS

Councillor Sutherland made a motion to advertise that the Town of Westville will celebrate Halloween October 31, 2015 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Councillor White seconded. Motion carried.

Councillor Sutherland requested that a letter be sent to Canada Post regarding the areas around the mailboxes. Some of the mailbox areas have pot holes and he feels that it could be dangerous for people when getting their mail. He is also concerned that with the amount of rain being forecast that there could be flooding.

Councillor Sutherland thanked the citizens of the Town of Westville for sending him to the library conference in Halifax. He said it was very informative and interesting.

10. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Morris Campbell – North Main Street

Mr. Campbell is wondering when different sports teams or groups ask for a donation why do Council not give the same amounts to each. Mayor MacKay explained that each group or team ask for different amounts. Mr. Campbell feels

it should be a level playing field for all. Mayor MacKay thanked Mr. Campbell for his opinion.

Mr. Campbell wanted the sharrows definition clarified. Mayor MacKay said the sharrows are to inform cyclist and motorist to share the road. Mr. Campbell stated that bikers need to learn the rules of the road as well.

Sue Ann Musick – New Glasgow NEWS

Ms. Musick stated the Minister of Health was in Town today and asked if he was talking about Glen Haven Manor. Mayor MacKay said there was some discussion on the replacement of Glen Haven Manor and the Minister was outlining the new Provincial strategy on senior care.

Ms. Musick asked if the Mental Health Unit was brought up; Mayor MacKay stated no, the Mental Health Unit was not discussed.

Ms. Musick asked if the Memorandum of Understanding goes before the Utility Review Board is the Town of Westville going to intervene and what does that mean. Mayor MacKay said that the Town of Westville has applied for intervener status. CAO Rice explained that the reason that the Town of Westville applied for intervener status is in regards to the Inner Municipal Service Agreements they are currently a partner to.

Marilyn Cameron – Acadia Street

Ms. Cameron stated she was happy that the Town of Westville was putting the property next to hers up for sale. She asked if there will be any stipulations on the purchase and was wondering if the house will be taken down. Mayor MacKay explained that the purchaser would be responsible for any issues around the property. Councillor White explained that any issues would be addressed under the unsightly premises by-law and is complaint driven. Mayor MacKay thanked Ms. Cameron for her patience regarding this matter.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Deputy Mayor Murphy motioned to move in-camera at 7:10 p.m. Councillor White seconded. Motion Carried.

Councillor MacDonald motioned to return to Regular Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

12.1 *Councillor White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.


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MAYOR


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RECORDING SECRETARY